

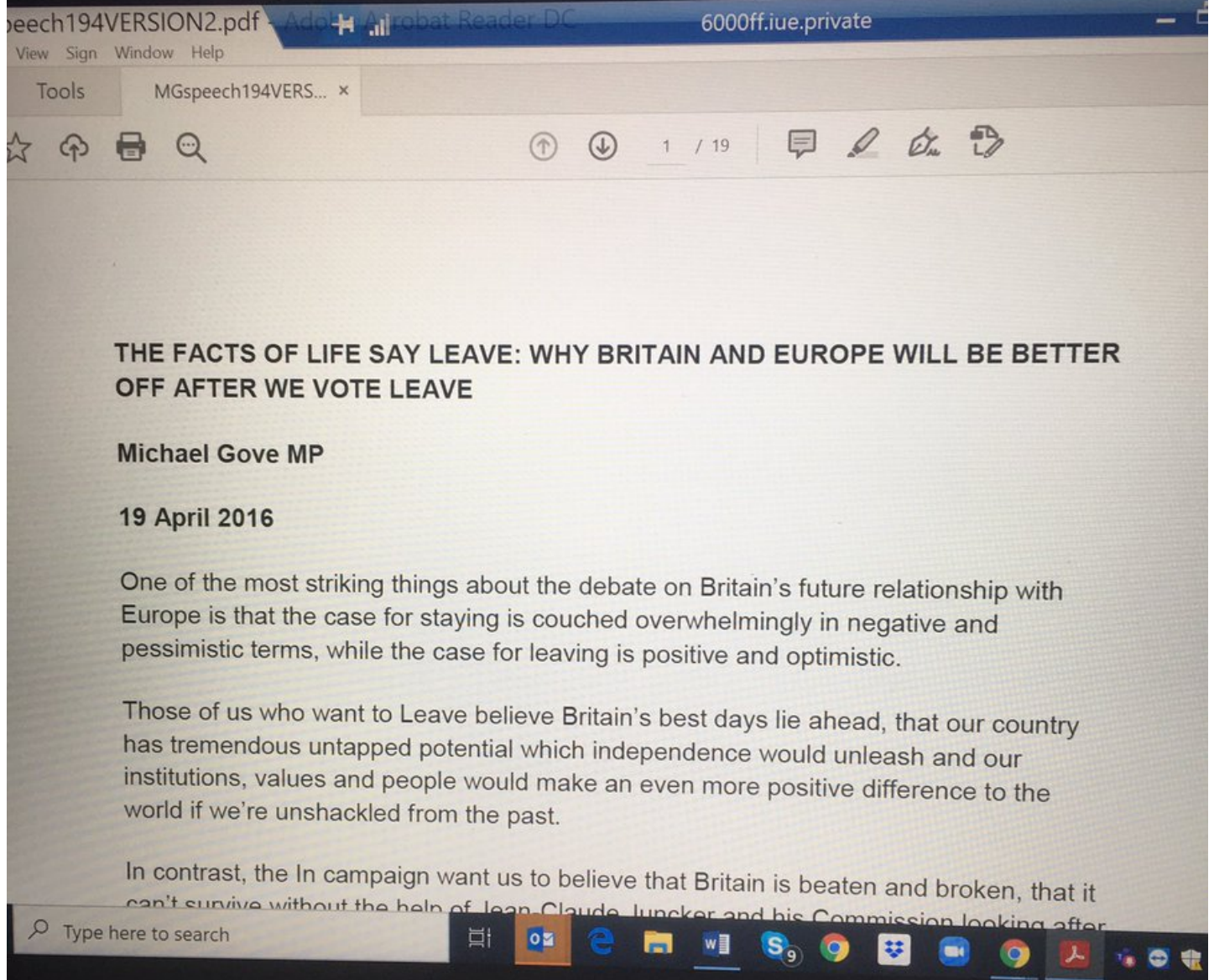
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Am prompted to do this ■ following [@BEERG](#) sharing of Gove 19 April'16 speech, [@kevinhorourke](#) observation on interests & ideas & [@CER_Grant](#) observation that historians will ponder the weakness of economic interests in Brexit negs at [@InstituteGC](#) yesterday [@BrigidLaffan](#)



1. Seems to me that [@BorisJohnson](#) has delivered on the [@michaeltgove](#) 2016 speech in one important sense-not the sunny uplands of Brexit but the working out of what Brexit was to this clique who drove the Leave campaign [@BrigidLaffan](#)

2. That was a total rejection of the #EU model of internationalisation, its governance regimes, institutions, regulatory frameworks, its ideals & the political, economic & legal order it represents. [@BrigidLaffan](#)
3. This was evident in tone of Brexit negs, for example [@DavidGHFrost](#) dismissal of EU as 'your organisation' [@MichelBarnier](#) & refusal to recognise nature of EU re. Diplomatic states. Treating it as an IO despite the fact that there were U.K. MEPs in [@Europarl_EN](#) [@BrigidLaffan](#)
4. Evident also in refusal of a chapter on foreign & security policy & the preference for bilateral relations particularly the key capitals post Brexit. [@BrigidLaffan](#)
5. #UK negotiating strategy was driven by anything but the EU aka [@pmdfoster](#) wonderful long read on the negs. Core principle was to prove you can do a deal with EU without its laws. Not smart-of@course you can but it will be a thin thin deal [@BrigidLaffan](#)
6. The desire to by pass & diminish EU as a polity will not serve [@BorisJohnson](#) or U.K. in the short or medium term. EU is both the member states & the collective. You can't have one without the other. [@BrigidLaffan](#)
7. There will be no strategic relationship unless London comes to terms with the EU & begins to understand what it means to its near neighbours. Not just Brussels or bureaucracy but the way this part of the world handles the challenges of 21st century [@BrigidLaffan](#)
8. Brexiteers might prefer it were other but #EU is going nowhere & London needs a strategy for dealing with it as it is-a hybrid political system with market power. It will prove easier for Irish business to go around U.K. than it will for U.K. to avoid coming to terms with EU