

Democracy, Luxembourg Style

There are hopeful signs that both the Dutch and French people will vote No in the forthcoming referendums on the proposed EU Constitution.

The Eurocrats' attitude will be **'so what?'**

Jean-Claude Juncker, the prime minister of Luxembourg and holder of the rotating EU presidency, told Le Soir newspaper in Belgium that he would act swiftly on Sunday night if France voted No.

He would appear with the head of the European Commission, Jose Manuel Barroso, and demand that all 25 EU nations complete the process of ratifying the constitution, in referendums or parliamentary votes.

Got that? The prime minister of Luxembourg will *demand* that the 25 parliaments and/or electorates of European nations vote Yes – including the ones that have just voted No. If they don't – then he'll ... he'll ...

"If it's a Yes, we will say 'on we go', and if it's a No we will say 'we continue'," he said.

In reality, if it's a No, **we'll** say 'off you go', and if it's a Yes, we'll say 'off we go'.

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