

Peer urges 'negative' Government to talk about benefits of Brexit on anniversary of referendum

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The Lord Stoddart of Swindon (independent Labour)

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On the eve of the second anniversary of the EU referendum, the independent Labour Peer, Lord Stoddart of Swindon has criticised the Government for its: "negativity and failure to make clear the many benefits the UK will enjoy outside of the European Union. The British people had a vision of a positive future outside of the EU, when they bravely voted for Brexit on 23rd June 2016. It is a about time the Government did too!"

Lord Stoddart said: "It really is very disappointing that it has to be the American Ambassador who is reminding us of what a great country we are and of the optimistic future we can look forward to outside of the EU. He is absolutely right to be dismayed at the defeatism we, as a nation, are exhibiting towards Brexit. It is high time that our rather negative Government, which seems to regard the negotiations with the EU as some sort of damage limitation exercise, started being a

cheer leader for the benefits of leaving the EU, not least the £10.5 billion net and rising that we will no longer have to pay to be in this failing economic bloc.

“The passage of the EU (Withdrawal) Bill through both Houses of Parliament this week is hugely significant because it means that the European Communities Act 1972, which made the EU supreme over Westminster, will be repealed. In other words, despite the endless anti-democratic wailing of the Remain brigade, there is no going back, we are leaving the EU and re-establishing the supremacy of our own Government and Parliament. Not before time!”

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