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Voting in any society should not be seen or treated as a privilege, but as a RIGHT and DUTY by any citizen. Or that is the expectation. This is especially so in a democratic and free society; where such elections are expected to be free and fair.

Share via Email The problem with democracy is that politicians give it such a bad name, and the problem with voting is that it encourages them. On declaring my intention not to vote to liberal-minded friends, I was greeted with howls of disbelief. Well, people also died in the Falklands war, the Boer war and the opium wars; this does not mean I have to like Margaret Thatcher, hate the Dutch and take heroin. It was the Chartists, in the mid 19th century, who campaigned, fought and often died for the right to vote. Not voting is not to be equated with not having the right to vote. The suppression of democracy is a vile and often violent thing. It goes hand-in-hand with the worst corruption and abuse of human rights. Even with the faults of parliamentary democracy, its most basic function is to make politicians and those in power more accountable. Everyone has a right to vote, to choose their representatives - it is a right we can use or not. The simple fact is that if people felt there were something worth voting for, they would do so in greater numbers. If you can find no party or politician that reflects your views, why should you vote? Why should you vote for something you disagree with? Democracy cannot be the process of choosing a politician on the grounds that they are the least distasteful of the two major parties on offer. That is not democracy; that is the Coke-Pepsi challenge. Surely, those who vote on the basis of backing "the lesser of two evils" are, in fact, undermining the very principle of democracy, because it undervalues and undermines our power and worth in the political process. Ultimately, it is an act of self-censorship and more damaging to democracy than not voting in the first place. Some pundits are in favour of a section on a ballot paper where voters can tick "none of the above" as a means of registering dissent. I favour a "comments page", whereby voters can write their opinions on the ballot. These would then be compiled into a massive leatherbound volume, and at the start and end of parliamentary business each day, MPs would publicly read from pages chosen at random. Who ate all the pies? You fat bastard, you fat bastard. I declare this House in session. These days, I do vote simply because my politics changed to the point where I actually wanted to support the Green party. There was no great Damascus moment; I simply happened to find myself agreeing with a political party. I still think it is civil movements that create change: Parliament has merely been the end point of the campaign, a rubberstamp for progress. Having said that, it seems a tad churlish not to spend five minutes of my life deciding what style of rubberstamp I want. Dozens of writers are tackling our 10 big questions about democracy. Read more from Why Democracy?

2: If Voting Changed Anything, They'd Abolish It " Critique Echo Newspaper

If Voting Changed Anything, They'd Abolish It Abdulai Mansaray You don't need an Einstein, a Pythagoras or Darwin to figure out that western Democracy is a semantic anomaly that only works in the West.

Contact us for rights and issues inquiries. Is he trying to add drama to his contribution? The actual effect is one of factitiousness. If it is silly Ken for being unable to read the future, what does one make of a Paul who cannot sustain his conviction from one sentence to the next? I was amused to see that R. Johnson disagrees with Labour: He makes several inaccurate statements but the two most important are these. If the NUM had paid strike pay to its , or so striking members, it would have been bankrupt within six weeks. There has never been any provision in the rules of the NUM for strike pay for a national strike. He is also inaccurate about the GLC. From the vantage point of an Oxford don, the signs of collapse might not be immediately obvious. My own words were: What are we talking about here " 70 per cent, 85 per cent, The only way of gaining access to figures such as these is by Eastern European methods or the use of hallucogenic substances, and I am not sure which of these Ms Wainwright is recommending. The same peculiar hallmark is present in the discussion of the NUM. The fact is that before the strike the NUM was, member for member, probably the wealthiest union in the country and that its funds rivalled those of unions many times its size. Of course it is true that it could not afford to keep its whole membership on full strike pay for a year " neither I nor anyone else was suggesting that. Instead, the leadership used its discretion to waste vast sums on always hopeless and thus quite irresponsible legal antics and to send large sums winging round the European banking system. That same discretion could have been exercised to spend the same money on affording some relief, however slight, to the suffering of NUM members and their wives and children. It is silly to speak as if the NUM rules somehow prevented this: The leadership, in the event, used its discretion to throw the money away. Ms Wainwright surely also knows how murky and controversial the question of money within the NUM during the strike is and how inadequate it is to pretend that the whole matter can be disposed of by reference to a resolution about the disposition of the salaries of Scargill and his henchmen. For a start, the NUM continued to pay all the tax, national insurance and other contributions of its officials throughout the strike. Moreover, these officials all had access to expense accounts and it was commonly alleged by NUM members that some officials seemed to be almost better-off during the strike than before it. We all remember the press brouhaha over the expensive foreign holiday taken by one NUM official after many months of strike had depleted to misery levels the resources of mere members? There is also the unhappy fact that very large sums of money were contributed by sympathisers and that the disposition of this money was not always satisfactorily accounted for, giving rise to all manner of recriminations within the union. The fact that there is no trace at all of this sum in the NUM accounts has led to some extremely bitter questioning, and it would be fair to say that the answers provided by Mr Scargill are far from satisfying even some NUM officials. What is certain is that the money was sent and that it is traceable as far as the French CGT; thereafter the trail goes cold. He appeared clearly upset and disconcerted at the way in which this money had vanished, apparently for ever, into thin air. Which other union leader would go from one picket-line fracas to the next in a chauffeur-driven Jaguar? The style is reminiscent of African chieftaincy, Buthelezi-style, or perhaps an Auberon Waugh parody on the English working class. Can anyone who has read Animal Farm avoid a snort of recognition at such behaviour? Mr Scargill has also acquired a flat in the Barbican. The fact that so unconditional a Scargillite as Ms Wainwright can look hard the other way when the conversation turns to topics such as, well, chauffeur-driven Jaguars is perhaps to be expected. Ms Wainwright suggests that the complete collapse of services in London is not obvious to me because I am, irredeemably, an Oxford don. Had they held such a perception, it is inconceivable that they would have swung further towards the Tories this year while the rest of the country was moving the other way. Ms Wainwright is doubtless right not to worry that her ideas may have failed to pass muster with an Oxford don: Johnson Letters, 4 February is offering himself as a knight come from the people to rescue me from the evil influence of Wicked Barons Scargill and Livingstone; or whether he is a bully hurling himself, rugby style, at me, the besotted little woman, as an easy substitute for doing battle with the Great Leaders

themselves. I do not find his populism convincing. Johnson speaks with a forked tongue: I supported striking miners and their families and worked for the GLC without believing that their leaders walked on water. Misogynist twaddle, judging by its tone! The evidence for the bully thesis is more convincing. First, a bully smears the character of his victim so that his ruthlessness appears heroic. By contrast, Johnson poses as the tough, hard-nosed inside-dopester, prepared to reveal the facts, however unpalatable. But who are the insiders that our sleuth consorts with? But it has to be said that there are certain elementary points on which he misleads LRB readers. First, on the legal position of donations to striking miners and their families. In doing so, he overlooks the fact that for most of the strike the NUM was not in control of its finances: Anything paid to the NUM “ and appearing in its accounts “ would have gone straight into the hands of the Receiver. People and organisations made their donations through necessarily unofficial channels. If any of these did not reach their intended destination, I would like to see the evidence. None of the arguments in my book or underlying my support for the miners or their families depend on a cover-up. The most important clue to understanding the finances of the NUM, and just about everything else about the NUM, is its federal character. But the majority of these Area Unions gave millions of pounds to striking miners and their families. They liquidated nearly a quarter of their assets for the purpose. If, on the other hand, Johnson is referring to the national organisation of the NUM, he is right: Johnson would like to debate the central arguments of Labour:

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Animals have come to mean so much in our lives. We live in a fragmented and disconnected culture. Politics are ugly, religion is struggling, technology is stressful, and the economy is unfortunate.

Meanwhile other corporate-driven trade deals are being worked on in the shadows. Maybe in three months. When our elected representatives behave in such unexpected ways, something is afoot. And what is afoot in this instance is the citizenry. A record-breaking 2 million signatures on a petition. This vote would have been the first indication of where our representatives in the Parliament stand on TTIP. But a number of further amendments were due to be voted on by all MEPs on the 10 June - on public services, ISDS, environmental regulations and intellectual property rights. If passed, the amendments - although quite moderate and inadequate from the point of view of many campaigners - would nevertheless have restricted some of the main features of TTIP being demanded by political leaders and corporations on both sides of the Atlantic. They would be very unwelcome to the big US health corporations. Faced with this possibility, political leaders took fright and postponed the debate. Any amendment will need the support of 5 trade committee MEPs. The Commission and the leaders of the two main groups in parliament will now have to stitch together some kind of deal or, as the press release expresses it, build "a robust consensus on the draft recommendations". The Issues for MEPs Politicians across Europe are caught between the rock of public opinion and the hard place of Washington and corporations. This amendment was also more definite about allowing governments the right of renationalisation than the current document, though this did make some attempt to exclude services like health, education and water from the treaty. In September the German economics minister Sigmar Gabriel told the German parliament that in relation to a parallel agreement with Canada: Gabriel paid a visit to the US. Just two months after rejecting it, he accepted ISDS, saying: The basic principle of ISDS would remain: But the special international court would be more transparent and decisions could be appealed. The left, supported by many Labour MEPs, proposed instead amendment number 1. It was on this issue, more than any other, that the leaders in Brussels were worried how MEPs might vote. Congressional Mayhem in Washington In the United States the Democrats are similarly caught between their strong pro-business position and their reliance on the support of trade unions at election time. There is also strong public opposition to ISDS. A large number of Democrats voted against this final vote for, against for a number of reasons - the funding for TAA would be taken from Medicare and public-sector workers were not included. So TPA could not be signed into law by the president. According to the Financial Times 17 June this is just a tactic to gain certain concessions from Obama: There are a number of options now for Republicans: These are ruthless in their pursuit of profit and in the ways they interfere not just in national economies but in the national democratic process. It sets out the potential obligations of member countries in relation to the listing of pharmaceuticals and medical devices which governments can provide under national health care programs. A setback for TTIP, even if it meant just protecting existing public services and standards and defeating ISDS, would be a boost to the international resistance to this threatened degradation of physical, social and political life. In Washington the political leadership will manoeuvre to get around the opposition from some of the elected representatives in the House. The citizenry, for now, have thrown a spanner in the works of TTIP. This is not final victory over TTIP but it does indicate that the public voice is getting through to some of our elected representatives. Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe.

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If voting could change anything it would be made illegal! There is no way any politicians can legally represent anyone because he was elected on a secret ballot by a small percentage of voters.

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Voting is an expression of three key life principles - CHOICE, INTENT, and ACTION. - Jonathan Lockwood Huie. Voting is a civic sacrament. - Theodore Hesburgh.

Early life Childhood and young adulthood: He related that he became "an argumentative cocky little brat" at home, bringing up topics at the dinner table to enrage his father. He started work rather than stay on for the non-compulsory sixth form, which required six O-levels. I was immediately passed round and consumed. We were pushing ahead with our schemes. We had honoured our pledge that pensioners should travel free on London Transport buses. We introduced the provision of free contraception for anyone who lived or worked in the borough. When Mrs Thatcher then Education Secretary made it illegal for Education Authorities to give children free school milk, Lambeth "which was not an education authority" stepped in to continue paying for the service. Focusing on campaigning for the marginal seats in the south of the borough, the safe Labour seats in the north were left to established party members. He increased the number of compulsory purchase orders for private-rented properties, converting them to council housing. Although never adopting Marxism, Livingstone became involved with a number of Trotskyist groups active within Labour; viewing them as potential allies, he became friends with Chris Knight, Graham Bash and Keith Veness, members of the Socialist Charter, a Trotskyist cell affiliated with the Revolutionary Communist League that had infiltrated the Labour party. In the GLC elections, he won the seat with 11, votes, a firm lead over his Conservative rival. Learning that the council had pursued a racist policy of allocating the best housing to white working-class families, Livingstone went public with the evidence, which was published in the South London Press. Like most Board members, Livingstone opposed cinematic censorship, a view he changed with the increasing availability of violent pornography. Accused of being a "carpetbagger", it ensured he was one of the few leftist Labour councillors to remain on the GLC, which fell into Conservative hands under Horace Cutler. Livingstone backed the strikers, urging Camden Council to grant their demands, eventually getting his way. District auditor Ian Pickwell, a government-appointed accountant who monitored council finances, claimed that this move was reckless and illegal, taking Camden Council to court. If found guilty, Livingstone would have been held personally responsible for the measure, forced to pay the massive surcharge, and been disqualified for public office for five years; ultimately the judge threw out the case. Standing as Labour candidate for Hampstead, Livingstone was defeated by the incumbent Conservative, Geoffrey Finsberg. A staunch right winger and free market advocate, she became a bitter opponent of the labour movement and Livingstone. The primary figurehead for this leftist trend was Tony Benn, who narrowly missed being elected deputy leader of Labour in September, under new party leader Michael Foot. The head of the "Bennite left", Benn became "an inspiration and a prophet" to Livingstone; the two became the best known left-wingers in Labour. Focused on increasing leftist power in the London Labour Party, he urged socialists to stand as candidates in the upcoming GLC election. When the time came to choose who would lead London Labour in that election, Livingstone put his name down, but was challenged by the moderate Andrew McIntosh; in the April vote, McIntosh beat Livingstone by 14 votes to The meeting ended at 4: The entire left caucus slate was then elected. After the most vicious GLC election of all time, the Labour Party has won a working majority on a radical socialist programme. As a socialist I started out with the lowest possible opinion of Fleet Street and was amazed to discover that they managed to sink even lower than I expected I would spend hours carefully explaining our policies only to open the paper the next morning and see instead a smear about my sex-life, alleged personality defects or some completely fabricated account of a meeting or a split that never actually happened. Others stayed in their former positions, including Dave Wetzel as transport chair and Mike Ward as chair of industry; thus was created what biographer John Carvel described as "the second Livingstone administration", leading to a "more calm and supportive environment". At the time, the Brent East Labour Party was in strife as competing factions battled for control, with Livingstone attempting to gain the support of both the hard and soft left. Securing a significant level of support from local party members, he nonetheless failed to apply for candidacy in time, and so the incumbent centrist Reg Freeson was once more selected as

Labour candidate for Brent East. A subsequent vote at the council meeting revealed that 52 local Labour members would have voted for Livingstone, with only 2 for Freeson and 3 abstentions. Nevertheless, in the United Kingdom general election, Freeson went on to win the Brent East constituency for Labour. Based on a fare freeze implemented by the South Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council in 1981, it was widely considered to be a moderate and mainstream policy by Labour, which it was hoped would get more Londoners using public transport, thereby reducing congestion. They proclaimed that the Fares Fair policy was illegal because the GLC was expressly forbidden from choosing to run London Transport at a deficit, even if this was in the perceived interest of Londoners. Attempts to prevent the sale-off of GLC council housing largely failed, in part due to the strong opposition from the Conservative government. This was a real break from traditional politics as practised centrally by both major parties. Claiming that these only served "fringe" interests, their criticisms often exhibited racist, homophobic and sexist sentiment. He also permitted Irish republican protesters to hold a vigil on the steps of County Hall throughout the wedding celebrations, both actions that enraged the press. In just a few months since he appeared on the national scene, he has quickly become a joke. But no one can laugh at him any more. The joke has turned sour, sick and obscene. For Mr Livingstone steps forward as the defender and the apologist of the criminal, murderous activities of the IRA. Denouncing the attack, Livingstone informed members of the Cambridge University Tory Reform Group that it was a misunderstanding to view the IRA as "criminals or lunatics" because of their strong political motives and that "violence will recur again and again as long as we are in Ireland. In response, Livingstone proclaimed that the press coverage had been "ill-founded, utterly out of context and distorted", reiterating his opposition both to IRA attacks and British rule in Northern Ireland. In a second incident, Livingstone was attacked by far right skinheads shouting "commie bastard" at the Three Horseshoes Pub in Hampstead. As Livingstone biographer Andrew Hosken remarked, "by far the most contentious grant" was given in February to a group called Babies Against the Bomb, founded by a group of mothers who had united to campaign against nuclear weapons.

7: Emma Goldman quotes

London Lefties Paul Foot. If voting changed anything, they'd abolish it by Ken Livingstone Collins, pp, £, August , ISBN 0 00 6; A Taste of Power: The Politics of Local Economics edited by Maureen Mackintosh and Hilary Wainwright.

As people do better, they start voting like Republicans - unless they have too much education and vote Democratic, which proves there can be too much of a good thing. The failure in Ohio to have adequate voting capacity for the people who were registered and eligible to vote was an absolute denial of their right to vote. If I had closed my nose and voted for one of them, I would spit on my own face. Which most of us will probably do. I hope all of us. Voting is about as essential as washing yourself. Internal self-government under a local constitution was authorized by Congress and approved by the residents in , but federal law is supreme in Puerto Rico and residents do not have voting representation in the Congress. I think we need to start with Philadelphia and make sure that we actually get some election reform in Philadelphia. Actually, a recent election was thrown out by a federal judge because of corruption with the voting process in Philadelphia. Mann I will continue my consistent record of voting for lower taxes, less spending and fewer regulations to make our government more effective and efficient while upholding our Constitution. But for us, it is not such a traumatic thing, because we have never participated in an election. And that is even before I was born. So far, we are in the rd day of this year, and yet we have only had 26 voting days in this body. That is a shame. Tony Blair faced a massive defection from his own party ranks during voting around the intervention in Iraq. For our present purpose, the point is not that he survived the defection, but that he had to face it. I am pleased that the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the nation, has recognized my voting record. We have come a long way, but more needs to be done. If they go out here and vote for this rule that allows this provision to be stricken, they are voting against the men and women in the military of our country. May the world be kind to you, and may your own thoughts be gentle upon yourself.

in the west. It is the potential rippling effects of this crisis for the continent at large that seem to create a doomsday scenario. It is easy to see the society for self-preservation flying sorties to sort out ISIS. Burundi may not have much to offer on the world stage, but failure in this small African state will undo all the efforts that have been put to make Africa look like a place worth inhabiting. Failure here will not only be a red flag but may serve as a blue print for future political gymnastics on the continent. The 2nd World War left us with a valuable lesson: Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Be the first to comment Leave a Reply Your email address will not be published.

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