

So we're all stupid racists?

It's over a year since the referendum but some remoaners just will not give up their belief that a group of ignorant racists bear the prime responsibility for our leaving the EU. As stubborn as the most ardent flat earthers, no amount of evidence to the contrary will shake their convictions.

Last August, our Chairman debunked the claims of an alleged increase in racist hate crime, showing how easily the statistics can be manipulated. Undeterred, Channel 4 thought they had struck gold when featuring Sivalingam Rajan, a Sri Lankan-born shopkeeper from Swindon, who suffered a racist attack after telling a customer that she didn't have enough money to pay for her purchase. The offending girl was interviewed by the programme and asked about Brexit, no doubt in anticipation that she had voted to leave the EU. Instead, she replied, "I didn't watch it, things like that I don't get involved with – nothing to do with me."

You would expect better things from the respected *Nature* journal but sadly not. Last January, we highlighted an article by Colin MacIlwain of Edinburgh who called Leave voters "a loose coalition of dissenters, doubters and right-wing jackals." Undeterred by its descent into the levels of the gutter press, *Nature* subsequently published a piece by a certain Jane Green who claimed that "voters with less education cast ballots consistent with populist waves." So there you have it. We're all thickos. Richard North, with a PhD to his name, the trilingual Daniel Hannan MEP with his history degree from Oxford, the multi-millionaire inventor and businessman Sir James Dyson and Cambridge-educated Dame Helena Morrissey, one of the most influential women in the City of London are all complete numbskulls because they supported Brexit.

OK, perhaps on average, a higher percentage of remain voters

may have had degrees, but there is a world of difference between having a good brain and actually using it!

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