

# Not a Job for the EU

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As the rise of UKIP continues the liberal establishment and their supporters are becoming almost hysterical in their attempts to denigrate the party. This is particularly true of the BBC whose blatant and deplorable smears prove once and for all how the principle that they should be unbiased has been completely forgotten. In particular *Have I Got News For You* and, on Radio 4, *Broadcasting House* have been prominent in portraying UKIP in the worst possible light and of mocking everything Nigel says on every issue.

Recently the assertions made by Europhiles that UKIP is a right wing party, only aiming at taking votes from the Tories, have been shown to be absolutely false, not least by Nigel's comments on the betrayal of the British working class and it is worth examining how this betrayal goes much further than the issue of immigration from the EU. The interests of working class children have been ignored by the liberal left for decades, inter alia in the fields of education, employment and pensions.

Those of us who were born in the mid twentieth century were able to benefit from the education system bequeathed to us by the post war Attlee socialist government, where the academically inclined had the opportunity to attend grammar schools, often followed by university, grants at the latter ensuring that no-one graduated with a significant debt, while those less attuned to academia could receive more vocational lessons at technical colleges or at the secondary moderns.

The abuse directed at the latter was never justified and many of their pupils went on to successful careers. All this can be contrasted to the modern experience, created in the 1960s by arrogant elitists like Shirley Williams and Richard Crossman,

and enthusiastically continued by governments since, which saw comprehensive schools replacing the old selective system, the educational philosophy which had served so many generations well supplanted by ludicrous, so called progressive, theories and universities becoming a means of keeping youngsters off the unemployment register.

Major effects of the latter were to ensure that large numbers of young people begin their careers with a crippling level of debt due to the fees, while finding that many of the degrees for which they have worked so hard are useless when it comes to obtaining a decent job.

Once the youngsters begin their working careers they find a very different, and much worse, world than was the case fifty years ago. The disgusting use of zero hours contracts and unpaid internships enables selfish senior managers to exploit the workers while, at the same time, ensuring that more money is available for their own undeserved bonuses. The idea of careers for life has been much derided by modern politicians but, in the name of so called flexibility, the virtues of security for workers and the benefits of loyalty and experience for organisations have been lost. The replacement of the old establishment departments by the non profession of Human Resources has undermined the status of workers, as the latter is no more than a tool of senior management and offers nothing to employees except constant harassment.

The forgoing is bad enough but for those who, in the past, found employment in trades and in the factories the betrayal has been even worse. The politicians have allowed the manufacturing base of the country to be virtually destroyed, so that the nation which invented the railways is reduced to buying rolling stock from abroad, the greatest maritime power the world has ever seen now possesses almost no shipbuilding capacity and those mighty mines, steelworks and factories which once gave men and women jobs in which they could feel pride have been replaced by such froth as call centres and

fast food outlets. No one who, as I have when campaigning for UKIP, has visited the old mining and manufacturing communities of the North, can feel anything but anger at the betrayal of hard working people by uncaring politicians. To all this must now be added the destruction of the livelihood of tradespeople such as plumbers, electricians and builders by competition from those entering the country from the EU who are willing to accept wages and conditions which completely undercut those trying to make a living in Britain. To say this is not racist, partly because most of those involved are as Caucasian as the average Briton but largely because the objection is not aimed at them, who are just seeking to improve their lives, but rather at those who have signed up to the policies responsible for this apparently unstoppable influx. Of course the latter are happy, as they see it as a means of depressing wages and enabling them to employ tradespeople at reduced cost to themselves.

The youngsters now in the jobs market also face much worse prospects of a decent retirement, the pensions system which was once the envy of the world having been destroyed by a combination of the policies of those like Gordon Brown, whose taxes appropriated retirement funds, and the replacement of final salary schemes by the confidence trick of annuities.

Given the above there can be no doubt that the working class has been thoroughly betrayed by the selfish and incompetent political class over generations. UKIP policies may not be able to solve all these problems immediately but the freeing of the nation from the grip of Brussels, the ending of unlimited immigration from other EU states and the return of a desire to improve the lives of all our people, not merely the privileged few, would set the nation on the right course.

All that is necessary is for the people to reject the elite which has done so much damage to our nation and to vote for a different future.