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Leaving the EU will not stop immigration to the UK, says leader of campaign to stay in the EU Stuart Rose

He described immigration as a 'world crisis' rather than a 'European crisis'

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The UK retains border controls with other EU countries but citizens have freedom of movement between member states *Getty Images*

Leaving the European Union will not stop immigration to the UK, the leader of the campaign to keep Britain in the bloc has said.

Stuart Rose, the chair of Britain Stronger in Europe, said that immigration was not simply a product of being in the EU and that it would continue even if Britain votes to leave.

The UK is set to have a referendum on membership of the EU by the end of 2017, and immigration policy is set to be one of the main points debated.



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“Migration is one of the great things that is happening in the world today. It's an event or it is a phenomenon worldwide which is not just a UK issue, it's a worldwide issue,” Lord Rose told BBC Radio 4's Today programme.

“Politicians are going to have to grapple with that. Immigration isn't going to go away if we were outside the EU. This is something we have got to deal with.

“Its a crisis, it's a European crisis and it's a world crisis. And it's a terrifying crisis.”

Lord Rose, the former chair of Marks and Spencers, also said the UK could effectively decide who came into the country already because it was not a member of the Schengen area.

Schengen abolishes border controls between countries during normal times, though they can be re-instated under the agreement under special circumstances.



Lord Rose launches the Britain Stronger In Europe campaign

EU citizens can still come to the UK under current arrangements but must have their passports checked. The UK can bar EU citizens who it believes are a threat to security.

The UK's referendum will be conducted after David Cameron has renegotiated the terms of EU membership with other member countries.

Though the Prime Minister has previously hinted at wanting to introduce curbs on EU freedom of movement, in practice he has said he only wants a four-year waiting period for EU migrants before they can claim in-work benefits.

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The effect of leaving the EU on immigration has been unclear. Net migration to the UK last year hit a record high of 330,000, with 183,000 from the European Union.

Increased restrictions on EU migrants could be counteracted by other factors, however.

French Government minister Bernard Cazeneuve has said that France might stop helping the UK police its channel tunnel border on the French side if it left the EU.

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Large numbers of British people also go to live abroad in the EU. Those that could no longer travel abroad might stay in the UK, increasing net migration further, it has been suggested.

Last week Leave.EU, one of the campaigns to leave the EU, said Mr Cameron's renegotiation of EU membership would do nothing to reduce anxiety about immigration

“His negotiation will do nothing to solve the migration crisis, the steel crisis, the flooding crisis or whatever the next inevitable EU crisis may be. Only through Britain regaining control of its laws, its borders and its taxes can we begin to avoid those EU crises and solve their problems we inherit,” said Leave.EU chief executive Liz Bilney.

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We're usually told EU nationals have right of abode and work in UK. Which is it ???

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What a lot of nonsense lord Rose talks. if there is one thing that will reduce the flow of immigrants to the country it is the control of our borders, control that is not possible as long as remain part of this crumbling EU.

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Leaving the EU will not stop immigration to the UK, says leader of campaign to stay in the EU Stuart Rose....

Well Sir,

Go back and tell them that if it does not have an impact and indeed reverse some of the number already here... They will not be living at number 10 for very long....

May I also suggest very respectfully that you are a knickers salesman and that your best course of action to retain any credibility following this job you opted to take.... In charge of the IN campaign..... Put a pair of those knickers on your head and a pencil up each nostril... then repeat wibble wibble wibble....

They may then pull you off the hot seat and allow you to blend back into obscurity before your future reputation is damaged beyond repair...

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According to a report shown on the BBC's Newsnight half of London's homeless are Romanian. Is that 'one of the great things'? I'm guessing Lord Rose isn't working in a warehouse competing for the minimum wage with itinerant EU workers. Why doesn't Lord Rose f@/u off to somewhere else in Europe (he must have a villa somewhere).

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This man is an utter buffoon. If we're in the EU we have no right to stop EU immigrants. If we're out we let in who we want or need.

He can't even remember the name of the organisation he leads...

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newsttopics/eureferendum/12119442/Migration-should-not-be-allowed-to-dominate-EU-referendum-warns-Lord-Rose.html>

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You guys and the rest of the members of the world are all Beset because of the UN resolution just like us Yanks. And you have never touched on why as yet, even as of Today.

Its because, of AQ and Daesh !

Why, is simple. If 7 or 8 huge gangs told you that they're chapters of individual gang groups where coming and if they see you or here you they will KILL THE LOT YOU !

What would you do?

RUN comes too mind!

And hey since hundreds of thousands of radicalized heathens

are needed as sleeper agents to over through your government's, they can go too.

Your going to want proof since this is ridiculous, huh ? No problem. Take a hard look at:

Prince Bandar, President Clinton, and don't forget his snake in grass wife, George Washington Bush, CIA and constantly acts of subterfuge since it's beginning. And American is not the only one because it was Britain who created Wannabes Sect, Theology and Ideology.

Besides, why does UN tell free World's what to do, as if there was no UN, the World would Not be in turmoil over Shariah Law and it's sub standard why of life of obey or have your head chopped of and your daughters gang raped and sold as sex slaves or organ donors.

Come on Britain, step up, protect your way of live, walk down any street as of Yor, it's so sad what's become of our best friends.

Clean it up and take out the trash man.

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Johnyear

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Good try Lord Rose. If there is one thing leaving the EU will give - it is control over our borders. We cannot choose until we break free from Brussels control. It is the ONE topic that will cause us to vote for Brexit. So of course it is a good tactic to attack it. Whenever someone wants you to take a certain action - they try to persuade you there is no alternative or that things are inevitable.

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Migration is only a crisis because governments (notably the recent insanity of Merkel directing the EU in this area) supported by business 'leaders' such as Rose do not take simple and effective action.

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Do Japan or Korea have problems controlling immigration?
Does Australia manage immigration with a points system?
Of course if somebody was foolish enough to sign up to EU colonial rules from the outside (as Norway's leaders foolishly did) then that would make the whole issue of leaving pointless, but that is not going to happen, we would not elect a Straw or a Rose to do such a silly thing.

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