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# NIGEL FARAGE

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- Long serving UKIP Leader and Brexit Campaigner



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Nigel Farage is co-founder and long serving leader of the UK Independence Party (UKIP). He was the face of the successful campaign to take the UK out of the European Union in the 2016 Brexit referendum, positioning the referendum as the start of a global populist wave against the political establishment.

Farage has been a Member of the European Parliament for South East England since 1999 and co-chairs the Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy Group. He has been noted for his sometimes controversial speeches in the European Parliament and his strong criticism of the euro currency. He made 7 attempts to be a Member of the UK Parliament but was never elected. In his first General Election in 1995 he received 1.5% of the votes cast, in his most recent attempt in the 2015 General Election, he received 32.4% of the votes.

In September 2016, Farage stepped down as leader of UKIP after 15 years. Writing in *The Spectator*, the journalist Rod Liddle described Farage as 'the most important British politician of the last decade and the most successful'. Farage has become the great "disruptor" of British and European politics and is widely consulted for his views on the changing nature of western politics. He was shortlisted for *TIME Magazine's* 2016 Person of the Year, but was beaten by Donald Trump. He won the Lifetime Achievement Award at the *Spectator's* 2016 Awards. He has formed a close personal relationship with President Trump having spoken at his election rally in Mississippi. He was ranked second in *The Daily Telegraph's* Top 100 most influential right-wingers poll in 2013, behind Prime Minister David Cameron, he was also named "Briton of the Year" by *The Times* in 2014.

In 2010, Farage published a memoir, entitled *Fighting Bull (Flying Free)*, outlining the founding of UKIP and his personal and political life. A second book, *The Purple Revolution: The Year That Changed Everything*, was released in 2015. He is a keen cricket fan and has appeared on the BBC's *Test Match Special*. He appeared in an advertisement for the bookmaker Paddy Power ahead of golf's 2014 Ryder Cup. However, due to spinal injuries since his 2010 plane crash, he cannot play golf. He likes to relax by fishing alone at night.