In the Name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Kind

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The real lunacy of the United Kingdom’s vote to leave the EU is that an apparently rational choice by one million people to elect their parliament to enact a decision to which they believe the British public have been swayed by the media, to which they can attribute their vote, to which they can blame their vote, and from which they can escape by returning to another election, has put the nation at risk of default, the global economy at risk of meltdown, and the world at risk of catastrophic war.

For one thing, the Brexit decision may have looked simple on the surface. It promised a vote on the future of the United Kingdom in the European Union, a vote on whether to stay or go, and a vote not on whether the United Kingdom’s participation in the European Union has any value, but on whether the benefits outweigh the costs. But what, in truth, is no one else has ever been asked to vote on the future of their country in the European Union, whether to stay or go, and whether the benefits outweigh the costs.

We do not know in that, in practice, most countries require a “supermajority” for national-decision defining, not a mere 51%. There is no universal figure, but there are many, many countries that, at a bare minimum, the majority should be demonstrably greater than 51%.

A country should consider the trade-offs that may arise from the risks of insurrection. And there are risks of insurrection. And there are risks of insurrection. And there are risks of insurrection. And there are risks of insurrection.

Since ancient times, philosophers have tried to devise systems to try to balance the strengths of majority rule against the need to ensure that the democratic participation of some is not sacrificed in the interests of majority. But do not to mention that minority voices are heard. In the Spartan as the Athens, women voices can be heard. Women could possibly vote to reflect the intensity of their preferences, with less emphasis on avoiding paralysis and blocking the outcome. It was imperfect, but maybe better than what just happened.

In 2016, according to literature, Athens had a system that allowed a majority of 50% plus one vote only. Ultimately, after, among other catastrophe war decisions, Athenians saw a need to give more voice to women. As a result, Athenians saw a need to give more voice to women. As a result, Athenians saw a need to give more voice to women.

With the current international standard for breaking up a country’s borders, votes were cast by acclamation. People could modulate their voice to reflect the intensity of their preferences, with less emphasis on avoiding failure, and blocking the outcome. It was imperfect, but maybe better than what just happened. It was imperfect, but maybe better than what just happened.

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