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Source 2: Is Tony Blair a real Europhile?

Most of all, Mr Blair worries about what he describes as a coming together of the left and the far right in Europe, united in loathing both America and globalization. [...] Mr Blair is hoping that the arrival of the ten, mainly Atlanticist, accession countries will improve things. It will need to. [...] More than ever, he believes it is important for Britain's voice to be heard in Europe, whether it is making the case for always working closely with America, pushing for faster economic reform or arguing for the next stage of enlargement, including the admission of Turkey. But by defining Europe's priorities in those terms. Mr Blair reveals just how different Britain continues to be. Britain's ambivalence towards Europe endures because it is real and deep-rooted. It also happens to be personified in Mr Blair himself."

The Economist, April 1st, 2004.

Source 1: A cartoon by Cummings, France-Soir, February 1963. GB's application to EEC is turned down.