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Who are all the hypocrites who voted against abolishing the Tampon Tax back in 2015 but have had a sudden change of heart? First up, Steve Baker, Conservative MP for Wycombe.



Steve Baker MP ✓

@SteveBakerHW



I'm delighted after years of fighting for it we have axed the hated [#TamponTax](#)



Hated tampon tax scrapped from today

THE HATED tampon tax has been abolished – slashing the cost of sanitary products for women. Britain has finally been able to ditch the EU levy as it marks ...

thesun.co.uk

11:01 AM · Jan 1, 2021 from South East, England · Twitter for iPhone

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Next we have Bernard Jenkin, Conservative MP for Harwich and North Essex. The patronising way in which he calls Stella Creasy "feisty" really shows his commitment against sexism. Nice job!



Bernard Jenkin ✓

@bernardjenkin



“‘Sexist’ tampon tax scrapped after break from Brussels.” Delighted @Conservatives acted quickly. 20+ years since I first raised this in Shadow Cabinet, after being confronted by a feisty sixth former called @stellacreasy #tampontax digitaleditions.telegraph.co.uk/data/224/reade...

9:01 AM · Jan 1, 2021 · Twitter for iPad

Rishi Sunak, the Chancellor and Conservative MP for Richmond, Yorkshire, also voted against the 2015 motion to abolish the Tampon tax. What's with the autographed graphics, Rishi? Do you think you're some kind of rock star?

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Rishi Sunak ✓
@RishiSunak



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11:46 AM · Jan 1, 2021 · Twitter Web App

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Harriet Baldwin, Conservative MP for West Worcestershire has posted the lie that it was EU membership which prevented us ditching the Tampon tax. Harriet, you voted against the 2015 motion to abolish this tax. Have you forgotten?

← Tweet



Harriett Baldwin MP #SociallyDistant ✓
@hbaldwin

Happy New Year everyone.
The first day after the end of the transition period the UK 🇬🇧 brought several changes:
A new points based immigration system
An end to Value Added Tax on tampons
An end announced to pulse trawling in UK 🇬🇧 waters



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James Cartledge, Conservative MP for South Suffolk didn't post his own tweet. But he did retweet Rishi Sunak. James, how soon you forgot your vote in 2015 against abolishing the Tampon tax!

James Cartlidge MP 
 @jc4southsuffolk

Member of Parliament for South Suffolk. Please send all enquiries to james.cartlidge.mp@parliament.uk.

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James Cleverly, Conservative MP for Braintree, didn't post his own tweet about yesterday's vote to abolish the Tampon tax. But he retweeted this tweet instead. James voted against axing this tax back in 2015, but has forgotten. Too much New Year's Baileys?

← **James Cleverly** ✓

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Mark Wallace ✓ @wallaceme · Jan 1

Tampon tax abolished, on day one after leaving EU jurisdiction.



Activists cheer as 'sexist' tampon tax is scrapped

Campaigners say cutting of the 5% VAT rate on tampons and sanitary towels ends a 'sexist' tax.

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Alberto Costa, Conservative MP for South Leicestershire retweeted Rishi Sunak's tweet. Alberto has forgotten that time in 2015 when he voted against the abolition of the Tampon tax. But it was five years ago, right?



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Alberto Costa MP #StayAlert ✓

@AlbertoCostaMP

Conservative Member of Parliament for South Leicestershire.

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Mims Davies, Conservative MP for Mid Sussex quote tweeted the Treasury tweet, adding some celebratory emojis. Mim, you and your colleagues could have voted to abolish the Tampon tax five years ago. Why didn't you?



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Mims Davies MP #StayAlert-HandsSpaceFace ✓

@mimsdavies

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HM Treasury ✓ @hmtreasury · Jan 1

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Caroline Dinenage, Conservative MP for Gosport, has tweeted that the Tampon tax is "hideous". So why was it she voted against its abolition in 2015? And why is she blaming this on the EU, when it was actually down to her and the majority of her Tory colleagues?

← **Tweet**



Caroline Dinenage ✓
@cj_dinenage

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Delighted one of the new benefits of leaving the EU will be the end of the hideous Tampon tax - abolished from today - [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) 🙌🙌🙌



Tampon tax abolished from today

The 'tampon tax' has been abolished - with a zero rate of VAT applying to women's sanitary products coming into effect today (1 January 2021).

[gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)

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Kevin Foster, Conservative MP for Torbay, was keen to share the news about yesterday's vote to abolish the Tampon tax. If only he hadn't voted against the motion to abolish this unfair tax back in 2015?



Kevin Foster ✓
@kevin_j_foster

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My latest update for residents of #Torquay and #Paignton including Paignton Picture House Restoration, #Goodrington Cycle Plan, New Year's Honours and Tampon Tax Abolished. - mailchi.mp/kevinjfooster/r... #TorbayHour #BoostTorbay



12:20 AM · Jan 2, 2021 · Mailchimp

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Marcus Fysh, Conservative MP for Yeovil, has retweeted two tweets about the Tampon tax vote yesterday. But he was one of the Tory MPs who voted against a motion to abolish the tax in 2015.

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Marcus Fysh ✓

@MarcusFysh

MP for the Yeovil constituency. For constituent casework and response please email me at marcus.fysh.mp@parliament.uk

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Alliance of British Entrepreneurs @AllianceBE · 20h

What are the benefit of #Brexit they ask?

Well, on Day 1, presumably on a hangover, a newly independent UK has:

- 🚫 Banned the barbaric European practice of pulse fishing.
- 👤 Prevented migrants from claiming benefits for 5 years.
- 📈 Removed the #EU tampon tax.

Good start!

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HM Treasury ✓ @hmtreasury · Jan 1

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Dame Cheryl Gillan blames the EU for the charging of tax on tampons. This isn't correct. Cheryl has also conveniently forgotten that she voted against abolishing the tampon tax back in 2015.

← Tweet



Rt Hon Dame Cheryl Gillan MP
@CherylGillan

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Tampon tax abolished from today - [GOV.UK](#) thanks to the end of the transition from the EU



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Richard Graham, Conservative MP for Gloucester, appears to be unhappy at criticism that the Tories are wrongly blaming the EU for the tampon tax. Something you "couldn't make up" is the Richard voted against the motion to abolish the tax in 2015.



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Richard Graham

@RichardGrahamUK

You couldn't make this up



Rory Meakin @rorymeakin · Jan 1

The founder of Stop Taxing Periods has criticised the government for delivering their agenda due to ministers linking the issue to Brexit. She says it's not true that Brexit enabled the change because the EU might one day change the relevant law anyway:

theguardian.com/politics/2020/...

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Ryanosaurus Rex @Rybo84 · 23h

Robert Halfon, Conservative MP for Harlow, suggests EU membership prevented abolishing the Tampon Tax, conveniently forgetting there is zero tax on these products in Ireland (in the EU) and that he voted against the abolition of tampon tax in 2015.



Robert Halfon MP -Working Hard for Harlow- ✓

@halfon4harlowMP

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Good that leaving EU means now @RishiSunak able to reduce VAT to zero on Tampons. He should do the same to energy bills as highlighted during EU 2016 referendum campaign by @michaelgove & @BorisJohnson . Brexit must also mean a cost of living dividend for families 🙄

almost £40 over her lifetime.

£15m

Sum the Treasury raised through the imposition of the 'tampon tax' - which it then donated to women's charities

income on energy bills than the richest households.

Assuming energy suppliers pass on all the saving to customers, cutting 5 per cent VAT added on to energy bills would reduce their cost to all households by around £60.

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Rise in families in power bill debt

SOARING numbers of families are struggling to pay electricity bills, research has found.

A total of 777,000 customers owed money to their suppliers between July

Robert Halfon >
(Harlow) (Con) [V]

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During the Brexit campaign, my right hon. Friend wrote an article in *The Sun* stating that we would be able to reduce VAT on energy bills, saving the taxpayer a considerable amount of money per year. Can he set out the progress we are making on that and confirm that we will be able to cut VAT on energy bills, therefore cutting the cost of living for hard-pressed families across the country? (908635)

Michael Gove >

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Yes, my right hon. Friend makes an important point. While taxation matters are questions for the

The Telegraph and 5 others

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Greg Hands, Conservative MP for Chelsea and Fulham has retweeted the Sky news coverage of the abolition of the tampon tax. He fails to mention that he voted against the 2015 motion to abolish this tax. Could he have forgotten?

← **Greg Hands** ✓
34.9K Tweets

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Greg Hands Retweeted



Sky News ✓ @SkyNews · Jan 1

The 5% rate of VAT on women's sanitary products - known as the "tampon tax" - has been scrapped



'Consigned to the history books': 'Tampon tax' scrapped from today
Under EU law, sanitary products were treated as "luxury" rather than "essential items" and incurred 5% VAT.

news.sky.com

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Greg Hands Retweeted



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Marcus Jones, Conservative MP for Nuneaton, has retweeted the Treasury tweet. I doubt he would want people to know he voted against the motion to abolish the Tampon tax in 2015.

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Marcus Jones ✓
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Andrea Leadsom, Conservative MP for South Northamptonshire retweeted a tampon tax tweet from yesterday. She's forgotten 2015 when she voted against a motion to abolish the unfair tax.

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Craig Mackinlay, Conservative MP for South Thanet, says "daft" EU regulations were the reason for the unfair tampon tax. He doesn't seem to know these products are tax free in Ireland. Will someone remind him that he voted against the abolition of the tampon tax in 2015?

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Craig Mackinlay MP ✓

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Craig Mackinlay MP ✓ @cmackinlay · 23h

The removal of daft #EU requirements on #VAT rates & upon which products they are to be levied now begins. Energy saving products & installations should be next. #Brexit dividends begin #2021.



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