

## Low Participation in Western Elections is a Sign of a System Falling Apart

### News:

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Denmark held a referendum concerning the so-called "EU defence reservation" policy.

Denmark negotiated this so-called defence reservation as part of its membership of the EU, allowing it to opt out of military missions. The Russian invasion of Ukraine was the catalyst that started the debate in Danish media and politics, and a referendum was announced shortly thereafter. 66% of voters voted for abolishing these reservations in order to involve Denmark in European military policies to a greater extent.

### Comment:

What is worth noting about this referendum is not the percentage of voters in one or the other direction. Many had predicted that the referendum would turn out like it did, since the public opinion against Russia is obvious, and there has been substantial fearmongering about the Russian threat against Europe. What is worth considering is that despite this clear stance and the feelings of being threatened by Russia, almost 40% of eligible voters didn't even participate in the referendum. Thus, the turnout of voters was remarkably low. This concern was mentioned in Danish media as a loss for democracy. Similar cases of low voter-turnout, show the evident increase in mistrust of the Western democratic system among Western populations. When municipality elections were held in Denmark in late 2021, the turnout of voters was even lower in some areas, especially areas with a higher percentage of people from different backgrounds, such as Muslims.

We have seen similar expressions of mistrust elsewhere in Europe, such as France. It was rightfully said about the latest French presidential elections, that Macron only won because of the lack of any viable alternative and to prevent a government led by right-wing figures like Marine Le Pen and Eric Zemmour.

These are all sign of a system weakening from within. Meanwhile, the Muslim Ummah is surging towards reuniting under the Islamic system of Khilafah (Caliphate). It is only a matter of time before Allah manifests His victory and once again lets the Islamic Ummah inherit the Earth by implementing and carrying Islam in the right manner to peoples and nations all over the globe. The complete implementation of Islam is the only real alternative to the crisis-ridden world order of the West, which is only designed for a small elite, and has marred and crippled the planet in every way.

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