

Farage: We must not allow our compassion to imperil our security

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Transcript:

Chairman, thank you, and can I extend a huge thanks to all those who have welcomed me back to this institution so warmly. Though, I do detect in some of the smiles and laughter that has been directed at me, a slight hint of nervousness. And so there jolly well should be, because there is going to be a British referendum on whether we stay in or whether we leave this European Union. For the first time in many decades, there will be a fundamental debate on the existence of this union and the need for it in the modern world.

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And I have to say, this debate, this referendum, would not have happened without UKIP and its people's army of millions of supporters. And it is pretty clear, that actually, when it comes to renegotiation, nothing substantial can be achieved because already all the big bosses in Europe have said that freedom of movement of peoples are not up for negotiation. There will be no treaty change on this point, and that for us simply isn't good enough and it gets to the heart of this debate this morning.

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You know, what we want in Britain is an Australian style points system so that we can choose who comes to live, work and settle in our countries and I would bet if that proposal was put to all of your electorates in your member states they would opt for that policy too.

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A month ago, I warned Mr Timmermans that this common EU asylum policy has absolutely no security checks whatsoever and there's a real genuine threat of ISIS using this policy to infiltrate our countries and to pose great dangers to our society. I was laughed at out loud here. People said I had no evidence for it. Well, now even the Libyan intelligence agencies are saying that ISIS are not only making money from trafficking people, but they are beginning to directly send us their terrorists. We have to have another think, we must not allow our compassion to imperil our security.