



IMMIGRATION ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

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UKIP and Mass Immigration

For the last fifty years Britain has experienced mass immigration on a scale unprecedented in our history. No-one has ever asked the British people if they want immigration on this scale. To even question it, let alone oppose it, runs the risk of being labelled a racist or a xenophobe by the political and metropolitan elite. But more and more people are now calling for an end to mass immigration.

The UK Independence Party is not anti-immigration or anti-immigrant.

We all know immigrants who are law-abiding, hard-working and an asset to society. Immigration is neither good nor bad. It depends on the numbers of immigrants we let in and their suitability. What Britain needs is an immigration policy designed to meet the needs of British citizens, not the needs of foreigners.

Overcrowded Britain

Britain is one of the most overcrowded countries in the world. Britain has an estimated population of at least 60.2 million people. The real figure (including illegal immigrants) must be much higher. Of the world's top ten economies, Britain is the third most densely populated.

The vast majority of people in Britain live in England, which generates the bulk of Britain's wealth. **Of the world's top ten economies England is the most densely populated, more densely populated than Japan, India or China, and one of the most densely populated countries in the world** (see Table 1).

Yet the Government sees no limit to immigration and intends to build three million new homes in the south-east of England by 2020, mainly to house immigrants. This is in spite of the obvious effects of overcrowding on housing, roads, transport systems, the public services and the countryside. Quality of life is being sacrificed for immigration.

Table 1
The World's Top Ten Economies Ranked by Population Density¹ showing the UK & England

Country	Population in Millions	Land Mass in Square Miles	Population Per Square Mile
England	50.6	50,631	999.3
Japan	128	145,870	878
India	1,027	1,269,346	809.1
UK	60.2	94,270	638.5
Germany	82.6	137,735	600.3
Italy	58	116,318	499
China	1,315	3,705,828	355
France	60.5	212,935	284
Spain	41.1	194,897	210.9
USA	298.2	3,697,185	81
Canada	32.2	3,894,672	8.2

¹ Source: UK, Migration Watch. Rest of World, estimates for 2005 from United Nations World prospects Report 2004.

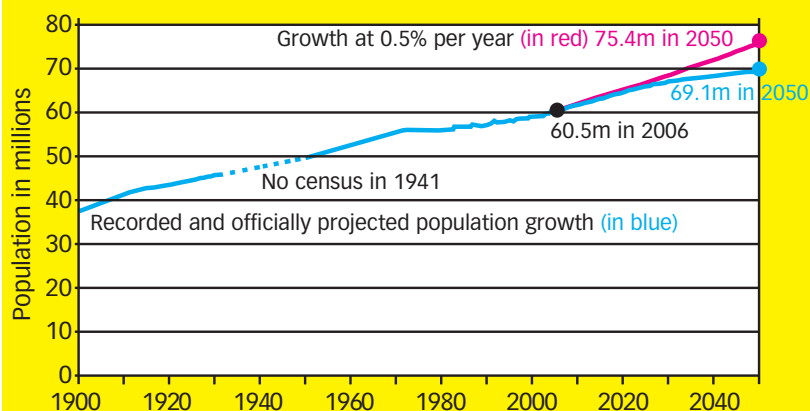
Table 2
Immigration into and Emigration from the UK, 1981 to 1996²
(Figures in thousands, totals in millions)

Year	Inflow	Outflow	Balance
1981	153	233	-80
1982	202	259	-57
1983	202	185	17
1984	201	164	37
1985	232	174	58
1986	250	213	37
1987	212	210	2
1988	216	237	-21
1989	250	205	45
1990	267	231	36
1991	337	264	73
1992	287	252	35
1993	272	237	35
1994	321	213	108
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1996	331	238	93
Totals in millions	4.054	3.527	527

Table 3
Immigration into, and Emigration from, the UK, 1997 to 2005³
(Figures in thousands, totals in millions)

Year	Inflow	Outflow	Balance
1997	326.1	279.2	46.8
1998	390.3	251.5	138.8
1999	453.8	290.8	163.0
2000	483.4	320.7	162.8
2001	479.6	307.7	171.8
2002	512.8	359.4	153.4
2003	512.6	361.5	151.0
2004	582.1	359.5	222.6
2005	565.0	380.0	185.0
Totals in millions	4.305.7	2.910.3	1.395.4

Table 4 (Source: www.optimumpopulationtrust.org)
UK population growth: officially projected and at actual 2000 - 2006 rate of 0.5% a year



Optimum population Trust / Government Actuary's Department
2004-based Principal Projection

The Numbers

Between 1945 and 1980 at least one million immigrants entered the UK. From 1980 to 1996 the figures increased dramatically, but from 1997 to the present the figures have soared.

Over the 24 year period 1981 to 2005 **8.3 million** people entered the UK, while **6.4 million** left, leaving a net balance of at least **1.9 million**. These figures do not take into account illegal immigrants and their dependants, who now number between **a half and one million**, and possibly more. From 1981 to 1996 immigration was running at an average of **253,000** per annum, but from 1997 to 2005 it has run at an average of **478,000** per annum (see tables 2 and 3).

From mid 2005 to mid 2006 an estimated **574,000** people migrated to the UK. In the same period **385,000** people left the UK, leaving a net balance of **189,000**. Many of the 385,000 who left were indigenous British people fed up with rising rates of immigration, crime and taxation, and the declining quality of life, which no doubt many of them believe are linked.

As far as we can tell at least **half a million immigrants a year or one million people every two years** now enter Britain. By subtracting the number of people who leave we can see that immigrants are adding to the population by about **one million every five years** (not counting illegal immigrants and asylum seekers and their dependants).

Demographic Changes

According to the Optimum Population Trust⁴ Britain's population is projected to rise to **75.4 million** by 2050. An increase of 15 million on the current number. Almost all of this increase will take place in England (see Table 4).

This dramatic growth is fuelled by immigration, which is around five times the natural rate of population increase. One in four babies born in the UK now has a foreign father or mother. A spokesman for the Office of National Statistics has said, "This reflects the cumulative effect of immigration over the last forty years".⁵ Figures from the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) show that one in ten of the population of the UK (six million people) was born overseas. The foreign-born population is growing while the British-born population is declining (see Table 5).

Immigration and multiculturalism is increasingly turning Britain into a patchwork of disparate ethnic groups. Using current fertility trends Professor

2 Source: Do we need mass immigration? Anthony Browne, Published by Civitas, November 2002, page 21.

3 Annual Abstract of National Statistics, Office of National Statistics, page 36.

4 www.optimumpopulationtrust.org

5 The Daily Telegraph, One in four UK babies born to a foreign parent, by Philip Johnston, Home Affairs Editor.

Table 5
Fertility Rates of Britain's Main Ethnic Groups⁶

2001	Number of children
Chinese	1.3
Whites	1.6
Blacks	2.2
Indians	2.3
Pakistanis/Bangladeshis	5.0
Somalis	5.0

Richard Lynn of Ulster University estimates that by 2061 about two thirds of Britain's population will be of non-European origin, while about one third will be white. Demographers at Manchester University have claimed that Leicester will be the first British city in which white people will be a minority by 2011. And Dr Ludi Simpson, of the same university, said, "*Birmingham is likely to become a minority white city by 2027*".⁷ On current trends, within the average lifetime of anyone under the age of 34, the native British will have become an ethnic minority in their own country.

Were the ethnic make-up of Britain to change naturally over one or two centuries by means of moderate rates of immigration and racial intermarriage this would not be an issue: but this is happening relatively quickly by means of a deliberate policy of forced mass immigration.

The native English are already being displaced and replaced in their own cities, and on current demographic trends, will be replaced as the majority ethnic group in their own country during the course of the 21st century.

The EU and Immigration

A very large part of the massive immigration experienced since 1997 has been as a result of membership of the European Union. EU Directive 2004/38/EC, 29th April 2004, gave EU citizens the right to reside anywhere in the EU.

The level of immigration greatly increased when 10 new nations joined the EU in 2004. These were predominantly the poorer countries of eastern Europe. The British Government predicted that only 13,000 people per annum would come to Britain. A conservative estimate is that over 700,000 eastern Europeans have come to Britain since 2004.

In January 2007 Bulgaria and Romania joined the EU, giving **29.3 million** of the poorest people in Europe the right of entry to Britain. The Labour, Conservative and Lib-Dem parties all enthusiastically supported this, as they also enthusiastically support

Turkish entry to the EU. Turkish entry will mean that within a few years over **70 million** Turks would have automatic right of entry to Britain. **Mass immigration is set to continue.**

Immigration & the Economy

We are told Britain needs mass immigration because it is good for the economy, so that migrants can do the jobs that the British will not do, and to pay our pensions in the future. Let's look at those three reasons individually.

The Economy. Any worker joining the economy will increase the GDP (Gross Domestic Product) by at least the amount of their wages. But the overall wealth of the economy is divided among more people and GDP per capita is correspondingly reduced. Cheap labour drives wages down while driving property prices up. Increasing burdens are placed on infrastructure and public services, the costs of which have to be paid for by the whole of the workforce. Unless immigrants actually bring capital with them for investment they decrease the overall capital in the economy, not increase it. It is estimated that each immigrant worker would need to bring with them £141,000 per head for investment to have even a neutral effect on the economy.⁸

Jobs. Immigration is forcing pay down in many sectors of the economy. Business maximises profits with no concern for the long-term benefit of the nation or the wellbeing of the native population. Meanwhile we have about four million people who are unemployed, or on long-term sickness benefits, many of whom could and would work if they were given sufficient incentives. There are about half a million 18 to 24 year-olds who are unemployed, without qualifications or any work experience.⁹ The Government has created an underclass of British people who live on state benefits while imported foreigners do the low-paid jobs they are paid by the state not to do.

Pensions. The idea that we need immigrants to pay for the pensions of future generations is absurd when taken to its logical conclusion. Immigrants also grow old, and by the same reasoning they in time will need more waves of immigrants to pay their pensions. There would need to be an ever-increasing number of immigrants to pay the pensions of preceding waves of immigrants. The United Nations World & Economic Report for 2004 put it thus: "*Immigration (to Europe) would have to expand at virtually impossible rates to offset declining support ratios*". The solution to the pensions problem is for structural reform of working and retirement practices and the pensions systems, and not more mass immigration.

6 The psychology of race differences, by Richard Lynn, Emeritus Professor, University of Ulster, 2006.

7 The Daily Telegraph, White people in Birmingham a minority by 2027. 31st August 2007

8 Warning: Immigration Can Seriously Damage Your Wealth

by Tony Scholefield, published by The Social Affairs Unit (www.socialaffairsunit.org.uk), September 2007.

9 David Frost, Director General of the British Chamber of Commerce, Sunday Express, Million Europeans move to Britain in just three years, by David Paul, 23rd September 2007.

What needs to be done?

Lack of space does not allow this paper to touch on illegal immigration, economic migration and the asylum racket, the corrosive and divisive effects of multiculturalism, and Islamic fundamentalism and its threat to western liberal democracy, all of which are relevant to the issue. But we can identify three main features of Britain's non-existent immigration policy that need to be addressed. Immigration to Britain is effectively **uncontrolled, unlimited, and indiscriminate.**

Suggested Policies.

- 1. Regain control of our borders and immigration and asylum policy** by repealing the European Communities Act 1972 and leaving the EU.
- 2. End Mass Immigration. Put in Place a five-year moratorium on immigration** (except for those with parents and grand-parents born in the UK).
- 3. Repeal those laws that prevent us dealing with illegal immigrants, bogus asylum seekers and foreign criminals.** Withdraw from the 1951 UN Convention on Refugees (replacing it with an Asylum Act specifying our own criteria for asylum), withdraw from the European Convention on Human Rights, and repeal the Human Rights Act.
- 4. Apply the existing asylum law** that says any applicant who comes to Britain through a designated safe country can be returned to that country.
- 5. Introduce border controls.** Register visitors to the UK at ports and airports on entry and record their exit. Where visas are required those who overstay their time should have warrants issued for their arrest. They should be deported and liable for a 10 year ban on re-entry.
- 6. Expel illegal immigrants.** Only in very exceptional circumstances should permanent leave to remain be granted, on a temporary work-permit basis, where the illegal resident is in useful permanent employment and has paid income tax, and where it can be proved it is in the public interest.
- 7. Introduce a strict points based immigration system** related to educational and professional qualifications, age, finances, and a clean criminal record. **Citizenship to be granted on a ten year provisional basis.** New citizens should be required

to sign a **Declaration of Citizenship** in which they swear allegiance to the Monarch, commit to obey the law and not to propagate extremist political or religious views. Infringement should mean that their citizenship is revoked and they are deported.

- 8. Permanent leave to remain** (e.g. those seeking citizenship or allowed to live permanently in the UK) should be granted to non-citizens on the signing of an **Undertaking of Residence**, in which they commit to obey the law, and not propagate extremist political or religious views. Infringement of the Undertaking should mean that they will be deported.
- 9. Permission for non-citizens to enter the country to marry, or after a marriage to, a UK citizen** should only be granted where the intention to marry was registered in the UK at least three months before, where the spouse or intended spouse can speak fluent English, is over 21 years of age and can prove a relationship of not less than twelve months. They should also prove that they are reasonably conversant with British rights and customs, by means of a written test taken at British consular offices in their country of origin at their own expense.
- 10. Any permanent resident, asylum applicant or refugee should be assessed for income tax in the UK.** This will address the problem of wealthy refugees (e.g. those from Russia) who take advantage of Britain as a place of asylum but who do not pay taxes proportionate to their wealth. Those who avoid taxation should be deported.

We should send out a message loud and clear to the world that citizenship or the right to live in Britain is only open to those we invite to our country and that it is a valuable privilege to be earned, respected and protected. If we don't value our birthright why should anyone else?

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