

1 Would I and you fight for the Freedom of Europe?

It seems that the question: "Would I and you fight for my country?", is an anachronism for European countries. Would this at all be possible anymore, even if you wanted to? The answer is NO.

1. In reality we are much more European in the way our life is organized, and how our relations to other non-European countries are, compared to a nostalgic and populist imagination, painting the good old times as they have never occurred.
2. Europe stands for a degree of freedom in all European countries, which was not reached in European countries before.
3. Europe is a better promise for prosperity, and protection against economic extortion as any European country on its own can promise. Therefore, the EU is a gain of sovereignty for each single European country.
4. Europe has more effective means for democratic regulation than any single European state. For this reason, Europe needs more European integration. This is due to globalization, where only a few main players can set the rules. Europe can be one of them. No single European state has the chance to be one of them.
5. European states, as NATO members, stand for a degree of security and protection against war, which was not reached in European countries before. Until recently. And suddenly we have to answer the question. **Would I and you fight for the Freedom of Europe?**
6. Markets alone are not able to provide a decent standard of living. Regulation by of the state is needed for securing people against the risk of market failure by
 - a. providing rules for faire competition
 - b. offering enough decent and affordable flats (this allows business to keep wages lower without causing social unrest)
 - c. organizing a reliable system of social security insurances
 - d. offering a system for education
 - e. providing infrastructure, security
7. Markets are expected to create innovations, affordable goods, and better productivity
 - a. to offer jobs with acceptable wages and
 - b. for being a source of taxes, that the state has enough means for its regulation duties.
 - c. markets only flourish when being well regulated, this also applies for innovations
 - d. the above-mentioned points 1.- 6. are a result of the European way of regulation.

If the relation between market development and state regulation comes out of balance, this is a source of fear and dissatisfaction.

But this risk is inherent in any market economy. Democracy is needed to correct unavoidable imbalances and find a way out by a better regulation. Calling for dictators is calling for a bad regulation.

All these points are good reasons to defend and protect the freedom of the European way of life, also by strong military means and personal commitment.

The major concern is disorientation and the creation of uncertainty without good reasons: if people lose their capability of independent judgement and are stirred up against a system of a democratically regulated market economy, in times of change, when regulations also need to be adapted.

This may lead to rage and a refusal to defend and fight for freedom, democracy and a prosperous economy.