
BRITAIN COULD STILL REVERSE BREXIT, FORMER MINISTER HESELTINE SAYS

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Brexit could be reversed if economic pain prompts a change in public opinion that brings a new generation of political leaders to power in Britain, former Conservative minister Michael Heseltine said.

Heseltine, who helped topple Margaret Thatcher in 1990 but ultimately failed to win the top job, said that Britain could face another election in just two years and that Prime Minister Theresa May would not lead the party into that election.

A supporter of EU membership, Heseltine said he saw a scenario in which Britain would not leave the European Union as scheduled in late March 2019.

There is now a possibility that Brexit will not happen, but it will need a change in public opinion, Heseltine, 84, told Reuters in an interview.

There may be indications but there is no really substantive evidence of public opinion moving but I think that it will happen. My guess is that public opinion will move, he said.

Heseltine said the shift in Brexit policy by the opposition Labour Party – including staying in the European single market and customs union for a transitional period – indicated Labour had sensed the wind of a change in public opinion.

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