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First Brexit. Now Hexit?

Orban's Hungary votes to abolish current EU Parliament and end "ever closer union"



CIBUK (<https://cibuk.org/>) – the longest-established organisation for independence, freedom and democracy in the UK – highlights the political strains on Europe's Eastern border as the Hungarian Parliament directly challenges the EU Commission's authority across a range of areas in a vote of overwhelming support . The summary is below and the [full report is now available here](#).

The report below has been produced in association with our affiliated organisation and research think tank, [Facts4EU.Org](#).

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In an historic vote which is almost certain to sour relations still further between Budapest and Brussels, the Hungarian parliament passed a motion which may well pave the way to their own 'Hexit.'

Included in the motion were:

- An end to "ever closer union" in the treaties
- An end to an elected EU parliament
- The treaties should explicitly recognise "Europe's Christian roots and culture"
- A ban on the EU borrowing any more money
- A statement that European democracy has been led into a "dead end"
- The resolution was approved with 130 votes in favour, 50 against, 7 abstentions

HUNGARIAN DEMOCRACY v EU AUTOCRACY

- Viktor Orban's Fidesz party won this year's general election with 54.1% of the popular vote.
- By contrast, not one of the EU Commissioners including its President Ursula Von der Leyen has been elected by popular vote.

OBSERVATIONS ON HUNGARY

'A mixed bag'

Disagreements between Hungary and the EU Commission are many and long-standing. Fault lies on both sides: when Viktor Orban ordered the construction of a border fence to keep out illegal migrants, the EU Commission's response was apoplectic.

Following Angela Merkel's decision to take in the highest ever number of irregular migrants in 2015, the EU now funds the very same kind of walls in other EU member states.

The good, the bad and the ugly

- Orban is a staunch defender of family values.
- Denied access to George Soros's pro-immigration organisations.
- Hungary has been one of the most generous EU countries in welcoming Ukrainian refugees.
- It has imposed restrictions on the media and limits on freedom of expression.
- It has adopted a policy of appeasement toward Russia and China.

For editors and journalists

[The full report is now available here.](#)

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About CIBUK: The Campaign for an Independent Britain ([CIBUK](#)) is a non-party political campaigning organisation of people from all walks of life. It is the UK's longest-running membership organisation for freedom, democracy and independence.

Founded in 1969, for over 50 years the CIBUK has made a significant contribution in campaigning on issues important to the majority of our population and in securing our exit from the European Union. Now it's time for the next chapter.