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Why the Rule of Law Matters for the EU Budget?

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Definition of the Rule of Law

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Historical Perspective

Political Perspective

Financial Perspective

Proposal of the Commission

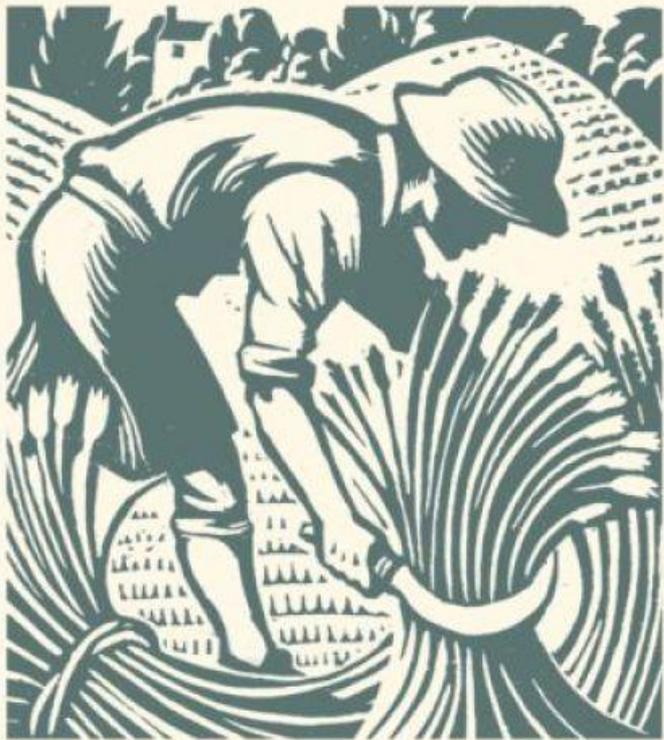
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NO FREE MAN
SHALL BE SEIZED
OR IMPRISONED...
EXCEPT BY THE
LAWFUL JUDGEMENT
OF HIS EQUALS OR BY
THE LAW OF THE LAND.
MAGNA CARTA, 1215



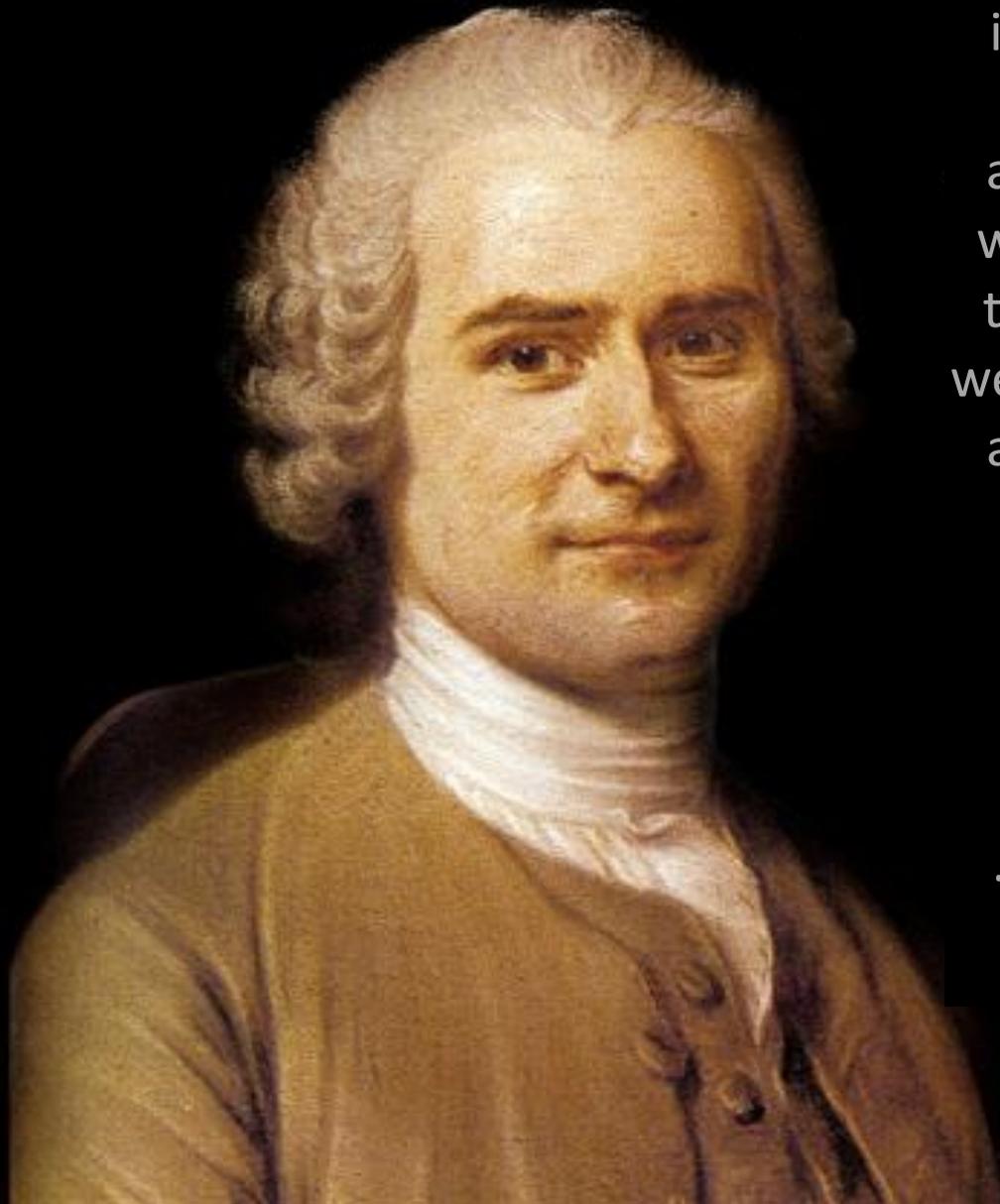
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MAGNA CARTA, 1215 ~ FOUNDATION OF LIBERTY

Article 2



The Union is founded on the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. These values are common to the Member States in a society in which pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between women and men prevail.



The political body, therefore,
is also a moral being
which has a will;
and this general will,
which tends always to
the preservation and
well-being of the whole
and each part of it ...
is, for all members
of the state ...
the rule of what is
just or unjust.

... The general will is
always right.

- Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Being democratic is
not enough; a majority
cannot turn what is wrong
into right.

In order to be considered
truly free, countries
must also have a
deep love of liberty and
respect for the Rule of Law
- Margaret Thatcher



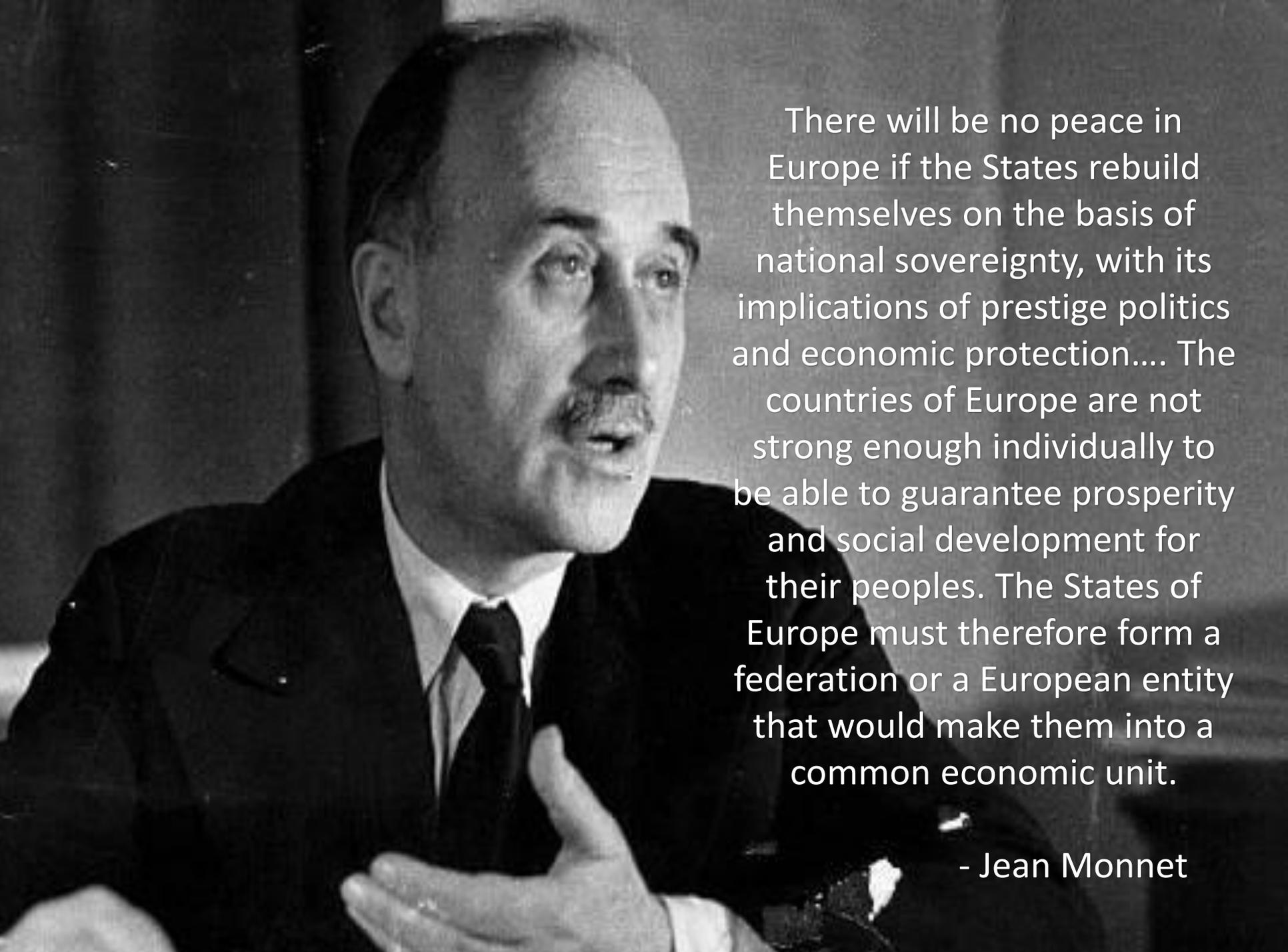




SEE FOR YOURSELF. IS IT NOT OBVIOUS THAT THEY ARE "DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS WHICH ENJOY THE CONFIDENCE OF THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE IN THESE COUNTRIES"?

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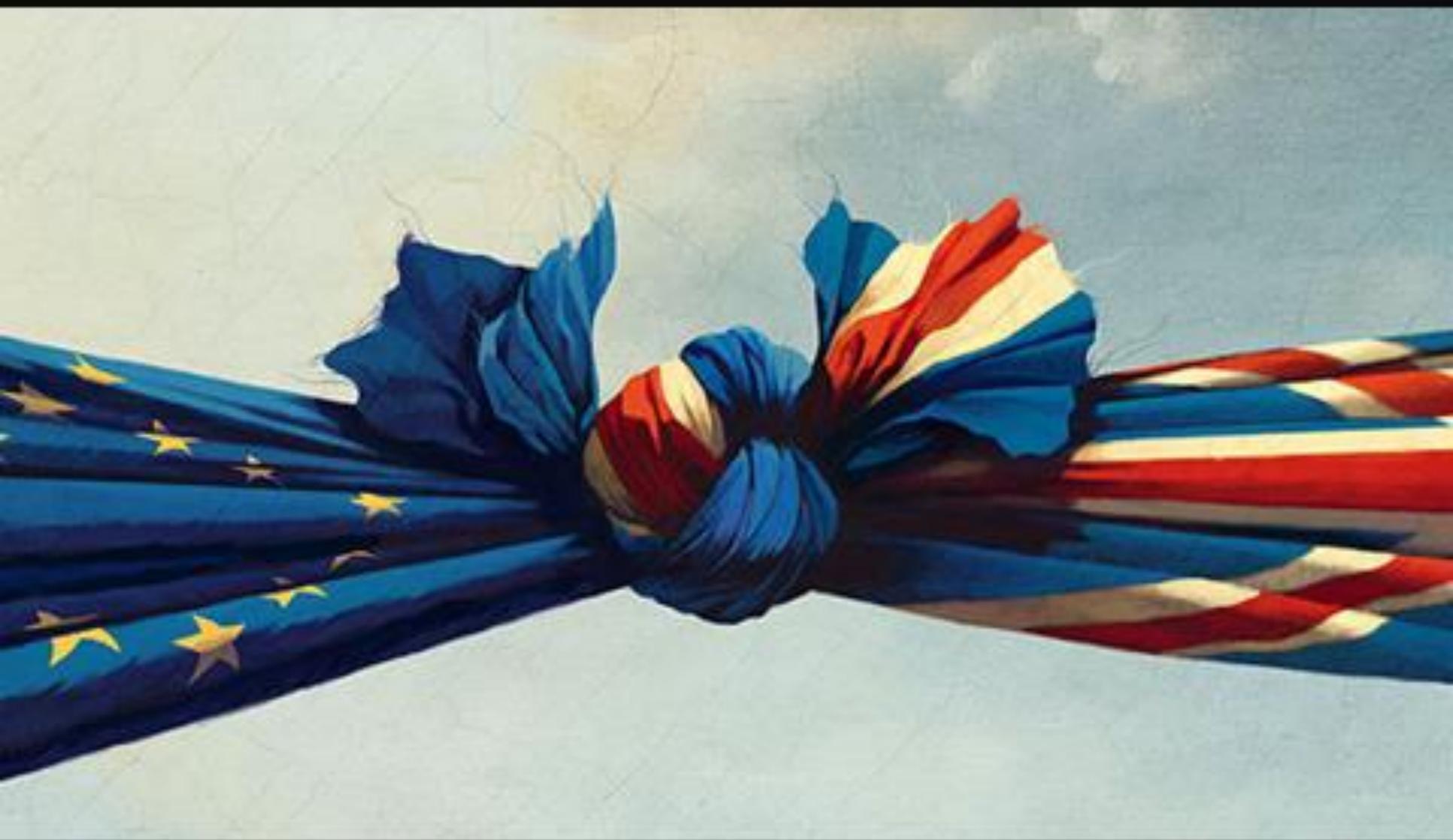
BEHIND THE CURTAIN



There will be no peace in Europe if the States rebuild themselves on the basis of national sovereignty, with its implications of prestige politics and economic protection.... The countries of Europe are not strong enough individually to be able to guarantee prosperity and social development for their peoples. The States of Europe must therefore form a federation or a European entity that would make them into a common economic unit.

- Jean Monnet









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Proposal for a

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

**on the protection of the Union's budget in case of generalised deficiencies as regards the
rule of law in the Member States**



Opinion on **Linking EU funding to rule of law**

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“As auditors of the Union, our job is to protect the European taxpayer’s money. We welcome the aim of the proposal, because we need a mechanism to protect the EU Budget against such contingencies.

But it needs to be improved, under the circumstances, it is all the more important that there are clear and specific criteria to base these measures on.”



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A landscape of rolling hills and mountains under a cloudy sky. In the distance, a small figure stands on a peak. The text is overlaid on the image.

The future is ours to win. But to get there we can't just stand still...

Barack Obama



Brugge



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