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### **VIDEO EXCLUSIVE : *Would Redwood serve in Government again? - "Of course"***

#### **The Redwood Interview - Part Two**



**In the second of our two-part interview with Sir John Redwood, we turn our attention to the domestic agenda.**

From housing and energy to legal and illegal immigration Sir John provides his own policy recommendations for addressing the many challenges now facing the government.

**CIBUK (<https://cibuk.org/>)** – the longest-established organisation for independence, freedom and democracy in the UK – is delighted to bring the second part of our exclusive interview with Sir John Redwood to the attention of our followers. The summary is below and the **[full report is now available here.](#)**

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## **VIDEO INTERVIEW - PART TWO**

We provide a link to the full interview below, and beneath it a summary of the key points he raises.



**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSjMpSjf2C4>**

## 1. The EU and its financial woes

- 'Target 2' - The system by which the richer countries in the Eurozone lend surplus funds to the poorer ones
- In Sir John's view, there needs to be a far more effective transfer payment system within the Eurozone from richer countries to poorer, to even out the levels of debt and help bring much needed stability to the bloc.

## 2. Energy

***“The EU's energy system is very badly damaged by its over-reliance on Russian gas.”***

- Putin is strangulating Europe through 80% reduction in gas supplies via Nordstream 1.

***“Europe, led by Germany, needs to change its energy policies as quickly as it can.”***

- Germany - The Greens are still advocating closing down nuclear as an option
- France - Ageing fleet of nuclear reactors

## 3. United Kingdom and Net Zero

***“It's very important this decade that we maximise our output of oil and gas while we see how the transition develops towards an electricity-based energy system...”***

- Sir John urges the government to endorse an increase in North Sea oil and gas production
- This would also be more environmentally friendly because we wouldn't need to be importing Liquefied Natural Gas from overseas
- He remains worried about our electricity generating capacity...
- **Until we are able to generate sufficient energy via renewables the UK must maintain capacity via alternative sources**

## 4. Housing

- Sir John is in favour of a cut in Stamp Duty
- Greater pressure should be applied to developers sitting on land to build houses rather than continue to apply for further permissions.

## 5. Immigration

*“A whole of government task.”*

### Illegal Immigration

- It may be necessary to review existing legislation in relation to people-traffickers
- Need to pierce the lawyer-proof system which acts as a bar to deportation

### Legal Immigration

- Sir John is clear also that we need to review and reduce the numbers of legal migrants coming into the country.
- This will require cross-government departmental co-operation

### *‘A double-win’*

- The UK would not have to house those who are already here
- Those currently on benefits could do those jobs which are currently being done by immigrants

## 6. Defence

*“We are not properly defended as a nation if we cannot make the necessary weapons and supply the necessary ammunition here in the event of a nasty war breaking out.”*

Additionally, Sir Joh believes we need to:

- Control our technology
- Stockpile the crucial ingredients
- Scale up the manufacturing capability should we ever get dragged into a bigger war

## 7. Finally, if called upon by the new Prime Minister, would he consider a role in government?

*“Of course I would. But it’s for others to make that decision and make that offer, but I’ve always said that I’m very happy to help a Conservative government in any sensible way.”*

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## **OBSERVATIONS**

On behalf of the [Facts4EU.Org](https://facts4eu.org) and [CIBUK.Org](https://cibuk.org) teams we would like to thank Sir John Redwood for giving up his time for this interview and speaking so openly on the many challenges now confronting us as we await the election of our new Prime Minister.

For the full report click here: <https://cibuk.org/video-exclusive-the-redwood-interview-part-two/>

### **For editors and journalists**

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

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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.