

human rights arguments for violent ends has become widespread, and I felt obliged to remind readers that it contradicts Sakharov's worldview. The letters call my summary "flawed," "dubious," and "questionable" but were not able to specify a single idea of Sakharov's that I got wrong. I trusted his own writings rather than wishful misinterpretations by some later biographers, and although there was no space for long quotations, I did indicate how Sakharov's ideas developed over time. The true legacy of the great humanist is absolutely incompatible with hawkish and neoconservative agendas and must not be used for such purposes.

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Society, politics, and the realm of physics

I was amazed to read the editorial about Brexit in the August 2016 issue of PHYSICS TODAY (page 8). I always feel uncomfortable when PHYSICS TODAY strays into the realm of politics. I understand that it is sometimes necessary, but UK immigration policy? I really don't care about the editor's opinion in this area. But I do object strongly to his assertion that Brexit was fueled by "ugly anti-immigration sentiment." I do not believe that is true. My reading is that the vote was motivated by the British people's dislike of the unelected, anti-democratic bureaucracy that runs the European Union.

I see nothing ugly about that. Moreover, I see nothing ugly about people wanting to control the immigration policy of the country of which they are citizens. So, Mr. Editor, stick to physics. We probably agree on that.

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► **Day replies:** Robert Orr's belief that immigration was not the biggest reason leave voters favored Brexit is supported by an opinion poll conducted soon after the referendum.¹ Almost half of leave

voters cited sovereignty as their main concern. But immigration came in second; it was the main concern of one-third of leave voters. What's more, the UK Home Office reported a surge in racially or religiously motivated hate crimes in the month after the vote.² Hate crimes also rose in the US after the election of Donald Trump as president.³

As for sticking to physics, this magazine has never done that. Our mission remains to report on physics, on the impact of physics on the wider world, and on the wider world's impact on physics. The Brexit vote will affect physicists, so PHYSICS TODAY covered it. (See "Brexit vote rattles UK and European scientists," June 2016, PHYSICS TODAY online.)

It's also part of PHYSICS TODAY's mission to serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas—which is why I welcome Orr's letter.

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Making a name with Chinese characters

In the obituary for Moo-Young Han (PHYSICS TODAY, November 2016, page 70), we listed the transcription of his name into Chinese as 韓武榮, which is the common usage in Chinese scientific literature. In Korean and Japanese journals, however, it is transcribed as 韓茂榮.

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