

EU Referendum and the Perils of #Perception

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As coverage of post #Brexit suggests, many working class individuals voted #leave from the #EU as it was thought that #leaving would give the UK more freedom to limit #immigration. It is arguable that such individuals are perhaps more suggestible, or easily targeted, than others.

Brexit was sold as a victory for many and one should question whether those vulnerable individuals who voted #leave, in the hope for a better future, should be targeted with such #hatred and #resentment. We should not forget that, for the past many years, the media has successfully dehumanised immigrants and created false consciousness among many, thereby engendering the sense that a social crisis is looming upon us.

The media has an implicit role in crafting national perceptions of immigrants and without accurate knowledge of the complexity of modern governance, rational ignorance is inevitable.

Although I also voted remain, I do not agree with many of the posts and statuses that have been written ridiculing those working class individuals for their poorly informed choices. One could argue that we all made 'poorly-informed' choices due to the rhetorical slanging matches going on between those to whom we looked for pure, factual information, rather than panicky conjecture and baseless projections.

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