



Immigration: The Destructive Toll on the UK A Bit of Common Sense from the UK

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Whatever your thoughts on how beneficial immigration has been to the UK, the idea that continued numbers of low or unskilled migrants is a good thing has had its day. By the governments own admission, an influx of overseas labour has driven down the wages of Britain's struggling families.

The debate about mass immigration is a war of ideas and concepts. Why then do we only hear the same arguments trotted out again and again? The main arguments that are presented to us are false and easily disprovable (as I shall show further down) and if they only have false narrative to back up their ideas, then surely their ideas (and ideals) are wrong.

Big Lie Number 1: Immigrants put more into the economy than they take out.

This is based on an assumption and not reality. The assumption is that every migrant is young and of working age, the figures are then extrapolated from this. Do migrants not have children that they bring with them? Do they not bring over parents, aunts and uncles? The figures presented are not facts: They are extrapolations of a faulty assumption.



Mosque in Leeds, England

It states that migrants actually put in 1.34 GBP for every 1 GBP that is taken in state benefits. However, this does not take into account school costs, NHS costs, in-work tax credits, housing benefit, legal aid, cost of policing, cost of infrastructure or in fact anything other than the state benefit figure.

The figures are also not projected forward to include pensions and elderly health care.

Big Lie Number 2: The NHS needs immigrants to survive.

This is almost a self-fulfilling prophecy. The more people who come to the UK and make use of the NHS, the more doctors and nurses are needed to deal with the number of patients.

Figures show that while the EU born population of the UK is 4.9%, the amount EU born NHS staff is 4.75%. This means in literal terms that if the EU born people were not here in the first place, the NHS in terms of patient numbers would actually be marginally better off.

No one sensible would suggest that migration should completely stop, but to say that we need more migration to hold up the NHS is clearly a lie. As the facts show, EU NHS staff don't quite cover the EU population that has arrived; this equals an overall negative for the UK, not a benefit.

Big Lie Number 3: They do the jobs that the British worker won't.

The statement we hear over and over again is that British workers just won't do the jobs. This is a half truth. The full truth being that British workers won't (or can't) do the jobs for the slave salary offered.

This benefits only the large corporations as they need never promote nor give pay rises to those in low skilled sector jobs, Being 20 years old tends to have less expenses than being 40 years old (families, mortgage etc...), the corporations have no need to increase salaries as they can easily replace the worker with new arrivals if the old worker asks for more money. It condemns the UK worker to not only a minimum wage, but also a maximum wage of the same amount.



And actually, this is ok. I would do this myself in their situation. But to say that it benefits Britain in any way is simply not true. The majority of the money leaves the UK economy; it ensures that employers never have to pay a living wage; and it destroys any chance of social mobility for the poorer in our society.

If those in the government and media want to continue with a policy of mass immigration, then they need to show the benefits to the British people. Spinning lies and falsehoods creates division and distrust.

If they really don't have better arguments than the old tropes we've just looked at, then maybe there actually aren't any good arguments. And if that is the case, why do they continue in this policy course?



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