

# A United States of Europe?

## No Thanks!



## VOTE NO TO LISBON



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Some Irish and European politicians want to see the creation of a federal Europe where all important decisions will be made by a single European government based in Brussels.

For such a 'United States of Europe' to happen all national governments will first have to surrender sovereignty to the EU and Brussels.

The adoption of a single European Constitution would be an important step on the road to this type of Europe. When the people of both France and The Netherlands rejected the EU Constitution in 2005 they were also rejecting a federal Europe. And that should have been that - but it wasn't!



Within a couple of years the rejected constitution had been re-packaged and re-named the 'Lisbon Treaty'. Almost all of the most controversial elements of the failed constitution are contained within the Lisbon Treaty. So when we vote on the Lisbon Treaty we should do so in the knowledge that we are being asked to adopt a de-facto constitution that wasn't good enough for the people of France and The Netherlands.

## When Is A Constitution Not A Constitution?

**"The substance of what was agreed in 2004 [in the EU constitution] has been retained. What is gone is the term 'constitution'."**

- Dermot Ahern, Fianna Fail Minister for Foreign Affairs

**"Of course there will be transfers of sovereignty. But would it be intelligent to draw the attention of public opinion to this fact?"**

- Jean Claude Juncker, Prime Minister of Luxembourg

**"The good thing about not calling it a Constitution is that no one can ask for a referendum on it."**

- Giuliano Amato, former Italian Prime Minister

# 5 Reasons To Vote No To Lisbon

## 1. Not Without The North

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#### - 1.8 Million Irish People Have No Vote

While those living in the twenty-six counties will vote on the Lisbon Treaty, those living in the British-occupied six counties will have no such opportunity. This means that over 1.8 million Irish people will have no say on the future direction of their own country. No decision should be taken on further European integration until Irish independence is restored following a British withdrawal from the six counties



## 2. It Undermines Irish Sovereignty

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If passed, the Lisbon Treaty will give the EU increased powers in more than 65 policy areas. The treaty also increases the 'democratic deficit' at the heart of the EU. Smaller countries, like Ireland, will suffer the most from changes which include:



- The ending of a 'national veto' in at least 30 new areas of law-making
- Smaller countries, including Ireland, losing their sole EU commissioner
- A dramatic increase in the voting power of the larger countries

All of this means that the people of Ireland will have even less control over policy affecting healthcare, education, housing, energy, justice, policing and almost all other important policy areas. Instead, the governments of larger EU countries such as Britain, France, Germany and Italy will effectively dictate policy in these areas.

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The Lisbon Treaty, like all EU treaties before it, promotes the greed of private business over the needs of people. In real terms, this means that private corporations will be able to make vast profits from essential services such as healthcare and education. Débâcles such as the privatisation of Eircom and water charges for schools are only a taster of what is to come if the Lisbon Treaty is passed.





# 4. A 'United States of Europe'

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The Lisbon Treaty contains a number of measures designed to bring about the creation of a de-facto United States of Europe. These include:

- The creation of the powerful new positions of EU president and EU foreign minister who will represent the EU - including all member states - internationally
- The confirmation of the primacy of EU law over national law
- Giving the EU the power to conclude international agreements in its own right
- The power to change the Lisbon Treaty itself without referendum



# 5. It Undermines Irish Neutrality

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The Lisbon Treaty lays the groundwork for a fully-fledged European Army by requiring all EU countries to 'progressively improve their military capabilities' and 'to make civilian and military capabilities available for the implementation of EU... defence policy'. The treaty also brings the EU even closer to NATO which is dominated by the military of the United States of America. The EU, like NATO and the USA, requires no UN mandate for military action.



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