Twitter Thread by The Leave Alliance

The Leave Alliance
@LeaveHQ

In fairness to Lance, the government has absolutely failed to modernise and upscale customs and border systems - and he is right to be outraged, but either way, he will still experience the full array of third country controls - all of which are a consequence of leaving the EEA.

> I am working on it, lobbying ministers. There is a failure here amongst officialdom not to be ready with certification from Jan 1. It should be been simple, seamless and inexpensive. It's not rocket science. Needs addressing urgently @michaelgove @BorisJohnson
>
> — Lance Forman (@LanceForman) January 25, 2021

But by the same token, the Brexit Party was at every point in the process demanding a walkout - which would have landed him with disruption worse than at present with tariffs that would have killed exports anyway.

At best, though, even if those "teething troubles" are resolved, food produce is still looking at an inspection rate of 20%, all at random, the the SPS paperwork, along with finding a responsible importer is a fixed feature of being outside the single market.

@LanceForman could and should have known this. It was in the Notices to Stakeholders. Moreover, he had the research facilities of the European Parliament at his disposal which he could have used for the benefit of his entire industry. So what was he doing with his time there?

None of what is happening at the border comes as any surprise to us because well in advance of the referendum we produced a plan, looking at the consequences of each option. The Brexit Party, despite its massive resources, elected not to do this kind of groundwork.

Supporters of Leave .EU and the Brexit Party became outraged at us for spelling out what was likely to happen - to the point of Arron Banks calling us remainers. You will not be surprised, therefore, that we are not massively sympathetic.

If BXP had produced a plan, they would have known what to avoid, and from their relative position of power, they could have directed the government after triggering Article 50. Instead they made shouty grunty noises about leaving with no deal.

The point was raised with self-styled working class champion, Claire Fox, who called EFta leavers "remainers in drag". The Brexit Party, is to a large extent responsible for the outcome - and the massive job losses that goes with it.

We saw Mummery demanding we take back "all our fish", completely ignorant of non tariff barriers or where she was going to sell those fish and now she's complaining she has no fish to sell. Goes back to that original refusal to produce a Brexit plan.

All the while we saw Tice/Forman prattling on about GATT24 - absolutely oblivious to the concept of SPS controls and third country border processes. They simply didn't have the first idea what they were talking about. If Forman wanted to stay in business, it was his job to know.

BXP refused to listen to trade bodies. They refused to listen to trade lawyers. They refused to listen to the Commission. They refused to listen to us. They got drunk on their own moronic notions of free trade and sovereignty - and now they're complaining about the hangover.

Since 2014, I've managed to pick up on aspects for trade ranging from food safety rules in the Cook Islands through to IMO rules on anti-fouling coats, and the more obscure WTO rules on intellectual property. So why is the entire Brexit Party still struggling with the basics?

Put simply, they weren't interested - even though it is in itself an interesting subject. The common theme here is Farage - who has always surrounded himself with braindead incurious morons who wouldn't challenge him. If you were a BXP MEP it's because you qualified as a moron.

But then never to be outclassed are Westminster MPs who, despite having (marginally) better information, STILL voted to leave the single market. So there we are. The basic take-home from all this is that our politicians are know-nothing fuckwits who can't be told anything.

So as much as the BXP morons don't get to whine, the SNP voted for the same outcome, as did most of the Labour party and remainer Lib Dems - even when they had Theresa May backed into a corner. They then voted down her deal and installed Boris Johnson.

Ultimately it stems from one basic problem. Politicians get most of their information from our heap of shit media, reading only what they want to hear. Politicians are the last people alive to believe what they say or care what they think despite media being almost as ignorant.