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DESCRIBING A HISTORICAL PROCESS

PART 1.

Watch the following video-clip and take notes

'A Brief History of the European Union'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XgnXwrsMBUs>

What happened in:

The early 1940's

The late 1940's

1951

1957

1973

1986

1993

2002

2004

For further information, go to: <https://pitt.libguides.com/eu/institutions>

PART 2.

i) Watch the first 11 minutes of the following video-clip and take notes

'Brexit Explained'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NgVhRVrANhA>

ii) Take notes on the presentation, then study the graphs and graphics and summarize the results of the Brexit vote.

PART 3.

i) Watch this summary of the consequences of Brexit on the UK economy:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jM0X2V2mdng>

ii) Use your computer to discover the present situation in the UK regarding Brexit.

iii) What do you think will happen in the next ten years?

iv) Write a summary of this historical process entitled: 'The EU: Past, Present & Future'

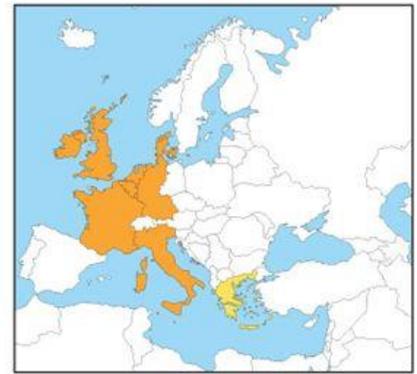
GROWTH OF THE EU



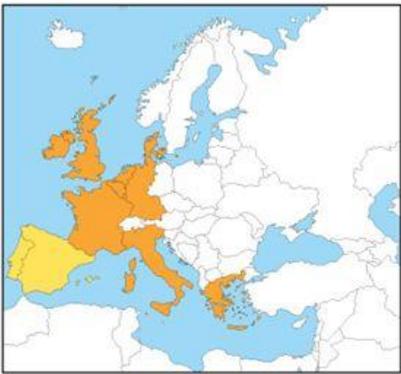
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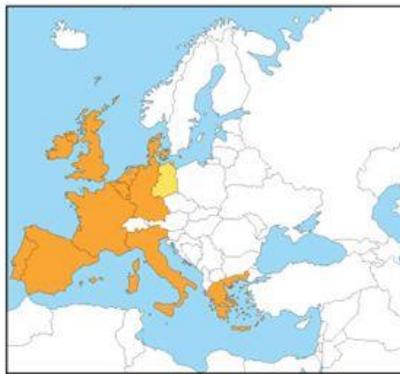
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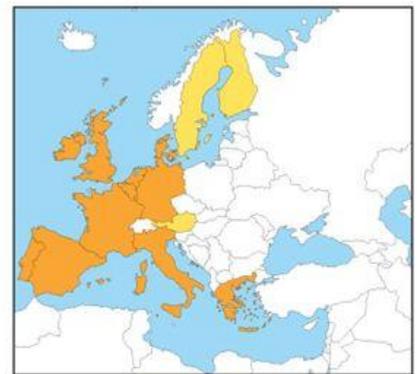
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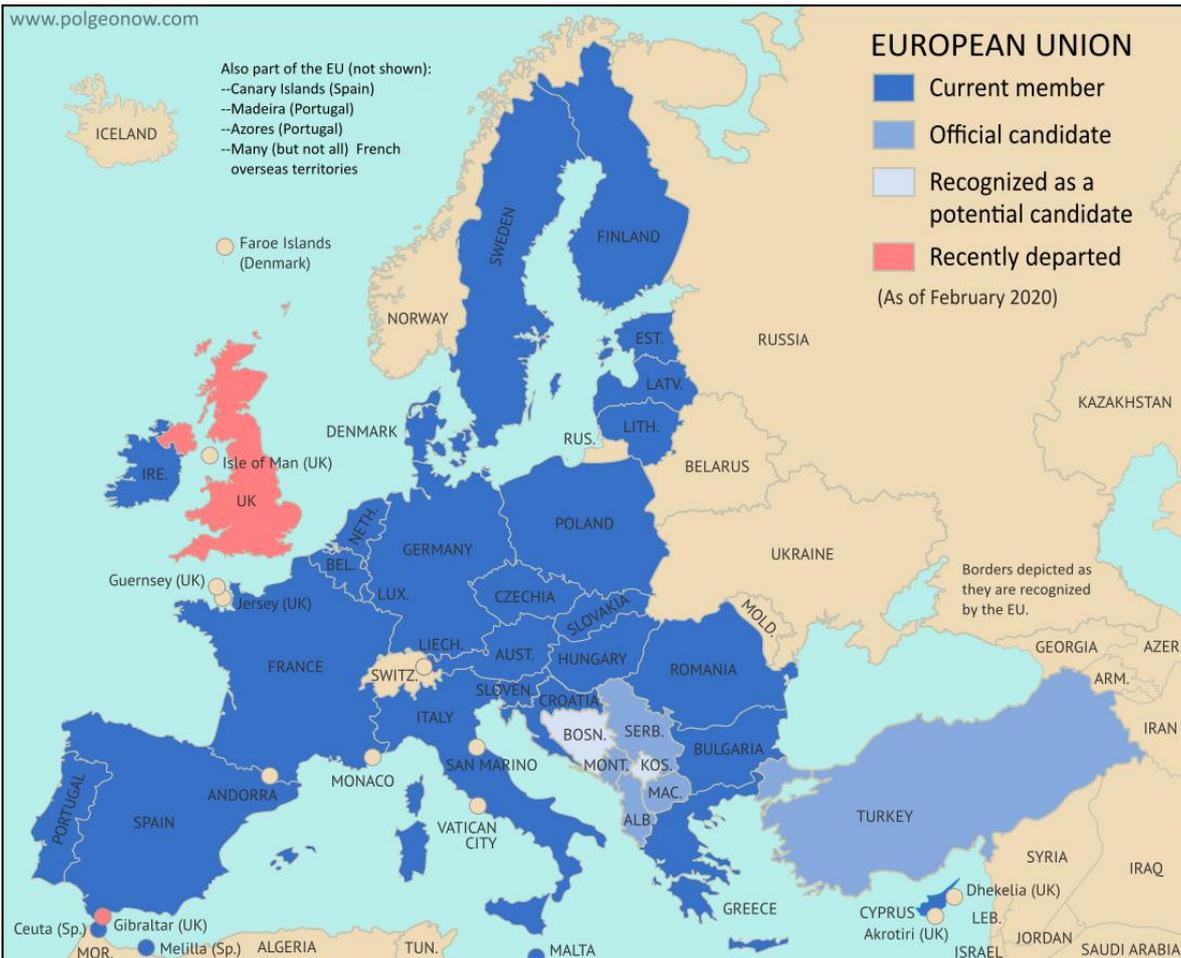
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2) The Present Perfect V the Simple Past

The Present Perfect	The Simple Past
<p>+ I have lived in Brussels You have studied German since 2020 It has just stopped raining</p> <p>- I have not finished yet You still haven't applied for an Erasmus placement He hasn't been to Berlin</p> <p>? Have I passed the ECDL test? Have you ever been to Paris? Has it stopped raining yet?</p>	<p>+ I lived in Brussels for five years You studied German when you lived in Austria It stopped raining five minutes ago</p> <p>- I didn't finish eating until half past one You didn't apply for an Erasmus placement last year He didn't go to Berlin last year</p> <p>? Did I pass the ECDL test I took last Tuesday? Did you see the Olympic Games in Paris? Did it rain yesterday?</p>

Rules

We use the Present Perfect...

- A when we are thinking of a period of time that is finished
- B when we are thinking of a period of time that is not finished
- C when we mean 'at any time up to now'
- D with *ever, never, this week, this month, this year* etc.
- E with *ago, yesterday, last week, last month, last year* etc.

Rules

We use the Simple Past...

2a) Present Perfect or Simple Past ?

- i) Croatia (join) the European Union in 2013.
- ii) Turkeyrecently..... (make) a formal request to join the EU.
- iii) I (decide) to move to Portugal next year.
- iv) you (ever live) in Portugal ?
- v) you (manage) to find a job in Portugal last year ?
- vi) My brother (just marry) a woman from Latvia.
- vii) Italy (adopt) the Euro as legal tender in 2002.
- viii) Studying abroad(become) much easier since the Erasmus student exchange scheme was established.
- ix) I (never go) to Eire in my life.
- x) I (see) a documentary about life in Eire yesterday.

2b) Simple Present, Present Continuous, Present Perfect or Simple Past ?

- i) My father (live) in Spain as a boy.
- ii) My father still..... (dream) about Spain.
- iii) you (prepare) your Europass CV yet?
- iv) Nowadays, my father (prefer) Italian wine.
- v) you ever (go) to Spain?
- vi) you (speak) Spanish?
- vii) Italy's population (get) smaller.
- viii) When you (get) the ECDL?

3) 'USED TO'

i) FORM

+ I **used to live** in England

She **used to like** pop music.

— I **didn't use to drink** whisky.

He **didn't use to smoke**.

? Did you **use to play** with dolls, as a girl?

Did they **use to travel** by bus?

ii) USE – For habitual actions in the past. Things we don't do now.

Hong Kong **used to belong to the UK**

Now it belongs to China

Britain **used to be part of the EU**

Now it is outside the EU and the Customs Union

People in Rome **used to speak Latin**

Now they speak Italian

THE PAST

THE PRESENT

3a) Complete the passage below with positive, negative or interrogative forms of 'used to'.



Bulgaria adopted the euro as legal tender in January 2026. Before this, Bulgarians1..... (buy) local goods and services in lev and they2..... (exchange) lev for euros every time they went to Greece. The ECB or European Central Bank3..... (set) interest rates for Bulgaria but, now that it is part of the Eurozone, it does.4..... Bulgaria4..... (be) part of the Soviet Bloc? Yes, it did. And5..... (co-operate) with other Warsaw Pact nations? Yes, that's true but it joined Nato in 2004 and then the EU in 2007, which helped its economy grow. Bulgaria6..... (be) as prosperous as it is now.

4) Put the verbs in brackets into the simple past, present perfect, simple present, present continuous or add 'used to'.

€-day for Croatia!



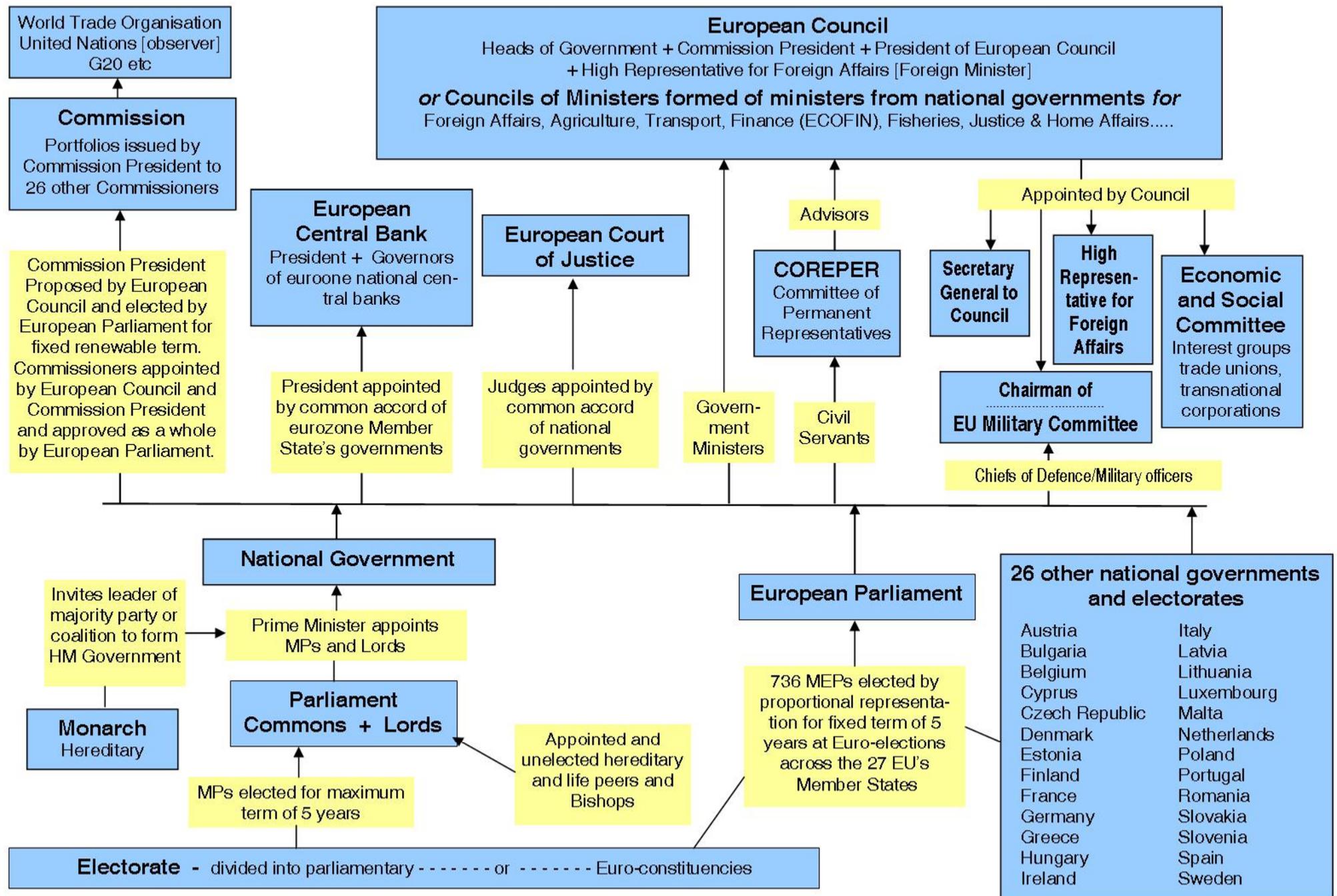
1 January 2023 (be) "E-Day" for Croatia as it (become) one of the countries, collectively known as the Eurozone, which (adopt) the European single currency. Croatia (be) part of Yugoslavia and Croatians (accept) the Kuna as legal tender but, following independence, they (choose) to join, first, the EU and, subsequently, the Eurozone. Adopting the euro (be) the right decision for Croatia because, now, its economy (boom)!

To celebrate the event on 1 January 2026, Barclays Bank (launch) a new high-interest savings account for Croatians who (want) to save in euros, pounds or dollars. Barclays (require) a minimum opening balance of €5,000 and each saver (have) to give seven days' notice before making a withdrawal.

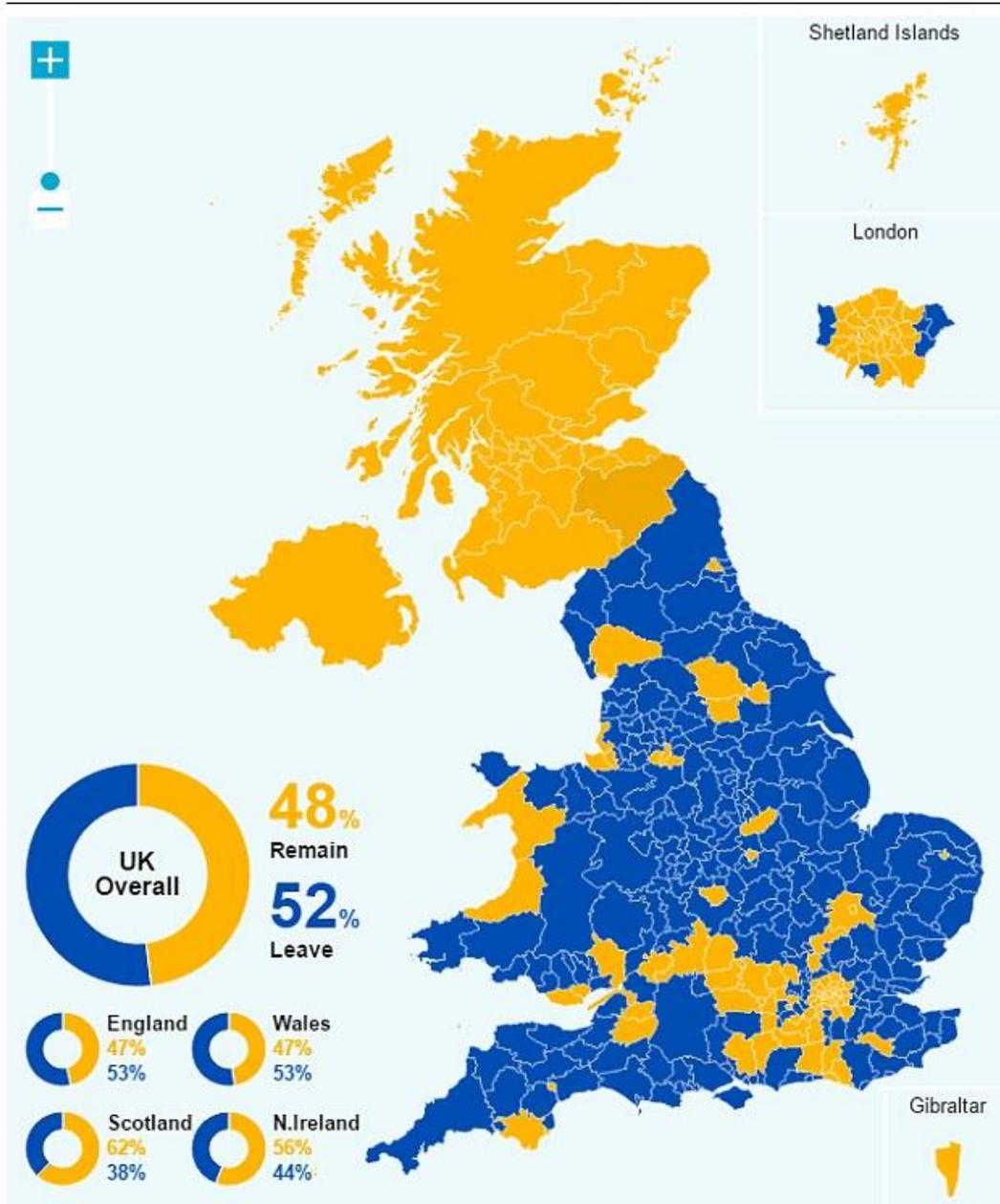
The revised interest rate was revealed last December, following a meeting of the European Central Bank, which (manage) economic and monetary union from its headquarters in Frankfurt and, from now on, Barclays (offer) expatriate clients a range of current accounts in pounds, dollars and euros. Depending on the individual's needs, there (be) a strong case for running a euro account in parallel with a sterling account since British customers, in particular, (need) to protect themselves from unpredictable exchange rate fluctuations following the completion of the Brexit process.

How the EU Operates 1

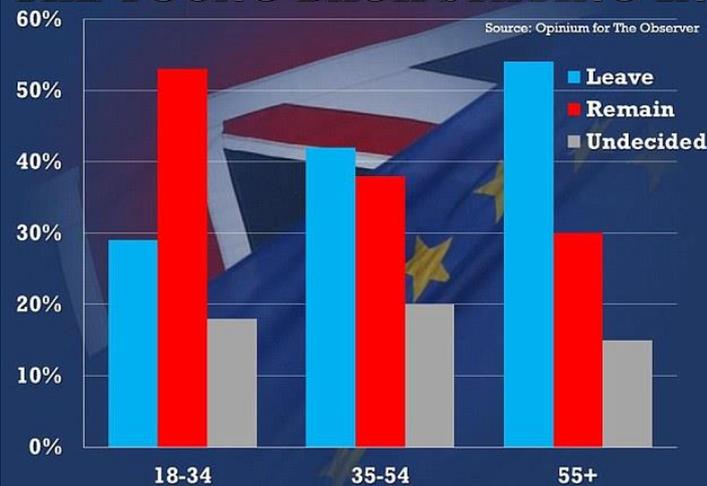
Who elects or appoints whom?



On 23 June 2016, the UK voted to leave the European Union. With reference to the graphs and the map, summarize the most important results and then give your opinion as to whether the British people made the right decision or not.



THE YOUNG BACK STAYING IN



Big Spender

The 28-member European Union is the largest destination for Britain's services exports.

The E.U. is the U.K.'s most important trading partner...

U.K. exports in services



...with financial sectors playing a large role.



£1=\$1.42 Source: U.K. Office of National Statistics

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THE NICOLAS MADURO CASE

1) READING COMPREHENSION

<https://www.state.gov/nicolas-maduro-moros/>

- i) What did the Southern District of New York charge Nicolás Maduro with?
- ii) When did the Southern District of New York charge him?
- iii) How much was the reward offered by the US Department of State?

2) OPERATION ABSOLUTE RESOLVE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PC3tUZ1qGws>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NiSuZilaCIQ>

3) VIDEO COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

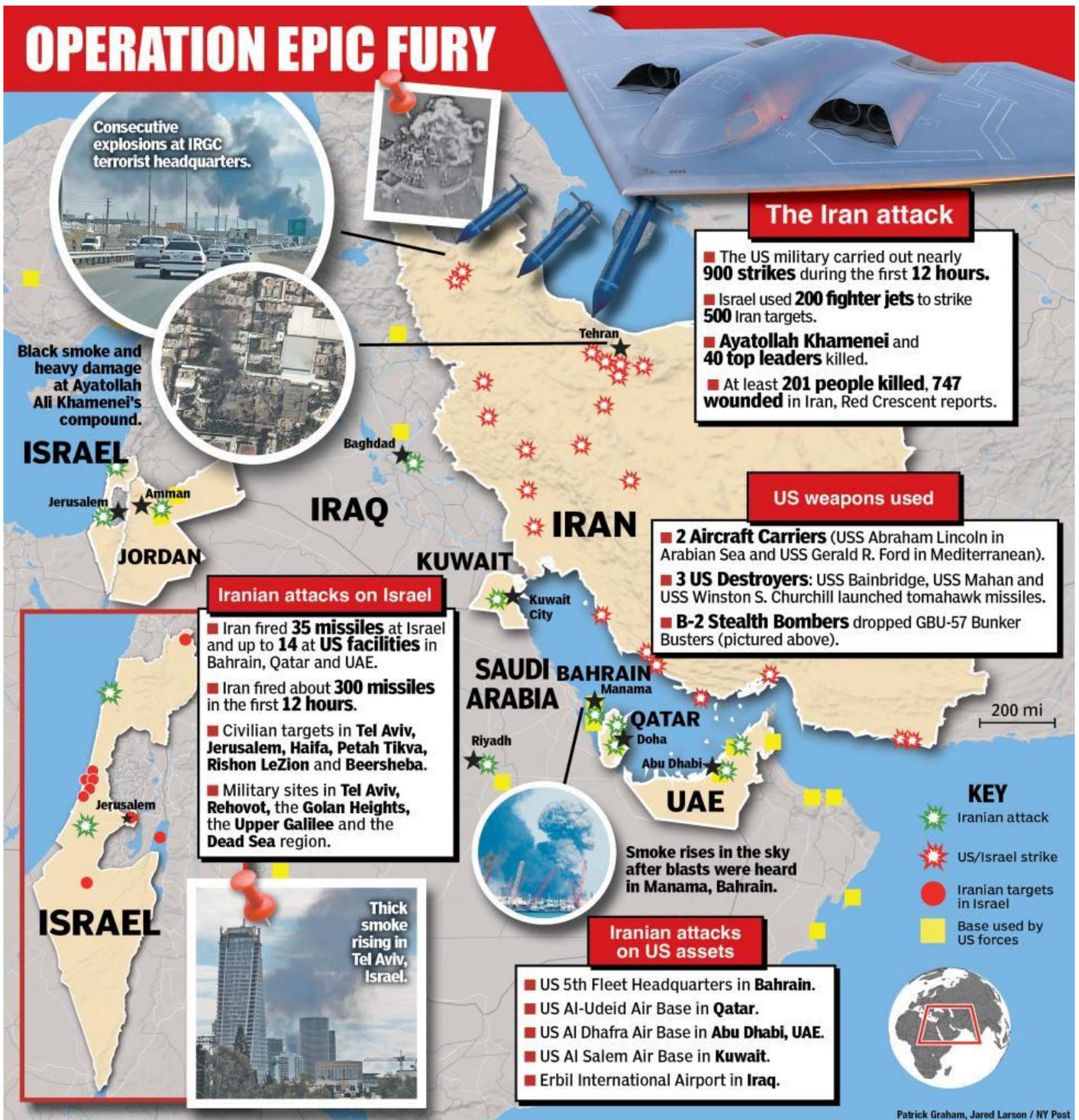
- i) How many US aircraft took part in Operation Absolute Resolve?
- ii) What was the objective of Operation Absolute Resolve?
- iii) When did Phase 1 begin?
- iv) What did the CIA do to prepare the operation?
- v) Why is Fort Tiuna important to Operation Absolute Resolve?
- vi) Why did Delta Force work alongside FBI personnel?
- vii) Why did US helicopters fly so low over sea and over land?
- viii) How many soldiers guarded Fort Tiuna?
- ix) How did US Cyber Command assist Operation Absolute Resolve?
- x) How many US soldiers died in Operation Absolute Resolve?

4) DISCUSSION

- i) Was Operation Absolute Resolve approved by the US Congress?
- ii) Was President Trump justified in organizing Operation Absolute Resolve?
- iii) What is the difference between 'extraordinary rendition' and 'kidnapping'?
- iv) Was the arrest of Nicolás Maduro legal?
- v) Was Operation Absolute Resolve legal?

1) VIDEO-COMPREHENSION: click on the link below, watch the report and make notes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQI8B93CnJg>



2) WRITING: Now summarize the process leading up to and including Operation Epic Fury.