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Goldsmith's absurd referendum question

Sir James Goldsmith's referendum question is absurd, for one simple reason. No government ever held a referendum unless both alternatives presented to the electorate were achievable if chosen by them. Returning the European Union to a mere collection of sovereign trading nations is not achievable because, as we all know, the other member states would never agree to it. So his suggested referendum would be pointless.¹

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¹ *The Times*, 30 November 1996.