

Nigel Farage: You're in for a bigger shock in 2017

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Transcript:

I feel like Iâ€™m attending a meeting of a religious sect here this morning, itâ€™s as if the global revolution of 2016; Brexit, Trump, the Italian rejection of the referendum has completely bypassed you.

You canâ€™t face up to the fact that this bandwagon is going to roll across Europe in these elections in 2017. A lot of citizens now recognise this form of centralised government simply doesnâ€™t work. Whether itâ€™s the miseries inflicted upon a country like Greece by the euro, the unemployment caused by bad regulation or the feeling that none of us are as safe in our cities because of the disastrous Common Asylum Policy.

But at the heart of it is a fundamental point, Mr Verhofstadt this morning said that people want more Europe; they donâ€™t, the people want less Europe. And we see this again and again when people have referendums and they reject aspects of EU membership.

But something more fundamental is going on out there. Yes you can say theyâ€™re lying, and I have no doubt that many of you here when you hear what I have to say will probably despise your own voters.

Because just last week, Chatham House, the reputable group, published a massive survey from ten European member states and only twenty percent of people want immigration from Muslim countries to continue. Just twenty percent want us to keep on allowing people in from Muslim countries, which means your voters have a harder line position on this than Donald Trump, or myself or frankly any party sitting in this Parliament and that is where weâ€™re going.

And I simply cannot believe that youâ€™re blind to the fact that even Mrs Merkel has now made a U-turn and wants to send people back. Even Mr Schulz thinks that itâ€™s a good idea, the fact is the European Union has no future at all in its current form and I suspect youâ€™re in for as bigger shock in 2017 as you were in 16.