

Farage: The people's army will prevail over anti-democratic EU

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â€¢ UKIP Leader Nigel Farage speaks during the debate on the "Conclusions of the European Council meeting of 17 and 18 March 2016 and outcome of the EU-Turkey summit", European Parliament, Strasbourg, 13 April 2016.

Transcript:

I'm very surprised. We're here in what I was told repeatedly is the home of European democracy, and so, surely, we could have taken the opportunity this morning to celebrate the Dutch referendum last week in which the people said No to EU enlargement, No to the deal with the Ukraine. And no doubt had it been Turkey an even bigger number of people would have said No to Turkish accession.

So it was a victory for democracy, but in particular it was a victory for a little organisation called Geenpeil, a group of young bloggers who managed to get together 427,000 signatures.

So it was a victory as well for direct democracy - and this in the week when we remember that Gianroberto Casaleggio, the genius behind the 5-Star Movement in Italy, has died.

This, ladies and gentlemen, is new politics. And yet, we were told by Mr Juncker that if the Dutch voted No it would be a disaster. But he hasn't mentioned it today at all. And indeed your predecessor Mr Van Rompuy, my old mate, says we should carry on lively.Â

So what we're seeing is the big battalions of vested best interest doing their best to completely ignore the will of the Dutch people.

Well, I think that things are changing. I don't believe these institutions can survive 21st Century technology. I think the will of the people is changing politics in a way that makes all of you in this room deeply fearful - and so you should be.

And as we in the united Kingdom enter the final countdown of our referendum, all eyes are on this Turkish deal. And I think what we see is, we see the bosses of the EU bowing and scraping before Mr Erdogan who gleefully walks all over you, tramples over human rights at every level - and for Mr Juncker to tell us this morning that we're making progress!

Let's just examine that.

1.8 million people have come to the EU in the last eighteen months and we've sent back 300. It doesn't sound, sir, that it's going very well to me.

The one group that will be pleased though are ISIS. They have now managed to put 5,000 of their operatives into the European continent, according to the boss of Europol - something that should send a shiver down our collective spines.

I have to say that in the end, I think it's what the British referendum will turn on. I think we will vote for Brexit, and the reason is we'll vote to put our own safety first.

It is going to be as it was in the Netherlands last week - a battle of people vs the politicians. You may have the big money and the big businesses and Goldman Sachs, but we've got our armies of bloggers, and in the end the people's will is going to prevail. This place won't survive.

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[This was followed by a bluecard question from Swedish MEP Peter Erikson, Greens]