

George's game

It is not only the PM who has been jet-setting around Europe to try and convince us he is engaged in serious talks about EU reform. His side-kick George Osborne has been getting in on the act too, embarking on a tour of European Capitals that began in Paris a couple of days ago.

Osborne recently gave an interview with the *Daily Telegraph* in which he stated that "For Britain, I always felt that the central attraction of European Union membership was the economic one." He also went on to say that "I prefer to talk about it as a single market of free trade. It's free trade with the rules that enable the free trade to be a real success. That's the way I think we should think about it."

So Osborne isn't interested in the EU's political agenda? Could it be that he isn't even aware that the objective of the EU is to create a federal superstate? That the great Monnet plan to deceive the peoples of Europe by disguising a political project as an economic project has been so successful that it has pulled the wool over the eyes of the British Chancellor of the Exchequer?

We are left with one of two conclusions. Either he is so stupid, ill-informed or naïve as to be totally unfit to hold such high office or else he is playing a game – engaged, like his boss, in a charade. One is inclined to the latter option, but it is possible that Ozzie really is a complete dimwit, especially given his economic record. We must never over-estimate the intelligence of our politicians. After all, his mate Dave (you know, our Prime Minister), was educated at one of the country's top schools but was still unable to provide an English translation of *Magna Carta* for an American news channel.

Whatever, in the unlikely event that either George or any of

his close friends visits this website, perhaps they should encourage him to read the *Flexcit* document which explains how we can maintain full access to the single market without having to be a member of it. If this proves too much for such a bear of very little brain, then perhaps he should try Robert Oulds' *Everything You wanted to know about the EU but were too afraid to ask*, which goes over some of the same ground but isn't so long or detailed. I think that shouldn't be too hard for you, Georgie Boy. Oh hang on a minute – it has over 200 pages and there aren't any pictures in it, so maybe it might be a bit too taxing after all....

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