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David Cameron and former Trades Union Congress boss Brendan Barber [will unite](#) at an event today to make the case that working people are stronger, safer and better off in Europe. In an [article in the Guardian](#), they argue that, though they disagree on many things, they agree totally that jobs are more plentiful, wages are higher, and prices are lower thanks to Britain's membership of the EU. Were we to leave, for working people, "the likelihood is that you would take home less money at the end of the month than if we had stayed in Europe."

Working people in Britain are stronger, safer and better off as part of the EU. Leaving would be a leap in the dark that would put jobs, wages and workers' rights at risk.

In a speech today, Priti Patel is expected to argue that vital rights provided by EU law - like health and safety legislation and paid holidays - are "stifling" British business. This is wrong on every level. More than eight out of ten British small businesses want to remain in Europe. The UK economy is one of the least-regulated in the world. And these rights are not stifling - they are vital protections for workers. Leave campaigners cannot be trusted to protect the interests of working people.

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Bank of England warns leaving Europe risks higher prices

Leaving the EU would lead to sterling falling, prices rising and the economy slowing, the Governor of the Bank of England [warned yesterday](#). In a letter to MPs, he warned that the only plausible post-leaving scenario would lead to "a lower path for growth and a higher path for inflation." It comes after the OECD repeated warnings from the Treasury, the Institute for Fiscal Studies, President Obama, business and trades unions. Leaving the EU would leave families £4,300 worse off. It would be a leap in the dark we cannot afford.

Leavers think £150 a month hit for families is a price worth paying

Families losing £150 a month would be "a price worth paying" for Britain to leave the EU, one of the most senior Leave campaigners [said yesterday](#). Arron Banks, leader of the Leave.eu campaign, confirmed that "I would still advocate leaving". The Leave campaign's mask has slipped. They see less jobs, less money for families, poorer public services and higher prices as being worth the illusory benefits brought by leaving the EU. Families are safer and better off in Europe - as even Leave campaigners now admit.

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John Major says Britain gains significantly more than we give from Europe

Speaking on the Today programme, John Major attacked the Leave campaign and [said](#) Britain gains far more than we give and win more than we lose from our membership of the EU. The former prime minister accused the Leave campaign of "mindless soundbites" and added that those who want to leave the EU to achieve "undiluted sovereignty" should "go to North Korea". This comes a day after John Mills, a founder of Vote Leave, defected from their campaign, the latest in a long line of Labour resignations from Vote Leave.

John Major also condemned those who say it is patriotic to campaign for Britain to leave and added that walking away from Europe is not in Britain's national interest. The choice in this referendum is: economic security and global influence as part of Europe, or a leap in the dark.

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David Cameron and Brendan Barber highlight expert support for remaining in the EU

The Prime Minister and former general secretary of the Trade Union Congress unveiled two posters setting out why people should vote to remain in Europe. The posters showed the hundreds of experts, from business leaders and academics to world leaders and scientists, who say we are safer and better off in Europe whilst the Leave campaign is struggling to find credible voices backing their campaign. You can see the poster [here](#).

Carney says EU vote poses risk to British economy

Mark Carney, the Bank of England governor, has [warned](#) the economy is slowing ahead of the referendum. He also said the vote is posing the biggest risk to UK growth. He has previously indicated that Britain's economy could struggle to grow if Britain were to leave Europe. He told the Stockport Express newspaper: "In the very short term the economy appears to be slowing, probably relating to issues around the referendum."

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