



Reform's Suella Braverman blames Tories for 'exodus' of Brits

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Reform leader Nigel Farage and Suella Braverman

Tory-Reform turncoat, MP Suella Braverman is angry that Brits are leaving Britain. Falling immigration has not yet filled the void that exists in place of her soul.

'The brightest and the best are leaving the UK,' Suella Braverman wrote in response to a *Telegraph* report featuring immigration stats from the Office for National Statistics (ONS). She noted that the position was untenable. The *Telegraph* reported that in 2025, 75,000 more Britons aged 16-34 left the UK - the highest number on record since the ONS changed its methodology in 2021.

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This can't go on. <https://t.co/Z5JKxQtK2Z>

Suella Braverman (@SuellaBraverman) [May 21, 2026](#)

The *Telegraph's* article is headlined 'Young Britons turn their backs on Starmer's high-tax UK' - implies this was due to Starmer's high-taxation policies. However, data published by the ONS suggests work and study patterns are likely drivers. Suella Braverman doesn't seem to agree.

## Sharp fall in net migration

Overall, the ONS report found that net migration to the UK fell to an estimated 171,000 in the year ending December 2025. That's nearly half the revised estimate of 331,000 for the year ending December 2024.

The ONS also cited a 47% drop in non-EU nationals arriving for work-related reasons. This followed government changes restricting skilled worker visa and stopping most foreign students from bringing dependants, as well as closing the Health and Care route for overseas care workers. Critics have argued that these policies were strongly influenced and pedalled during Suella Braverman's tenure as home secretary.

Even the *Telegraph* concedes that the fall in net migration stems from [Tory](#) policies introduced during her time in office. This included restrictions on workers and students ability to bring dependants, as well as salary increases to and raising the salary threshold for foreign workers.

The former (Tory) home secretary [defected to Reform just earlier this year](#). Since then, Suella Braverman has blamed the Tories for "out-of-control immigration" and high taxes. But isn't something missing here - didn't she loyally serve in the very government she's now publicly bashing. It's safe to say that Suella Braverman really is [politically homeless](#)

The real problems of inequality, soaring corporate profits, complicity in genocide are the ones Reform conveniently sidesteps, just like the "uniparty" system they claim to oppose.

Immigration was never the real issue for Suella?

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