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[thread]

As we approach "the last throw of the dice"

I would like to do something I haven't done enough of

Congratulations to 37.4% of the electorate

On the 23rd June 2016 you won

Congratulations

No one can take that away from you

You

Indeed I would like to be the first one to congratulate Boris Johnson

Whatever happens in the next few days

Well done Boris

Whether he gets as a deal

Or indeed no deal

Congratulations on the "win"

You will desperately sell what you won was a "win"

If a deal then with a sale of a side measure of scapegoating narrative as to why it wasn't better

If no deal then the side sale will be the scapegoating as to why

As it will always be someone else's fault

Can I firstly apologise - its obviously because I didn't believe enough or talked the country down

I am not certain which will be sold more desperately

A really shitty deal

or no deal

So sorry - back to my congratulations to those winners on 23rd June 2016

Not only did you win

But you "got brexit done"

https://t.co/CJwS2mJ7Yy

> Together we can get Brexit done. pic.twitter.com/zuWHLJmH3B
>
> — Boris Johnson (@BorisJohnson) December 12, 2019

You can even buy a range of branded items immortalising that event

https://t.co/G2pvk12ASE

And now some four and half years on from that “glorious day”

That day of liberation

Where Britain flung off the shackles of the 4th reich

That EUSSR that has so enfeebled the U.K.

What a four and half years it has been

As we approach the end of the beginning

As Brexit Britain gets ready to reach the 31st December 2020

And sail onwards

Open global buccaneering brexit Britain

It’s eyes raised to the horizon

I want to say again

Congratulations to 37.4% of you

You won

Now I have several questions

And these should be simple for you all to answer

Because you all knew what you were voting for

But first before I start

I want to beg your forgiveness

Because this will be a long thread

I will try to be short

But alas the questions and backdrop are not simple and I try to provide context to why I ask

Oh and also I want to apologise also

As I may use threads within here to illustrate a point

I will try not to overuse subthreads and unweave these to make points

I did consider writing this as a blog post

But I wanted to force myself to keep my points themselves short

How did you win on 23rd June 2016?

What did you win on 23rd June 2016?

How do we move on from 23rd June 2016?

3 simple questions

That’s all

Now I should make it clear

Of the electorate in 23rd June 2016

I voted to remain

I am part of the some 34% of the electorate who voted to remain

As opposed to the 37% who voted leave

I have family and friends who voted to Leave on 23rd June 2016

And I don't think they are stupid

I don't think they are racists

I think they made a choice

And I am sorry

That my simple words to those family and friends over the past 4 years

Have caused them such anger

To me

That they get so angry

And unable to respond to basic points on well reality

Is sad

Sad at what they have been reduced to

You see

There is a simple thing

Is now that Leave "won"

And I "lost"

When I hold up a mirror to the words and promises made

All I am doing is asking you to deliver on what you said this brave new world, these sunlit uplands were going to be

After all

I want my country to get better

I want my country to improve

I want my country to well to borrow a phrase be best

I want my country to level up (although I want to know from what and whom)

(of course obviously according to an Education Secretary) we already are

I am not an elite, not a metropolitan liberal elite, not a remoaner, not an enemy of the people, not a citizen of nowhere, not a saboteur, not a separatist, not a traitor.

I am just a person.

So when I make these observations about brexit

I want it to usher in a new era

Of blue passports

Of British fish

Of "taking back control"

Of that brexit dividend

Of that NI border being solved

Of the glorious sunlit uplands

You said it would be the blessed sunlit uplands

I simply want you to deliver on that promise

That's all

I have never been on any Brexit protest marches

I have never written to my MP (as I know where they stand for what little good they can effect)

I have never signed a petition

I have simple been holding up a mirror to well words.

And yes

If you want to hurl abuse at me

Please do so

Call me a remoaner

Call me a loser

Tell me I am in the pay of Soros

Tell me to stop talking my country down

Tell me to believe more

Thank you

Again for confirming you cannot play the ball

If you want to deride me as a “cyber warrior”

That’s fine

Please do so

Thank you

In doing so you again show you cannot play the ball

A reminder on the Tory 1st Battalion

https://t.co/0Sng2jwJOl

Here’s a reminder on the words of one Abraham Lincoln

“I should regret to see the day in which the people should cease to express intelligent, honest generous criticism upon the policy of their rulers.”

So anyway let’s get started

How did you win?

Now the inspiration for this question

Came from one M. Thatcher

"The manner of winning is a matter of honour."

So I am going to touch on 10 topics

1. Media
2. Franchise
3. Cheating
4. Scapegoating
5. Lies
6. Expertise
7. Simplism
8. Plan
9. Respect
10. NI Border

Just 10 simple topics

Remember my focus is how did you win?

And as I dig into these it will touch on what you won.

These two topics are really quite difficult to separate.

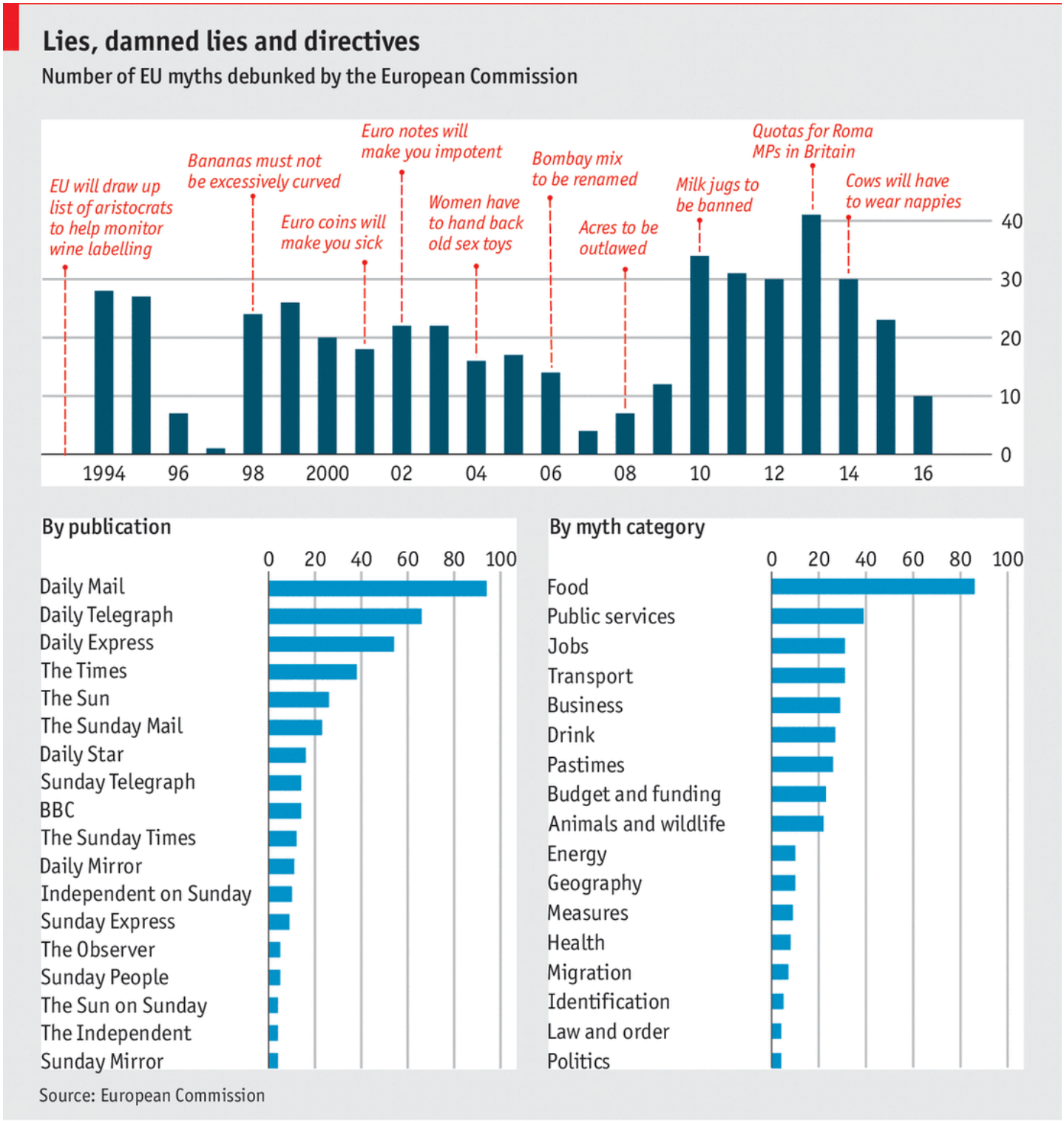
My conclusion to the thread I will touch on how do we move on.

So let's start on those 10 points of how you won and what was won

1. Media

Now the media is always a tough one

As all sides of the spectrum use it as a soft toy to kick around



Economist.com

"THE Brexit campaign has been plagued by little white lies, half-truths and disinformation. Neither side has showered itself in glory in its attempts to persuade the British public of the benefits or drawbacks of EU membership."

https://t.co/lo7wVaQHk1

See also a story from Margaret Thatcher

https://t.co/HKmCfdNzQK

Charlemagne, Caesar and Napoleon were invited by Brezhnev to view the military parade in Red Square. As the endless procession of rocket troops, armour and guards divisions trundled past, Brezhnev asked Caesar what he felt. “With all this I would not have crossed the Rubicon twice but thrice” was the reply. Brezhnev then asked Charlemagne for his opinion. “Given but half of what I see here, I would not have stopped at the Pyrenees, I would have liberated Saudi Arabia” . All this time Napoleon had been sitting with his back to the Procession reading Pravda. Brezhnev, irritated, turned and asked the Emperor for his reaction. “All I know is that if I had had a newspaper like this I would never have learnt of my defeat at Moscow” was his reply. [end p3]

https://t.co/cT8zijNgF2

"More than three-quarters of readers of a daily newspaper are being fed stories in favour of leaving the EU

But when weighted to circulation, researchers found Leave commands a thumping 82% of the national daily newspaper readership.

The analysis suggests that only The Guardian, The Times and The Financial Times has provided a more “balanced or neutral discussion”.

"Any discussion of propaganda and the 2016 European referendum starts with years of Euromythology and migrant-bashing."

https://t.co/P5M9P11NO8

“I once asked Rupert Murdoch why he was so opposed to the European Union.

“‘That’s easy,’ he replied. ‘When I go into Downing Street they do what I say; when I go to Brussels they take no notice.’

https://t.co/IBLMnTDZyd

Rupert of course rebuts that

“There is much fake news published about me, but let me make clear that I have never uttered those words. I have made it a principle all my life never to ask for anything from any prime minister.”

Now if I accept Rupert at his words

Of course he never has to ask

It is given proferred automatically

https://t.co/YXsNb4to5O

Theresa not his only desperate supplicant

https://t.co/4qex0kqEQZ

"Labor has been subjected to what he calls “a rolling campaign … every story, every edition of every paper”."

https://t.co/PeyRm3K8iX

“This power is routinely used to attack opponents in business & politics by blending editorial opinion with news reporting. Australians who hold contrary views have felt intimidated into silence. These facts chill free speech & undermine public debate.”

https://t.co/WyNe7bYlT2

2. Franchise

Now there are two main areas here where I would flag concern

The first is a promise by the Conservative Party

Their 2015 manifesto

“We will complete the electoral register, by working to include more of the five million Britons who live abroad. We will introduce votes for life, scrapping the rule that bars British citizens who have lived abroad for more than 15 years from voting”

See also Michael Green

Sorry I meant Grant Shapps

https://t.co/wLIzhmxhBs

Grant Shapps said as party Chairman he prevented two Home Office aides - including the infamous Nick Timothy - from making the list after they refused to campaign in a by-election against Ukip.

In an article for the Sun on Sunday he told how then-Home Secretary Mrs May badgered him on three occasions to reverse his decision.

But he refused, and in the run-up to the 2015 election faced questions from the press about his public life – after the aides had told him he would "live to regret" his decision.

"I found myself fielding questions from the press about things I had never thought about, let alone done, like whether I'd had an affair," Mr Shapps wrote.

"I have no way of knowing but it could have been anyone in the Home Office.

"It's impossible to know whether Theresa May knew her team or their supporters were capable of briefing against Cabinet ministers..."

Now I actually feel sorry for Grant

As he can be the victim of such "unintentional" maligning

https://t.co/rH3euLoU4b

Anyway

Back to that franchise promise

Why would you not honour that promise in time for the 2016 referendum?

Why?

It's a simple question

The second is the vote for 16 - 18 year olds

Now personally

I do not care how 16 - 18 year olds may vote

I want to focus on the principle that they be allowed to vote

https://t.co/6WAoADlr2p

So this is one of two thread breaks

Due to me posting it hastily and bloody breaking the thread

Do continue

https://t.co/aFfBrxFyaA

> I recall many of the debates in the Scottish Independence Referendum
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> Those with young people
>
> Were some of the best
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> — ScottishPanda (@PandaScottish) December 6, 2020