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## About



The UK Independence Party is the UK's third political party – and the only one now offering a radical alternative.

On February 28, 2013, our candidate Diane James (above) came a close second to the Lib Dems in the Eastleigh by-election to record our best-ever Westminster result. This came hot on the heels of resounding results in a raft of by-elections at the end of 2012 in Rotherham, Corby and Middlesbrough.

We are now aiming at first place in the 2014 European Parliament elections.

In 2004, we came third in the those elections, ahead of the Lib-Dems; in 2009 we went one better and came second, beating Labour.

### **THE EU – A SYMPTOM, NOT THE CAUSE**

UKIP was founded in 1993 to campaign for the UK's withdrawal from the EU. Not because we hate Europe, or foreigners, or anyone at all; but because **it is undemocratic, expensive, bossy – and we still haven't been asked whether we want to be in it.**

But the EU is only the biggest symptom of the real problem – the theft of our democracy by a powerful, remote political 'elite' which has forgotten that it's here to serve the people.

### **WHAT WE BELIEVE IN**

We believe in the right of the people of the UK to govern ourselves, rather than be governed by unelected bureaucrats in Brussels (and, increasingly, in London and even your local town

hall).

We believe in the minimum necessary government which defends individual freedom, supports those in real need, takes as little of our money as possible and doesn't interfere in our lives.

We believe in democracy devolved to the people, through national and local referendums on key issues, so that laws are made by the people's will, not the fads of the political class.