

# BMG EXCLUSIVE Two thirds of young people want to stop Brexit

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New BMG Research poll for Left Foot Forward shows young people don't just want to stay in the Single Market - they want to halt Brexit altogether.

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**Two thirds of 18-24 year olds believe Brexit should be halted, according to a new BMG Research poll for *Left Foot Forward*.**

66% of 18-24s with a view believe 'Brexit should be stopped', according to the poll for *Left Foot Forward*, while the figure is even higher for those from a Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) background – at 69%.

A statistically significant 8% of Leave voters – almost one in ten – also now believe we should no longer quit the EU.

And nearly one in five Conservatives (18%) with a view believe the process should be halted, compared to 65% of Labour supporters.

65% of Scots support ending the Brexit process, compared to just 36% of those in the East Midlands.

For voters overall, 38% believe Brexit should be halted, rising to 46% when 'don't knows' are excluded.

Asked if Brexit *could* be stopped, 37% of voters overall believe it is possible, including 45% of 18-24 year olds (46% and 57% respectively when 'don't knows' are excluded). The figure rises to 49% for those from BME backgrounds (63% excluding 'don't knows').

**Eloise Todd, CEO of Best for Britain said:**

“Young people voted to remain in the referendum by a considerable margin, but were out voted. They were voting for their future, yet, at the moment, it has been taken from them.

“This poll result is incredibly heartening to people like me. Young people are caring, passionate and know the world that does not end at the White Cliffs of Dover.

“The results of this poll needs to be a wake-up call to the government. Young people fear for their future and want the government to change direction.

**Josiah Mortimer, Editor of *Left Foot Forward*, said:**

“This is an overwhelming show of feeling from young people. The call to stop and think again is very clear indeed. Theresa May is negotiating a Brexit dictated by the right-wing DUP, and Britain's youth are having none of it.

“With more and more young people getting involved in politics, this is not a call that can be easily ignored.

“It is also a call for the Labour party – who 18-24s overwhelmingly support – to take a tougher line and call out Brexit for what it is: an enormously self-defeating and mistaken plan that will damage our economy and society more generally. The pressure on Jeremy Corbyn to oppose Brexit altogether just moved up a gear.

“That nearly one in ten Leave voters now back halting Brexit is also a reflection of the damage we've already seen – from stagnating growth and falling wages, to a weaker pound and a slump in investment.

“This is not comfortable reading for Theresa May – or indeed the Labour party. Parties which want to court an energised youth vote will now have to reflect very carefully.”

**James McGrory, Executive Director of Open Britain, said:**

“These figures lay bare just how concerned people – and in particular young people – are about Brexit.

“New facts are coming to light all the time that simply were not known at the time of the referendum about the damage Brexit has already done to our economy and our public services.

“As more new facts emerge and it becomes clearer still that the Brexit being delivered looks nothing like the one they were promised, voters have every right to keep an open mind about whether leaving the EU is the right thing for our country to do.”

*BMG interviewed a representative sample of 1,509 adults living in Great Britain between 5th and 8th December. Data are weighted. BMG are members of the British polling council and abide by their rules. Full details at [www.bmgresearch.co.uk/polling](http://www.bmgresearch.co.uk/polling). Cross-tabs available on request.*

*The questions asked were: ‘Do you still think it is possible for Brexit to be stopped?’  
And: ‘Do you think Brexit should be stopped?’*