DAVID CAMERON’S SPEECH– MAY 2015.

Today I want to talk about immigration.

Just as this government has a long-term plan for where we are taking our country so within that we have a long-term plan for immigration.

Immigration benefits Britain, but it needs to be controlled.

It needs to be fair.

And it needs to be centred around our national interest.

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| That is what I want.  And let me tell you why I care so passionately about getting this right - and getting the whole debate on immigration right in our country.  When I think about what makes me proud to be British yes, it is our history, our values, our creativity, our compassion but there is something else too.  I am extremely proud that together we have built a successful, multi-racial democracy.  A country where in one or two generations people can come with nothing and rise as high as their talent allows.  A country whose success has been founded not on building separate futures, but rather on coming together to build a common home.  We have always been an open nation, welcoming those who want to make a contribution and build a decent life for themselves and their families.  From the Jewish communities who came to Britain before World War One to the West Indians who helped to rebuild our country after World War Two. |