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To be or not to be in Europe: is that the question?

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What is Britain’s ‘European Question’?

- Party politics
- UK political system
- Constitutional matters
- Economics
- Identity
- History
- Security
- Place in the world
Why a referendum?

• A quick fix?
• Leverage (or blackmail) on rest of EU
• When? Before April 2017
• What does Cameron want?
  • No Euro-zone caucusing
  • National Parliaments play a bigger role
  • Powers should be repatriated
  • Opt-out from ‘Ever closer union’
  • Extend and promote trade
  • Changes to benefits for in-work migrants within the EU
Support for EU
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Implications for UK and EU

- Economics
- Politics
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- Process of a divorce
  - Change in relations with UK (UK not going away)
  - Change internally to the EU: shift balance of power

- Unravel the EU?
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