

The Bulletin

Week two of our Democracy Under Pressure campaign,
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Emmanuel Macron aux cérémonies du 11 novembre 2017 à la statue Clemenceau.
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FREEDOM OF SPEECH: A NEW CASE OF FRANCE'S FRAGILE DEMOCRACY?

BY THÉO BOUCART

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S REPEATED ASSAULTS ON FREEDOM OF THE SPEECH OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS IS A MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN, EVEN THOUGH THE PRESIDENT AND ITS PRIME MINISTER HAVE BEEN TRYING TO HIDE IT BEHIND OTHER PRESSING CONCERNS: RADICAL ISLAMISM AND THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC OF CORONAVIRUS. AN ARTICLE FROM THE FEATURE "DEMOCRACY UNDER PRESSURE", ORGANISED BY THE YOUNG EUROPEAN FEDERALISTS AND THE NEW FEDERALIST.

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A MATTER OF INTERPRETATION: CHRISTIAN VALUES AND LGBTQ+ RIGHTS IN HUNGARY AND IRELAND



BY DOROTTYA KÓSA AND GRAHAM PHELAN

From one state to another, it has been a rather bumpy road for LGBTQI+ rights in Europe. Taking the contradicting cases of Ireland and Hungary, Dorottya Kósa and Graham Phelan show us that similar systems of beliefs do not necessarily produce identical social norms. It is just a matter of interpretation.

Christianity has been the predominant religion of Hungary for the past thousand years. The religion was brought to the country by the founder of the state, King Stephen at the turn of the 10th century. In order to gain more influence through the support of the Church he called upon missionaries to convert the nation to Christianity and resultantly made it compulsory for all citizens to convert.

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Economy & Trade

TAXES: YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO DEMOCRACY

BY DEVIN SEAN MARTIN

Tax evasion is a fiendishly tricky crime to prove as it lacks the two most valuable players in any crime: a clear victim and a clear offender. It leaves no dead body lying beside a bloody knife, no stolen car with fingerprints on the handle, and no broken windows at a jewellery store. It merely leaves endlessly confusing and blurry audit trails saturated with grey areas between legality and ethics that most people don't understand, and therefore don't care about.

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Luxembourg has been widely considered a tax haven since the 1960s.
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Interviews

FIFTEEN YEARS ON: AN INTERVIEW WITH “FREE BELARUS” CAMPAIGN FOUNDER ÅSA GUNVÉN

BY ELIZABETH SADUSKY

At first, I was not sure why I was reminded of the catchphrase of “Mad Eye” Moody from the Harry Potter series. It most certainly had nothing to do with appearances. No, instead it was her message. Fifteen years from the start of the Democracy Under Pressure (DUP) campaign, initially entitled the Free Belarus campaign, Åsa’s message has not changed.

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WE STARTED THIS CAMPAIGN SO THAT PEOPLE
WOULD BE AWARE OF WHAT’S GOING ON IN
BELARUS, NOT JUST EVERY FEW YEARS WHEN
THERE IS AN ELECTION BUT EVERY YEAR.





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IS WESTERN EUROPE REALLY A BEACON OF DEMOCRACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES?

BY XESC MAINZER CARDELL

Many people consider Western European countries a haven for civil liberties, a place where respect for rule of law and freedom is something permanent, engraved in stone. However, both history and the recent years have shown that fundamental rights cannot be taken for granted. And Western Europe is no exception.

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View of Yemen's capital Sana'a, 2010, before the crisis.

DIGITAL DEMOCRACY: A NEW LIFE FOR POLITICAL PARTICIPATION?

BY AIA KEMP-WELCH

“ The boom of technological changes in the last decade has been rapidly moving life online, including government processes. This has been massively extended during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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