

To be or not to be European

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Abstrak

The article examines the current political development of the integration process of the EU. The author takes a closer look at the electoral votes of three very important EU members of the EU. The result of the EU referendum in three EU member countries shows a different opinion and ideology of the European citizen. Spain's weak and meek "yes" to the EU constitution obtained through a massive campaign by the political establishment and jointly by government and opposition alike. The result "no" in the Netherlands has shown signs of nationalistic backlash towards EU constitution. Apart from Holland's social decline, the "no" from the left was this time based on the EU's lack of appeal. And the French "no" with high electoral participation was based on the excesses of the free market system within the EU constitution, necessarily implying a lessening of the French social welfare system, increased unemployment, and lowering of living standards. The author concludes with the questions: what will the European Union be and where the process of the EU integration or disintegration will lead.