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Khalifa Saleh Al Haroon or more commonly known as Mr. Q is the CEO and founder of the ILOVEQATAR movement. Straight from their website, ILOVEQATAR is "Qatar's friendliest community, ILQ strives to bridge the cultural barriers between expats and locals in Qatar through engagement across our media channels. "We create content that brings the community together in celebration of our similarities and differences, with the intent to educate, inform, and entertain."

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with community cohesion and it is his passion and love to share and organize with the civilians of Qatar events and social gathering to bring different communities together.

This year, for the 7th annual Qatar Leadership Conference, it was a privilege to invite Khalifa Al Haroon as our plenary speaker.

As a plenary speaker, Mr. Q has come with a certain mind set. He shared with the attendees the way to step above people's expectation and to work with a positive attitude.

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Nation And Aid

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In the world we live in today, not everyone is able to share equal resources and opportunities due to a variety of reasons. Labels have been given to those different countries and they are known as first world and third world countries. As a first world country, the citizens are more privileged as they are referred to as developed, capitalist, and industrial countries therefore have more income which

allows them the capability of providing themselves with the necessary and vital resources. On the other hand, third world countries are nations which have remained non-aligned with either NATO or the Communist Bloc. In addition to that, there are the countries in the LEDC or MEDC percentage of the nations spectrum. The LEDC (Less Economically Developed Countries) include countries which are lower in GDP and are considered to have lower living standards than the

MEDC. Furthermore, the MEDC (More Economically Developed Countries) are known to be more developed in it's industry and education rate. The United nations are a symbol which shows that many nations of different economic backgrounds can come together and discuss the ways in which they could all benefit one another and share responsibilities in taking action on the challenges and issues their nations face. Through these meetings, many nation



representatives offer to help in providing others with the resources they are in need of. By doing so, and with the nations working together and

staying as one, the better things will be and the more efficiently the economic, social, and other factored issues will be solved or dealt with.

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Loss Of Family

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Imagine being questioned to choose between your possessions or your loved ones. It's a decision that millions of people have to make on a daily basis. It may not seem as awful as it sounds, but once it's something experienced, there is a whole new perspective created regarding this vital issue.

Currently in the United States of America, many immigrants suffer from the consequences of the dreadful initiatives to separate immigrants, consisting of illegal immigrants. Certain leaders that have been newly elected have implemented such policies. These policies have caused a great downfall that has impacted the American civilians.

Recent studies have proven that most of the separation that occurs is located near the United States and the Mexican border. Circa 65 children are being ripped away from their families daily.. That is equivalent to an entire grade at a school.

Can you envision being deprived of friends and family? Can you visualize being alone? No one to talk to, nobody you know? As you read this, the numbers are gradually increasing. Day by day.

Hour by hour; Children become clueless of their surroundings and



where they went wrong to deserve a fate as horrifying as this. There are 100 “shelters” in 17 states in the United States of America, where immigrant children are held in detention centers. Nobody has the knowledge that can justify what occurs in such centers. For what we know they could be exposed to the threat of crimes such as sexual violence and human trafficking.

The facility in McAllen, Texas holds children up in cages. This is on another level of human rights violation. It is an issue that needs to be brought forth to the youth. Mistreating young people can lead

to mental deterioration and affects the youth that we depend on for the betterment of our future. The environment that they are put in is very mentally destructive and very unsanitary could lead up to serious damages which could be fatal.

Such injustice should be condemned and made

more aware to the world as a way to make changes and progression. This conference is a chance to spread awareness to meet light-minded people that could make a major impact to the social, economic, and political world. As the youth of this current generation, it should be our priority to stand together against human rights violation.

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“Don’t find the fault, find the remedy.”

- Henry Ford

What is Freedom?

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The lengths to achieve freedom may take days, weeks, months or even years. But what makes this freedom so valuable and so precious is the success of removing oneself from enslavement, from control and from injustice.

Nelson Mandela, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and Lucy Stone are just a few examples of revolutionary people who changed the structure of patriarchy,



the injustice faced by the blacks and to take back lands stolen by other nations for colonialism.

However, to achieve freedom, to achieve independence, a lot

has to be sacrificed. Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 27 years. 27 years of his life spent in confinement but it all became worth it when he became the first Black South African President

and the man to end the apartheid.

These revolutionary people do not sacrifice for no reason. They sacrifice a lot for the betterment of our future. It is to allow the future generations to benefit from. To provide ease and justice. To prevent civil wars, to prevent destitution and to allow people to live in harmony and security. Without these sacrifices, the blacks will not have their justice, the poor will be extremely exploited, slave trade will never cease and women will never have their rights or pave the pathway for our future.

Freedom comes with a price. May that be martyrs, may that be loss of land, may that be war, may that be pain, and may that be suffering. In the end, freedom always comes with a price.

Freedom is not free.

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Mr. Q shared of his struggles to bring the ILOVEQATAR platform to the knowledge of the citizens of Qatar and gradually towards the world. He struggled to attract investors and sponsors due to the lack of belief in his idea. However, that failure of inviting investors did not bring Mr. Q down at all. In fact, he got back up and decided to take matters into his own hands. He saved all of his money and invested it wholeheartedly into the ILOVEQATAR program.

Mr. Q said, “If people say you can’t do it – yes you



can.” He managed to stir the audience to cheer the chant. The audience were thoroughly engaged in the session and Mr. Q definitely motivated the audience to never let anyone bring them down.

Mr. Q achieved many

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awards in his lifetime so far. He came under the list of 100 most powerful Arab under 40. People came to him and told him that it was a fluke and it will never happen again but with his perseverance the following year he achieved to enter the same list but under the age of 48 years. His platform on Youtube received the Golden Youtube Award. All his achievements were due to his strong belief in his idea.

Mr. Q left the audience with one question. “How do you want to be remembered?” and he shared with the audience his one true regret, “I only wish I had started when I was younger.”

The History of The UN

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The United Nations is a global organization which involves many member states and has them coming together in one place to discuss common issues and challenges, and come to manage shared responsibilities.

The UN is currently made up of 193 member states with a mission guided by the purposes and principles contained in its founding agreement.

Throughout the years there have been 3 forerunners of the United Nations and the most recent prior to the establishment of the United Nations was in 1919. The forerunner of the UN was the League of Nations which is an association in created in



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conditions similar to the First World War, and set up in 1919 under the Treaty of Versailles “to promote international cooperation and to achieve peace and security.”

The name United Nations was given by the at the time

United States of America President Franklin D. Roosevelt on the 1st of January 1942, during the Second World War.

The United Nations first began on October 24th 1945 in San Fransisco, California, United States

when representatives of 50 countries met to draw up the UN Charter.

The delegates deliberated on the basis of proposals worked out by the representatives of China, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom and the United States at Dumbarton Oaks in the United States during August to October 1944.

The treaty got signed off on the 26th of June 1945 by the 50 countries’ representatives. The treaty was later then signed by Poland who became a part of the original 51 Member States.

Every year on the 24th of October the united nations day is celebrated and many people use this day to acknowledge the ratification of the Charter.

Modern Slavery

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Contemporary slavery, also known as modern slavery or neo-slavery, refers to institutional slavery that continues to exist in present day society. Estimates of the number of slaves today range from around 21 million to 70 million, depending on method used to estimate and the definition of slavery being used.

Slavery did not end with the abolishment in the 19th century. It still exists to this day and in many forms, ranging from forced labor to sexual

exploitation.

According to the 2016 Global Slavery Index report has estimated that there are 11,700 people in the UK living as slaves. There are many signs that have shown to relate to a person being forced into slavery. It is important to notice our surroundings and to take heed to our community and their well-being.

It has become increasingly difficult to identify these victims of slavery but there are some signs that can be detected such as those who consistently avoid eye contact and are reluctant to talk to people. They may due this due to fear

of being abused or threat given to family members.

Slavery never did end. Slavery still exists and it is important to make sure we understand this. These slaves may not be branded to an extent where people

can identify them as slaves but they are slaves, they are confined to an owner, to a place and to a lifestyle.

To this day, child labor, forced marriages, human trafficking and sexual exploitation is the main

and common form of modern slavery and this has to end. With the help of education and with the will and courage of young minds, transformation and complete and proper abolishment of slavery can be achieved.



Child Soldiers

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Children are a blessing to couples. They are the joy in their life and they increase our population. However, even by being a joy in a parent's life, many children of the world are trained to become weapons. From the moment they are born, they are taught that their life's purpose is to symbolise weapons and acts as them. Children caught in war zones are being used as weapons of war recruited to fight, forced to act as suicide bombers, and used as human shields. In a statement summarising 2017 as a brutal year for children caught in conflict, Unicef stated that parties to conflicts were blatantly disregarding international humanitarian law and children were routinely coming under attack. Some standard tactics which have been used on children in countries such as Iraq, Syria, Yemen, as well as Nigeria, Myanmar, and South Sudan are rape, forced marriages, abduction and enslavement. Trained to become an asset to either a government or a political organisation set to cause destruction in its wake. Many areas of armed conflict take advantage of these young children to increase the assets in their arsenal. To use them as their first line of defence. To use them to create havoc and destruction. They can be boys or girls. Girls can be forced into sexual



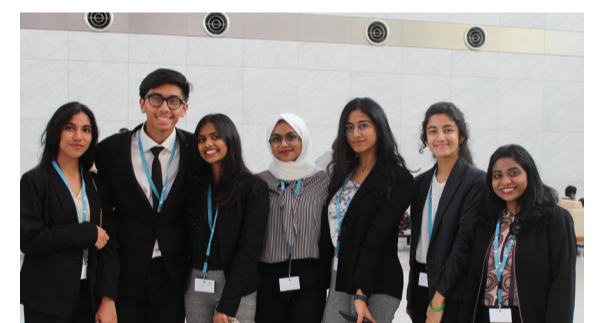
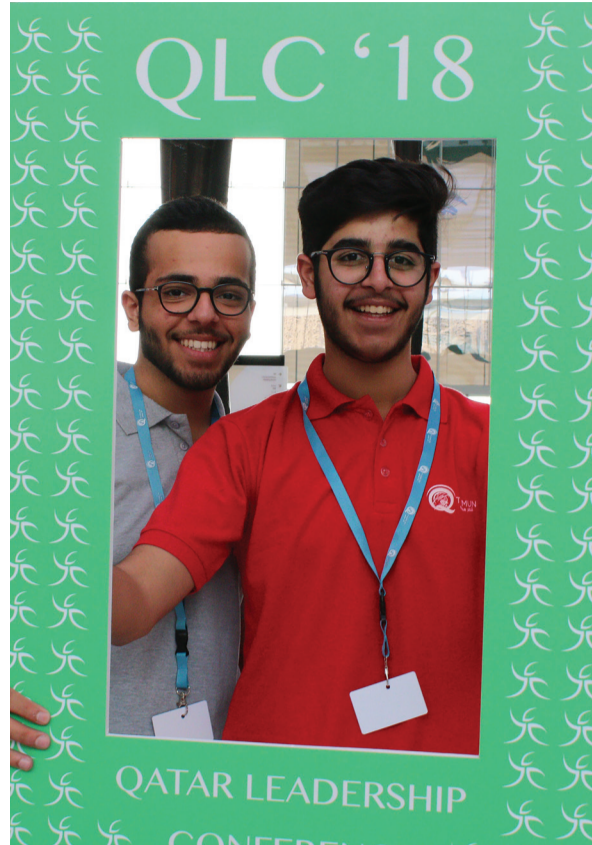
slavery. Many parents also take advantage of having children, they use them as bribes or sell them off to people or things such as sex drives and to unsafe areas under the supervision of unsafe people to get what they want and for the benefit

of themselves. Many countries suffering from war suffer from these unfair treatments. Many are abducted or recruited by force and some join in desperation in search for a better chance at survival. Some parents don't have the option of choosing

whether they would raise their children to see them grow or give them the life they deserve, instead they are taken away from them, captured, and taken advantage of. Although, what many do not realise is that in the end they are still children, they still have a life and they still have to live up to their potential. They are deprived of a normal childhood, from proper education and from safety and love. We are turning our children into machines. Into monsters that they do not deserve to become. We are denying

them the right to live a prosperous and righteous life. We are creating evil by turning these children, the seedlings of a plant, into a murderous weapon. The number of children used as 'human bombs' is alarming and most of the time, governments hide the truth of it. They are clandestined from the real world and are brainwashed into believing that they are born to carry a purpose, a purpose in which includes the killing of many innocents with the sacrifice of themselves and their souls.

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Brexit

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On June 23rd of 2016, the British voted in a National Referendum on whether they'll remain a part of the European Union or not.

The term "Brexit" came from the words "Britain's Exit". The polls showed that about 52% of people voted to leave the EU, meaning only 48% voted to stay.

As in those in favor of Brexit, are the ones which voted for Britain to leave the EU.

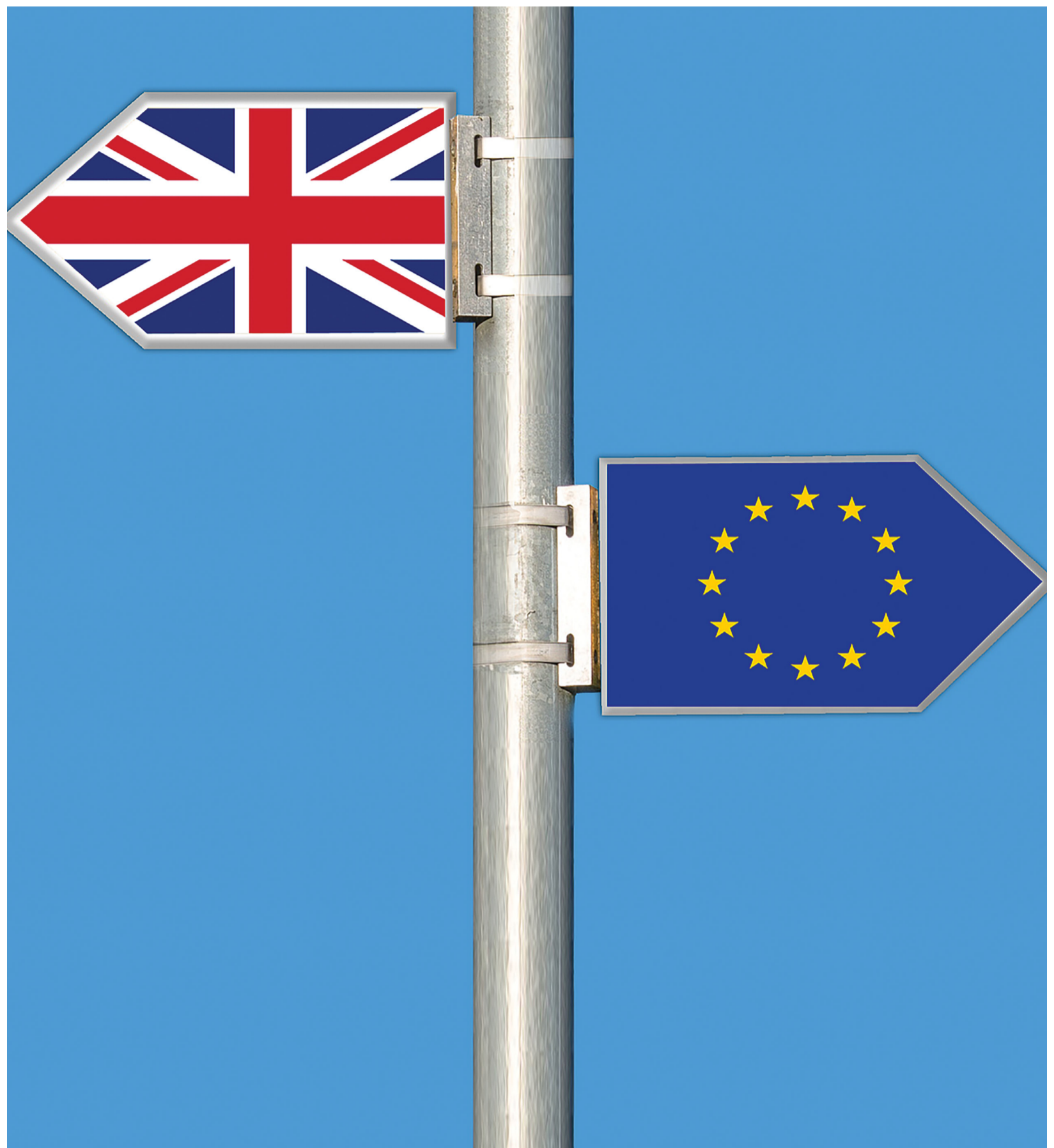
Those against Brexit are of the belief that Britain leaving the EU is not the right way to go about things and would be a mistake.

People fear that it'll damage the economy from a trading point of view, since about half of UK's imports and exports are from and to the EU and having to gain back connections for trade can be quite a lengthy process.

On the other hand though, there are many who believe that this would be great for the british trade as it would allow Britain to independently pursue international trade deals with India, China and the US.

Citizens are also against leaving the EU because they feel that there's nothing wrong with the current immigration system and that immigrants from the EU to the UK are more educated and thus they believe that allowing immigrants is a positive thing which benefits the country.

A particular issue for brexiters would be the



Central Agricultural Policy which they believe is expensive and wasteful.

Some are rather in support of Britain striking an agreement

with the EU, similar to Norway's where they'd have access to the EU's single market but would not be bound by the home affair laws, justice or agriculture.

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Most brexiters believe that this would allow the UK's financial authorities and government to design a regulatory framework better suited to the citizens' needs. And even though brexiters suggest we would still have access to the market if we joined the European Free Trade Area and the EEA, this is far from certain and would certainly bring along it's own problems.

All in all, it's safe to say that there's several opinions out there and

obviously, we're all entitled to our own.

Whether brexit is good or bad, whether the UK will even go through with it, only time will tell.

Until then though, it's important that we all do our own research, synthesize our own conclusions and decide how we, as future leaders, want to be a part of such a huge decision which is sure to affect, not only the UK, but the entire world.

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