

Brexit: Leaving the European Union, the Orlando Shootings, Australia's Elections

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"If we vote to stay, we are not settling for the status quo ... we are voting to be a hostage locked in the boot of a car driven by others to a place and at a pace that we have no control over."

UK Justice Secretary Michael Gove ([April 19, 2016](#))

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As many Americans remain captivated by the bizarre political cage match between Hillary and Donald, otherwise known as the 2016 US campaign for President, there are other English speaking nations confronting the ballot box.

Of particular note is the debate over whether the people of the United Kingdom should stay within or leave the European Union.

Campaigning for and against keeping Britain in the EU has been ongoing for months following the introduction and passage of the European Union Referendum Act 2015. There appears to be a split among the general electorate and even within political parties.

The European Union is a major economic entity on the world stage. What would the departure of a major political Great Britain mean, not only for the UK itself, but for the wider region? This is a question that Dr. Binoy Kampmark spends some time exploring with us.

On the other side of the world, the people of Australia are preparing for a visit to the polls on July 2.

The campaign is one of the longest in the country's election history. Will that length of time help or hurt the incumbents?

On this week's installment of the Global Research News Hour we are attempting to examine these developments with the help of Australia-based scholar **Binoy Kampmark**.

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