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By Michael Wood for The Bruges Group

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In a strongly-worded piece for *The Bruges Group* on the prevailing sense of drift at the heart of government, author Michael Wood makes an impassioned plea for urgent action to realise the opportunities now available to the UK, following our official departure from the European Union nearly THREE YEARS ago.

Instead, he argues, all the running is being done by the other side:

"We should be in a strong position, but a combination of Pro EU Tories, the Blob and the Civil Service has put democracy at risk. The daily attacks on Brexit citing idiotic opinion polls, demonstrate a determination by the opponents of democracy to take us back into the EU whatever the cost or terms."

The fundamental question at the heart of the debate is a straightforward one:

Do you believe in nation state democracy or not? From that all else flows. If, as Remainers believe, we should 'pool' or 'use' our sovereignty as a bargaining chip with the EU, then certain outcomes flow from that:

"Membership of the EU entails Directives decided in secret and without scrutiny being enacted, also without scrutiny, into national law.

It entails the adoption of a common currency that deprives its members of freedom to manage their own economies.

It entails agreeing to the federal aim of nation states becoming provinces of a new country. National law becoming not just marginalised, but overruled by a political EU court.

Armed forces passing into the control of unelected bureaucrats. In a nutshell membership of the EU means surrendering our personal freedom to decide our nation's future."

From immigration to Northern Ireland, the government sits like rabbits frozen in a car's headlights, unwilling or unable to act. And time is running out.

In a plea to our elected officials, Michael Wood lays down the gauntlet for courage and honesty:

"Courage to abandon parties that no longer serve the nations interest. Honesty in telling the truth.

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