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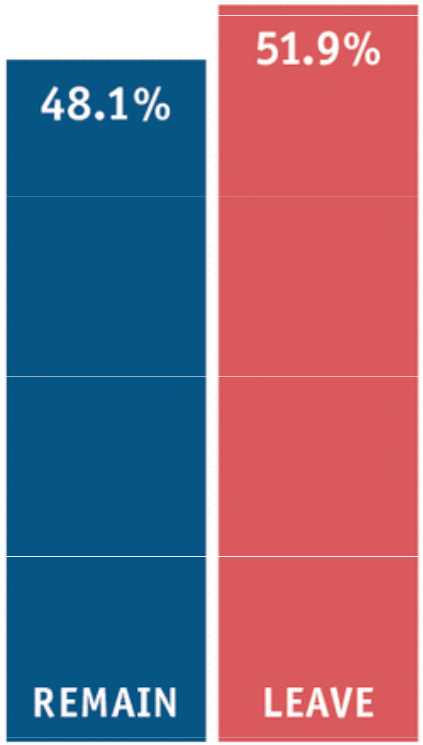
- How the UK voted

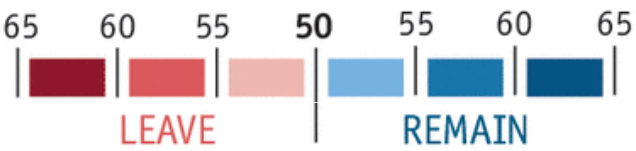
# EU referendum results

As of 08:00, June 24th 2016
Based on **382** results reported

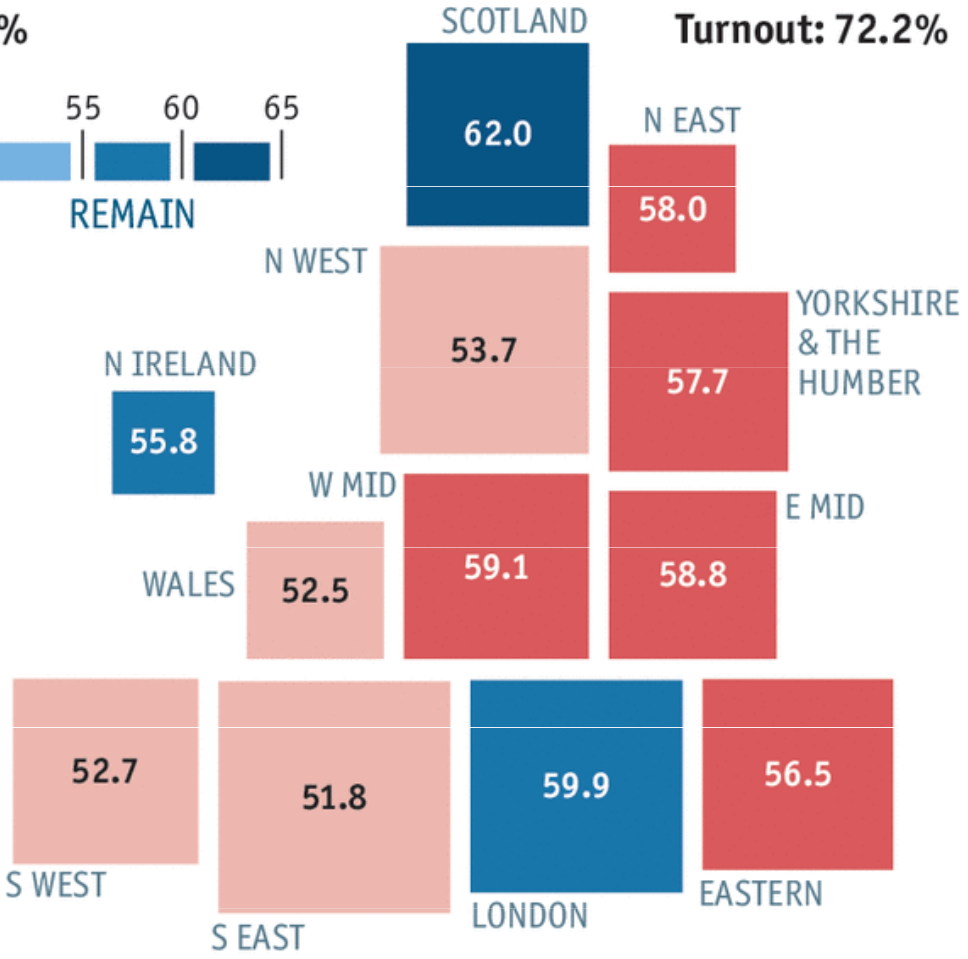



Source: BBC

## Results by region, %




**Turnout: 72.2%**

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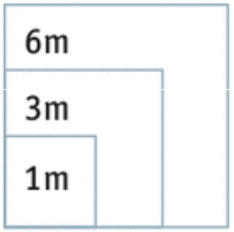


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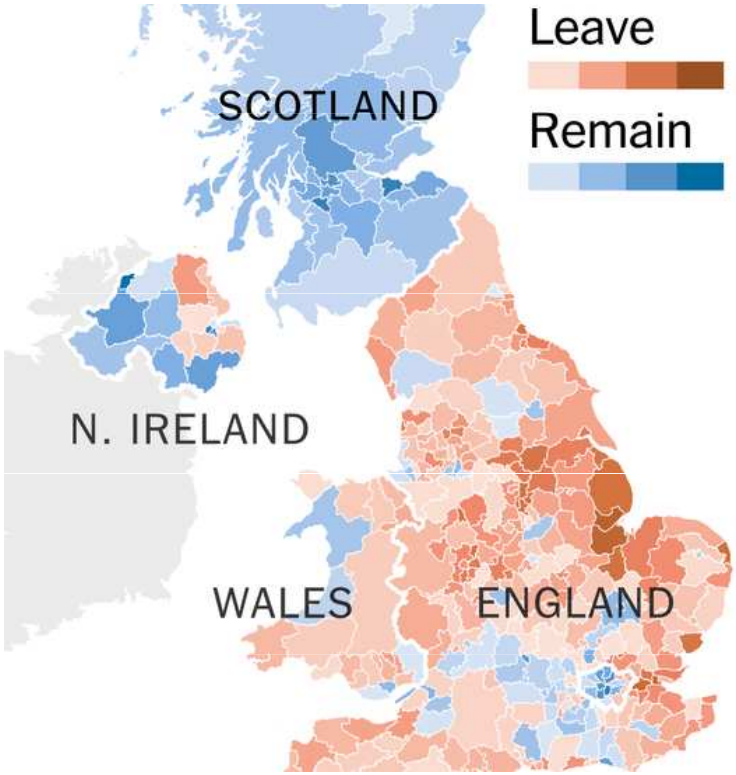
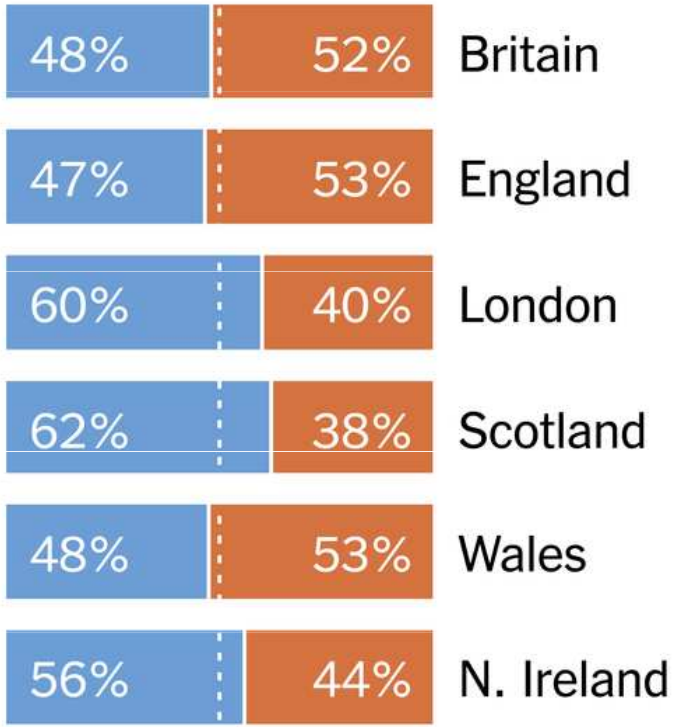
– Clear geographical differences

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It's looking a little bit like **Maggie Simpson** right now...

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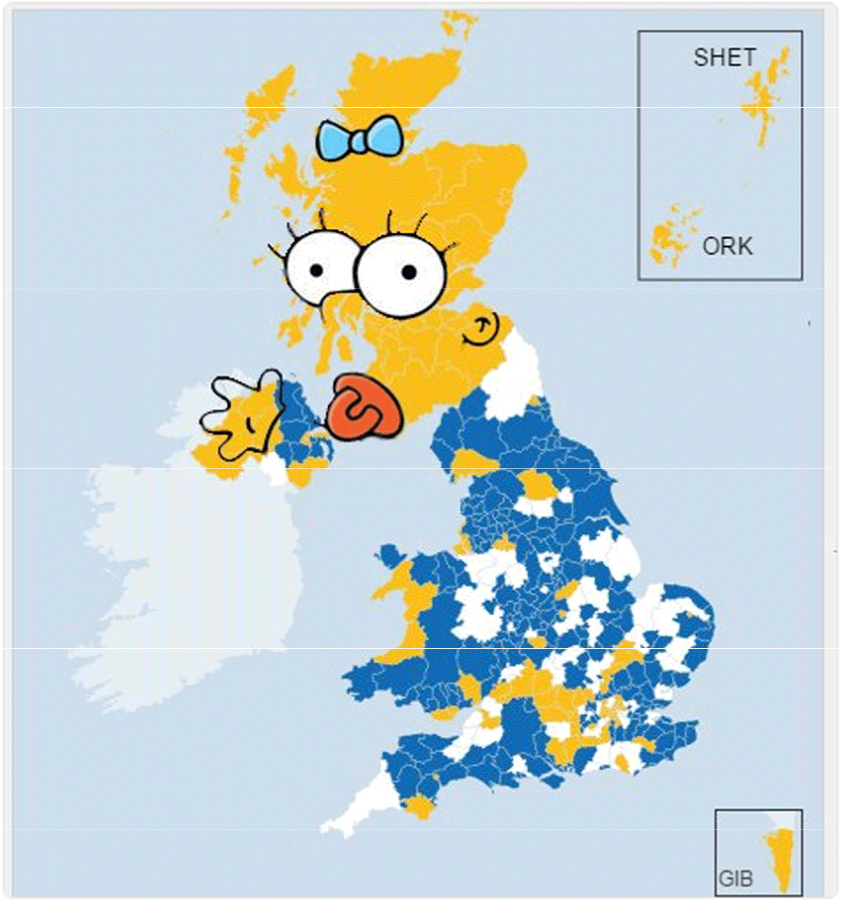


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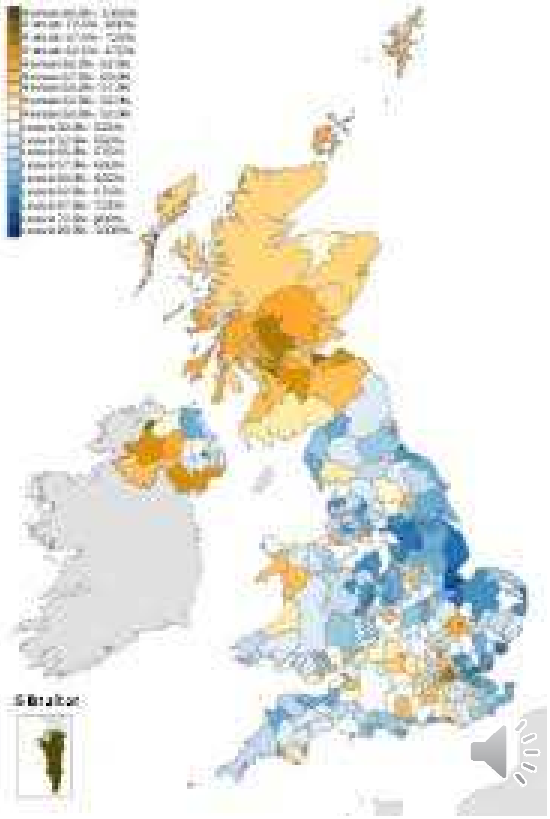
– Many constituents voted differently from their MPs



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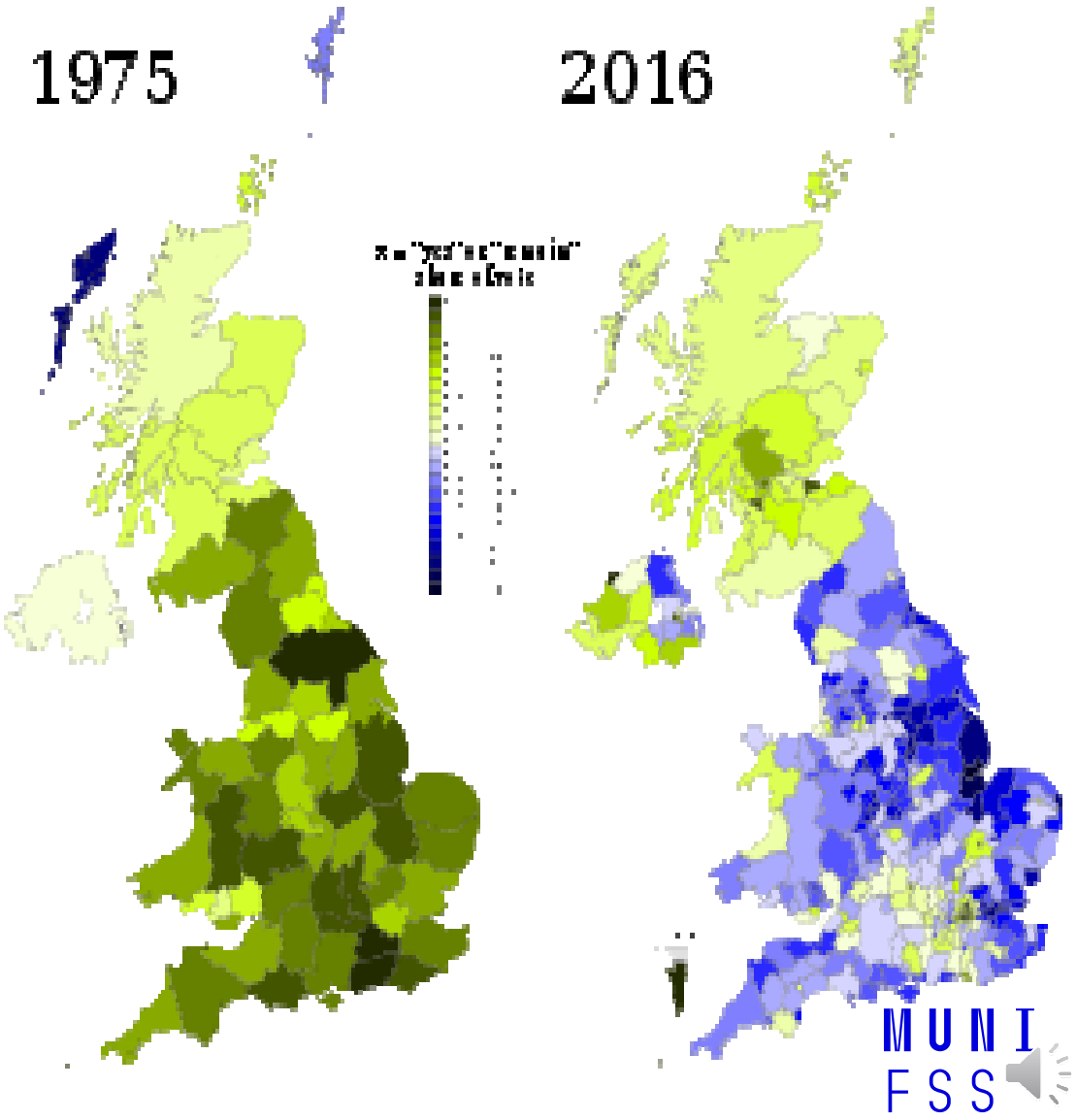
- Changes between referenda in 1975 and 2016



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| | 1975: Do you think the UK should stay in the European Community (Common Market)? | | 2016: Should the UK remain a member of the EU or leave the EU? | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | YES | NO | REMAIN | LEAVE |
| UK | 67.2 | 32.8 | 48.1 | 51.9 |
| England | 68.7 | 31.3 | 46.6 | 53.4 |
| Northern Ireland | 52.1 | 47.9 | 55.8 | 44.2 |
| Scotland | 58.4 | 41.6 | 62.0 | 38.0 |
| Wales | 64.8 | 35.2 | 47.5 | 52.5 |
| Turnout (UK) | 63.9% | | 72.2% | |

Sources: Audickas, Hawkins and Cracknell (2017, 81–82); BBC (2016a); Butler and Kitzinger (1976).

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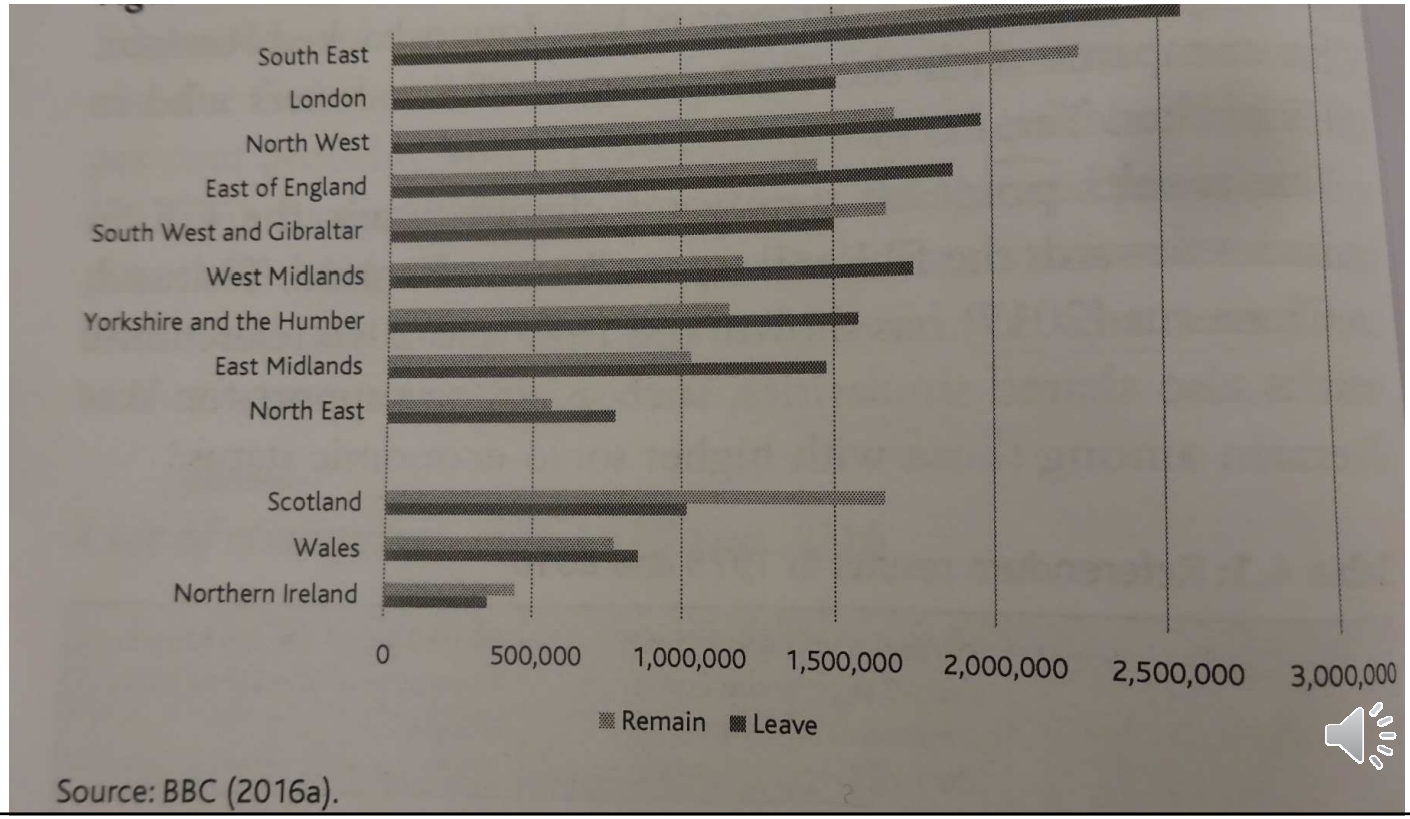
– The referendum was decided in England

*Total votes cast in each UK region*




Source: BBC (2016a).

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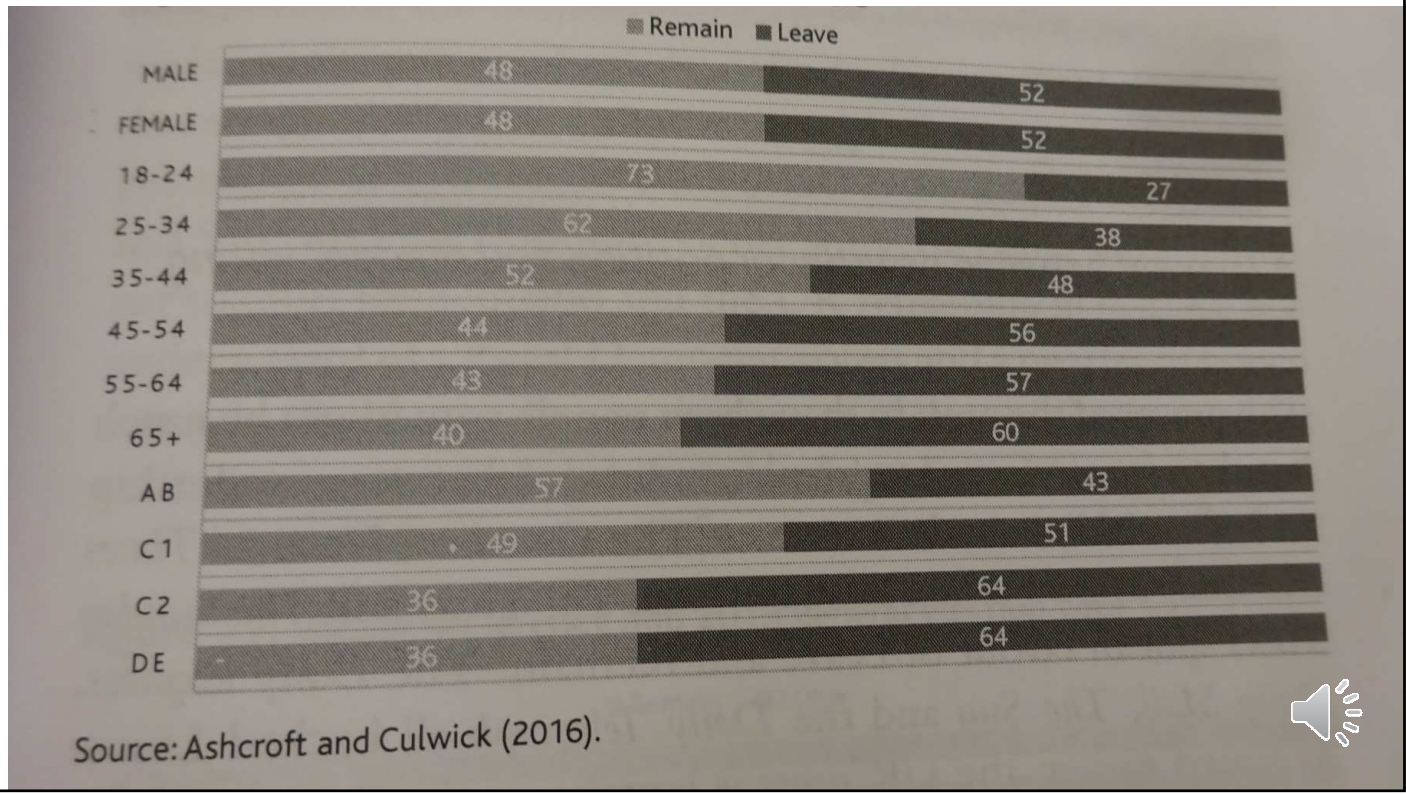
- Clear social and age differences in how people voted

*Demographic breakdown of voters*



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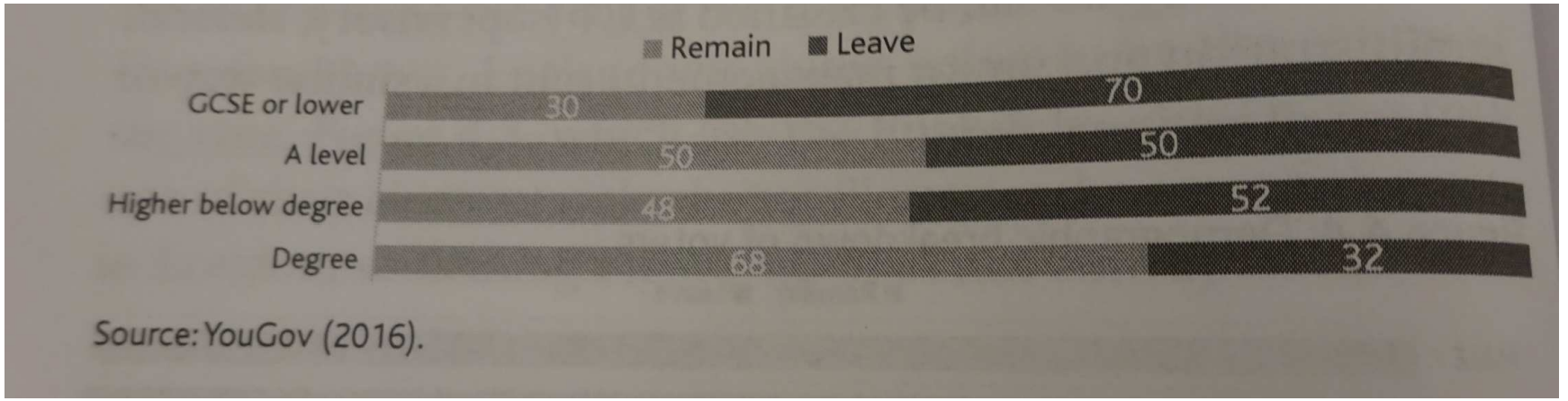
– Educational background as a strong indicator of voting intention

*Educational levels of Remain and Leave voters*

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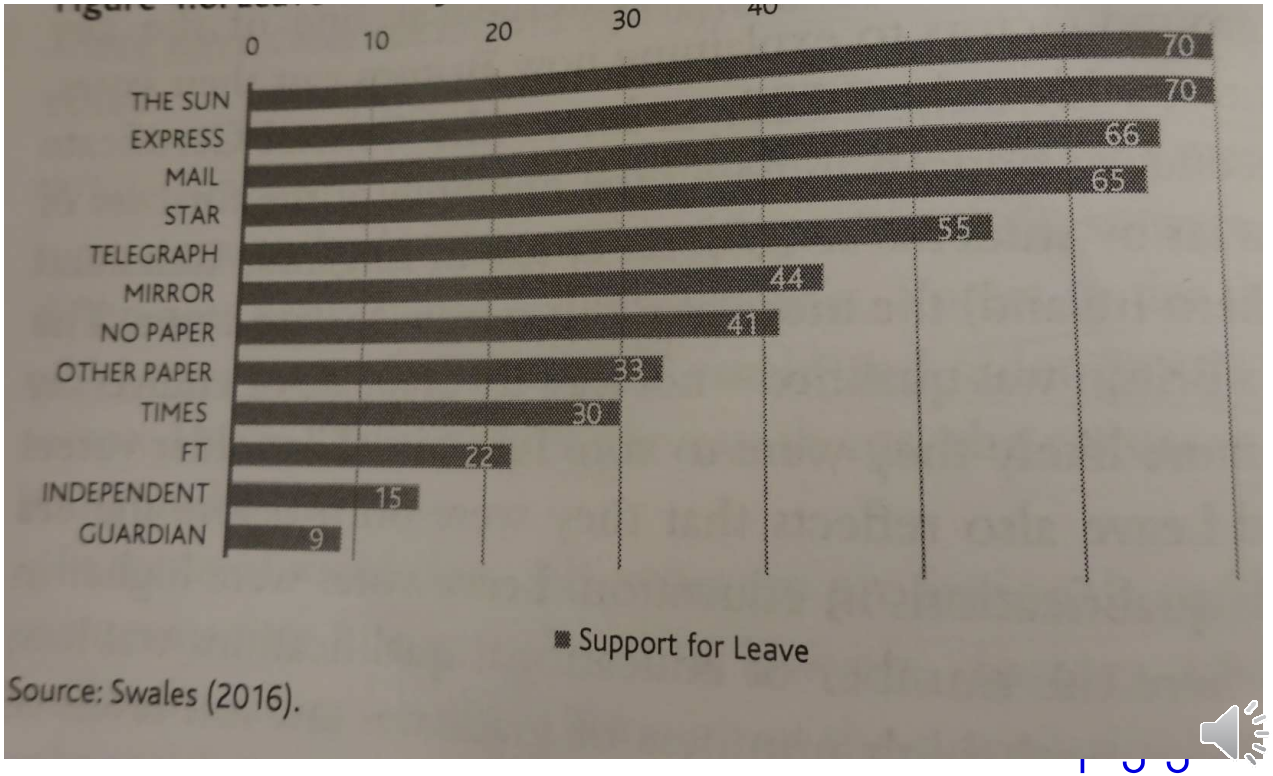
– Alignment between newspaper position and readers‘ voting intention

*Leave vote by newspaper read most often*




Source: Swales (2016).

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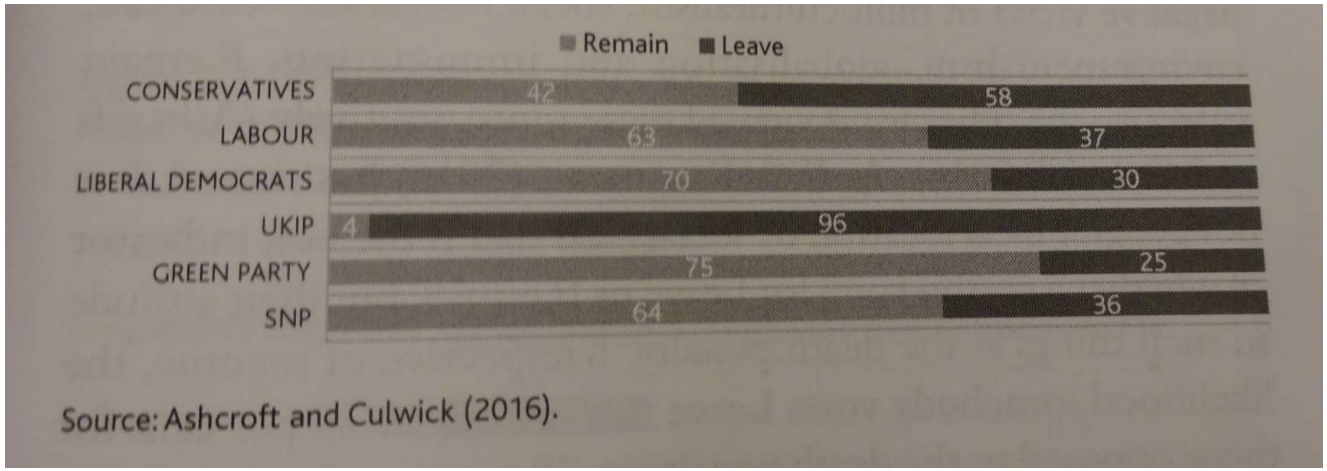
– Large numbers of people voted differently from the position of the party they voted for in the 2015 election

*Votig preference and 2015 general election vote*



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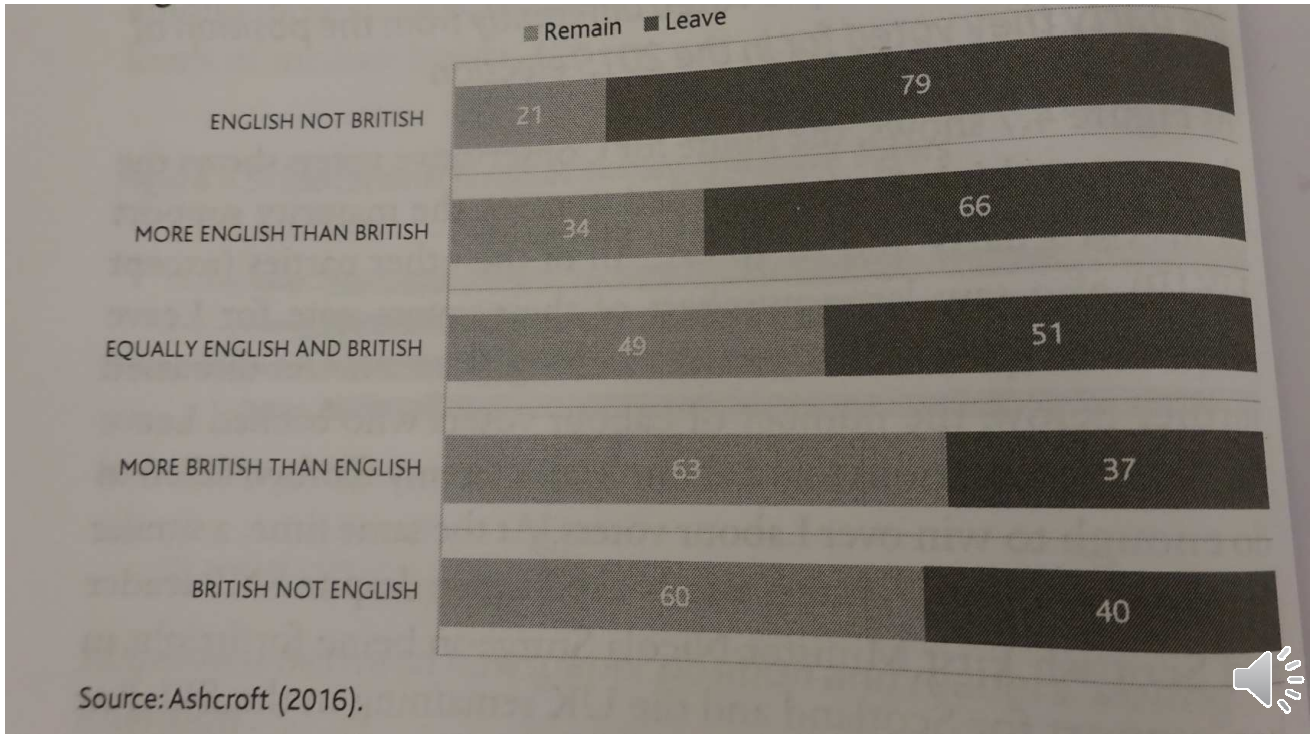
– Voters who identified themselves as English voted strongly for Leave

*Votes according to strength of English and British identity*



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- Remain and Leave voters divided by values

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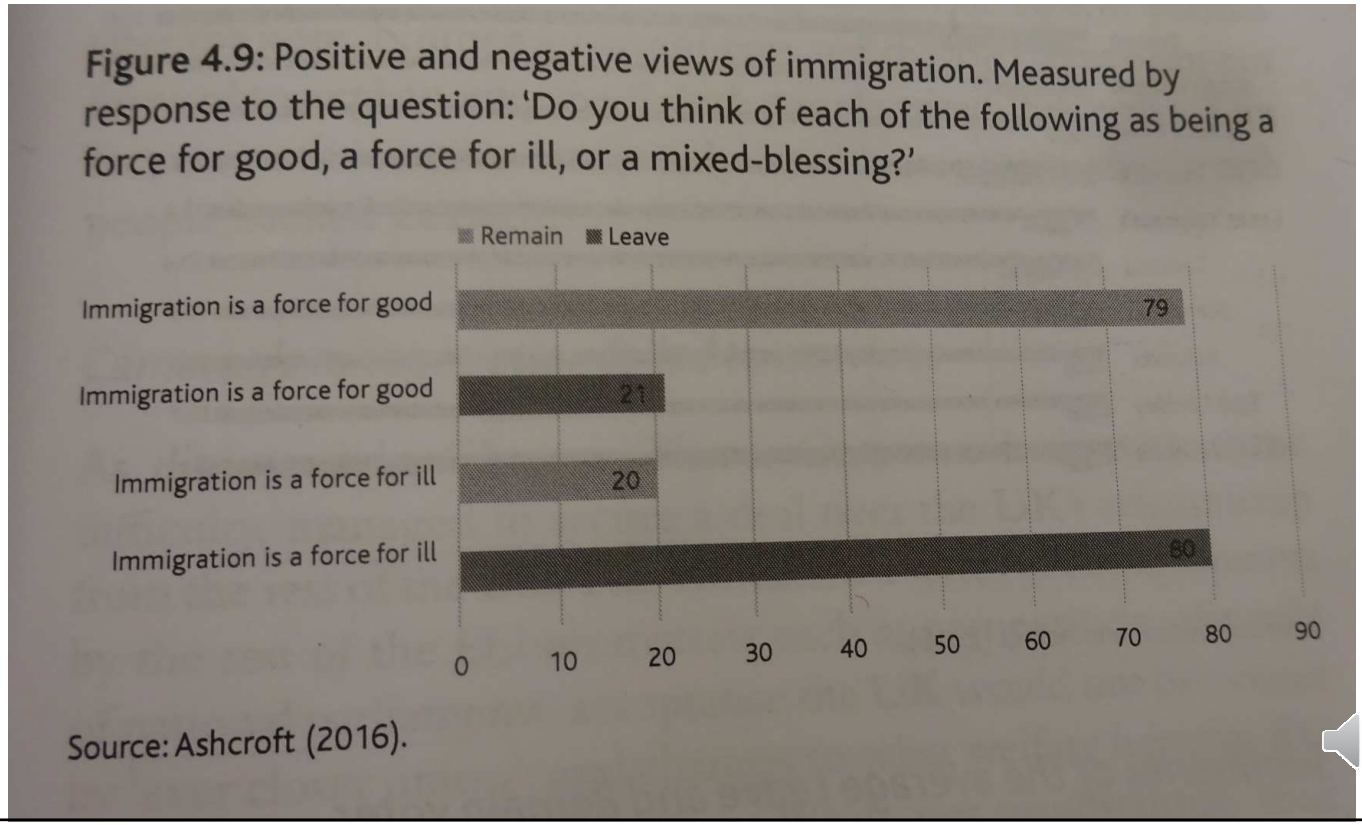
– Views and experiences of immigration were important dividing lines



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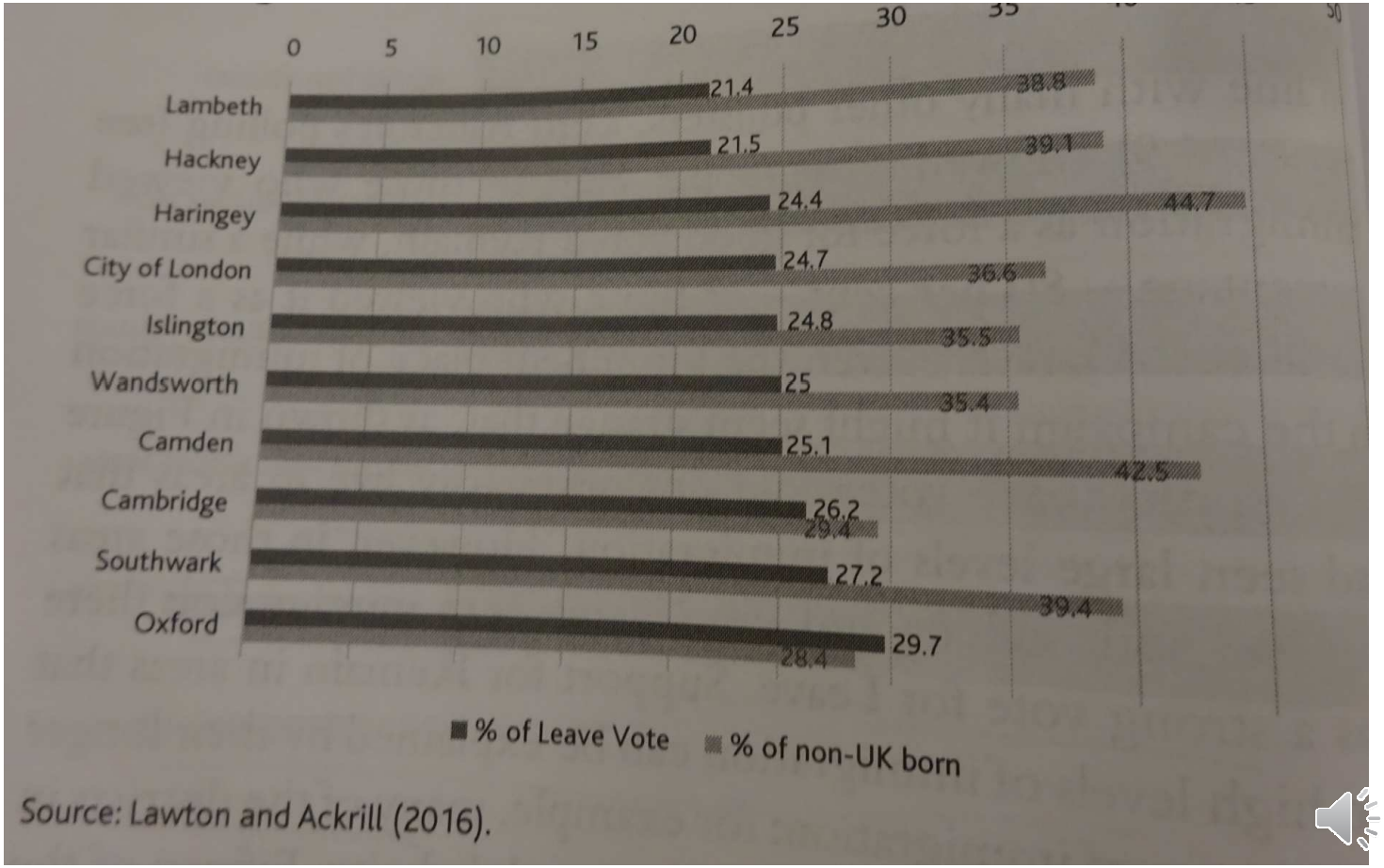
*The 10 districts with the lowest Leave votes and the percentage of non-UK residents in each*




Source: Lawton and Ackrill (2016).

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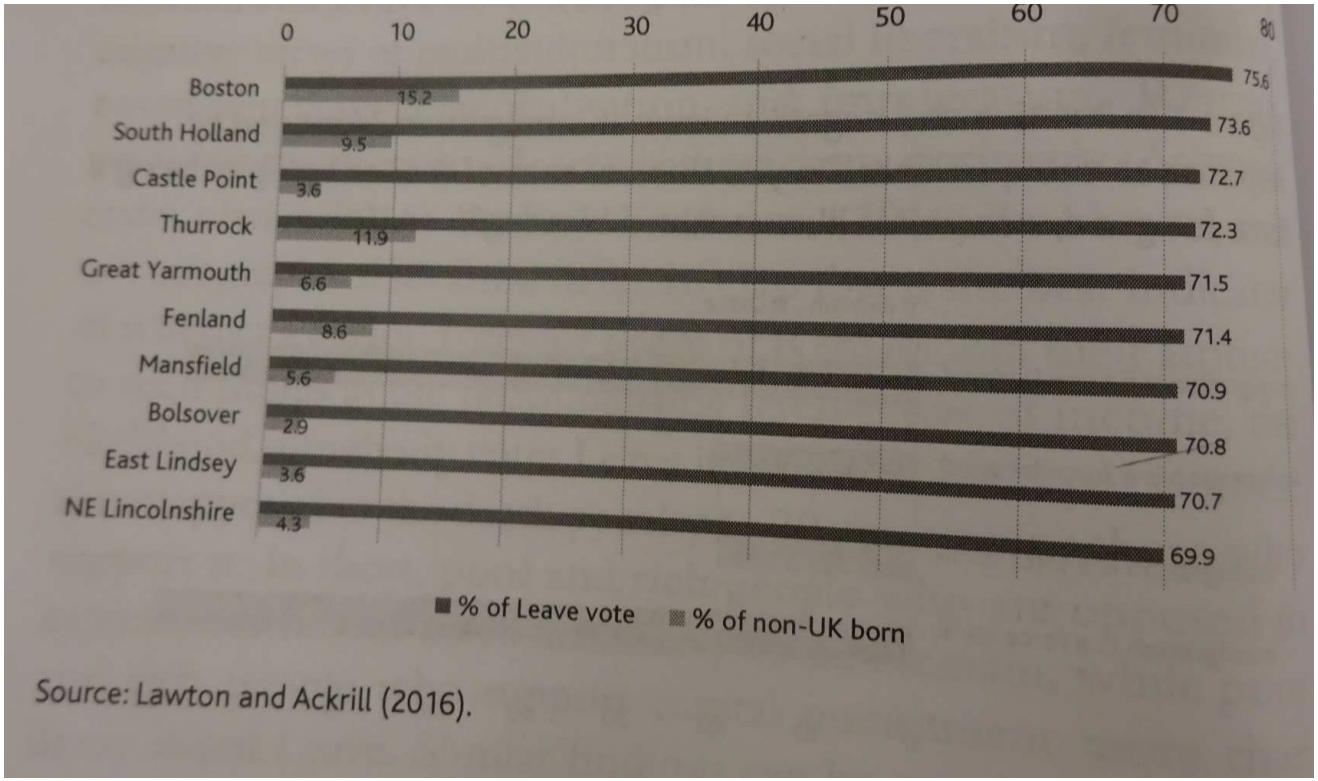

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- Summaries of an average Leave and Remain voter

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