

# It takes courage to admit you were wrong

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It takes courage to admit you were wrong. Wise people have to do it every now and again. Peter Osborne has done it with regard to Brexit on [Open Democracy](#).

I do not, by a long way, agree with Peter Osborne's world view. But he has courage. And he shows it again by admitting he called Brexit incorrectly. He also, appropriately, reveals that this is not a binary decision now, and never was. It's always been about a balance of judgement and the necessity to accept some unpalatable aspects of the EU for the overall benefit it provides.

I recommend [reading it](#).