

VIDEO EXCLUSIVE: Former Secretary of State speaks out on eve of Tory Party Conference

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Rt Hon David Jones MP talks candidly about Liz Truss, Kwasi Kwarteng, tax cuts, Rishi Sunak, Brexit and the EU, immigration, the NI Protocol, and much more

Highlights are below, plus a link to the video interview

No.4 in our series of illuminating interviews with key figures from the UK and around the World

On the eve of the Conservative Party Conference, CIBUK.Org and [Facts4EU.Org](https://facts4eu.org) are proud to present an exclusive video interview with the eminent British MP and former Secretary of State, the Rt Hon David Jones MP. (See below to watch the video.)

Unlike many TV interviews, David Jones had the opportunity to give detailed and nuanced responses to questions where he was not interrupted nor talked over. We believe the result is a

much more informative experience for readers and for our YouTube audience.

Summary

In this interview David Jones gives us his candid views on a comprehensive range of issues. He tackles:

- The radical new policies of Prime Minister Liz Truss and her Chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng
- Reversing the tax increases planned by former Chancellor Rishi Sunak
- The reactions of his colleagues to the new policies
- The absolute priority of “far more communication of the extent of these reforms”
- The benefits of the new policies and why they are being done
- The imperative of extricating Northern Ireland from the EU via the NI Protocol Bill
- The “shock on the part of the EU that any member state should decide that it wanted to leave”
- Caution over joining the “European Political Community” proposed by Emmanuel Macron
- The need to change this to a “Forum”, per Liz Truss’ proposal
- The levels of immigration and whether the UK should allow more working visas
- Freedoms to develop UK’s own rules, now we are no longer shackled to EU regulations
- The ‘bonfire of EU laws’ being pursued by Jacob Rees Mogg
- Importance of strong Ministers ensuring civil servants carry out the government’s instructions

- The likely date of the next general election and the chances of a Conservative victory
 - Risks to Brexit of a Labour/LibDem/SNP government
 - Brexit as a continuous process for some years
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Finally, David Jones offered his advice to anyone who wants to see Brexit completed

“MPs, particularly Conservative MPs, at the moment need a bit of loving.”

“[Readers and viewers] should certainly support organisations like CIBUK and Facts4EU... because organisations such as CIB and Facts4EU are the grit in the oyster. They make sure that the government keeps on its mettle. They do it professionally and they do it enthusiastically.”

Here is the interview in full (30 minutes)

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About the Rt Hon David Jones MP

David Jones has been elected five times as MP for the constituency of Clwyd West and has been in Parliament for 17 years.

He held several ministerial positions, most notably Secretary of State for Wales, as well as being Minister of State at the Department for Exiting the EU. He has the distinction of being relieved from his post by the then Prime Minister Theresa May.

He is Deputy Chairman of the European Research Group in the UK Parliament, a member of the European Scrutiny Committee, and a highly respected parliamentarian with good relations across the political divide.