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Trade Unionists Against the EU

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The government's determination to introduce new, unsafe NHS doctors' contracts and its attempts to weaken the health unions, result from its commitment to the European Union (EU) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). Yes Jeremy Hunt and the Tories are nasty, but they are puppets in a bigger, more dangerous game.

The largest corporate lobby in the EU is called the Roundtable of Industrialists. For many years it has dictated the social and economic policy tune to the un-elected bankers in the European Central Bank (ECB) and EU Commissioners. They are the leading lights within the anti-public sector, austerity agenda known as neoliberalism.

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AND THE ATTACKS ON THE NHS TO END
VOTE TO LEAVE THE EU**

Private health care push to take over NHS

Within the corporate lobbies you might expect the oil, military and finance companies to be the dominant. This is not the case. The private health care organisations are the biggest and most influential both in the EU and the US. President Obama's plans for a more public health care system in the States was scuppered by these lobbyists.

EU is privatisation writ large

The EU has been on a forty year long programme of denationalising industries, privatising the public sector, deregulating labour markets, breaking up collective bargaining and 'liberalising', that is privatising, as much of the public sector as it can. Railways and postal services had to be sold off

under EU Directives. Naturally this has already had a negative impact on health provision with the internal market, the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) and so on.

Our industries, utilities and whole swathes of the public sector are now privatised and under overseas ownership with vast fortunes of the wealth created in Britain invested overseas, stashed in tax havens and in the bank accounts of a tiny 1% of the population dominated by the finance sector. Vast sections of remaining public buildings and assets are in the process of being sold.

Corporate takeover of UK must be halted

The corporate takeover of Britain has almost become complete and we have been turned into a private island with no independent energy supply and a collapse of our heavy industries and whole swathes of productive agriculture and fishing.



However, there are still considerable parts of the public sector remaining, schools, local authorities, government departments, even the Ordnance Survey, the BBC and above all the National Health Service (NHS).

The direction of travel of the EU is to now try and transfer these remaining public assets into private hands, notably those of the US. In order to achieve this, its highly secretive negotiations of a range of trade deals, which are in fact arrangements to privatise, deregulate and give corporations more power than governments, pose the biggest threat ever to our NHS.

Obama speaks on behalf of US multi-nationals

President Obama's recent visit to Britain and intervention in the EU referendum debate show how absolutely determined the US is to take over the EU 'market' and get its hands on health care. Financial institutions have a huge interest also in getting a private insurance based, US style, health system in place.

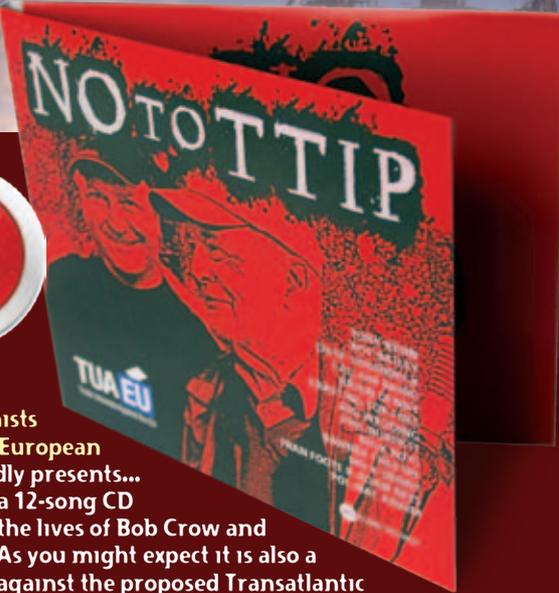
It is against this backdrop that the current resistance of BMA members to the government's planned contractual changes has to be seen, and the full significance of their stance as part of the life and death struggle for the NHS.

Some say the EU can be reformed and that although TTIP is way beyond the pale, we must stay in the EU in order to reform it. This is quite wrong. The underlying neoliberal Treaties of the EU can only be changed by simultaneous agreement by the 28 member states, most of whom, like the toothless EU Parliament itself, are dominated by the right.

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The mass unemployment (23 million unemployed in EU states), collapse of the single currency, appalling poverty, the destruction of public health care in countries like Greece and inequality are literally worsening the health of the people and this in turn puts more pressures on public health provision.

The only way to escape the privatising agenda of the EU and the poison of TTIP is to ensure that health workers are in the lead of a vote to leave the EU. Perhaps then some of the £350 million a week that Britain pays net into the EU could be reallocated to invest in our NHS.



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