

Opposition to Brexit now enlarged to the majority in Westminster led by the PM. V1 17 5 2018

IS THE PRIME MINISTER REALLY THE REMAINDER IN CHIEF? Surely not Guv !

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City headhunter claims bosses increasingly doubt UK will fully leave the EU

Doubts about Brexit going ahead were becoming more common in business, sources said, and some of the City's most respected figures had become increasingly confident about discussing the possibility that Britain could remain in the bloc.

Kit Bingham, a headhunter at Odgers Berndtson, which works for two thirds of companies in the FTSE 100, said that **he routinely heard senior figures questioning whether Brexit would happen.**

"Increasingly they tell us, albeit generally in private, that a Brexit in name only, with the current customs, trading and regulatory rules still in place, is the most likely way forward," he said.

Samuel Tombs, an economic forecaster, said that **the transition deal would probably become permanent**, adding: "Brexit will be continually delayed as much as possible." - [*The Times \(£\)*](#)

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Juliet Samuel:

Brexiters believe they are in control. But their position is far weaker than they think

Each time it seems as if Theresa May is about to betray the Eurosceptics, she pulls back.

But her conciliatory feints disguise the truth: the Brexiters are in a weak position, and it's getting weaker.

At the heart of this weakness is the "agreement"* that Mrs May struck in December.

Few Brexiters except Mr. Gove seem to realize it, but that was the moment when the Prime Minister gave up on everything they want.

Her policy since then has been to drift until confronted, and then make a "strong statement" to convince the Eurosceptics that she's still on board.

Surprisingly, this seems to be working. Mrs May surrendered on two major issues: the cash and the Irish border. In her desperation for a "breakthrough", the Prime Minister agreed to a form of wording that is wholly incompatible with her Brexit promise

Despite all of this, the Brexiteers act relaxed. When I asked Parliament's chief Brexiteer, Jacob Rees-Mogg, why, he shrugged it off. The Irish backstop is a "meaningless" piece of paper, he said. Legally, perhaps*. But diplomatically, that piece of paper is a set of shackles, and it's one that the EU and Ireland fully intend to use. - Juliet Samuel for the *Telegraph* (£)

- Ed added the "- "because it was not a legally binding agreement but a provisional understanding. WHY? Because.... NOTHING IS AGREED UNTIL ALL IS AGREED. Has been the mantra from the start. The EU hopes to enforce at the ECT [impartial tribunal of course!!] a judicial interpretation that this is a legally binding and enforceable agreement.
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