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"DEMOCRACY"

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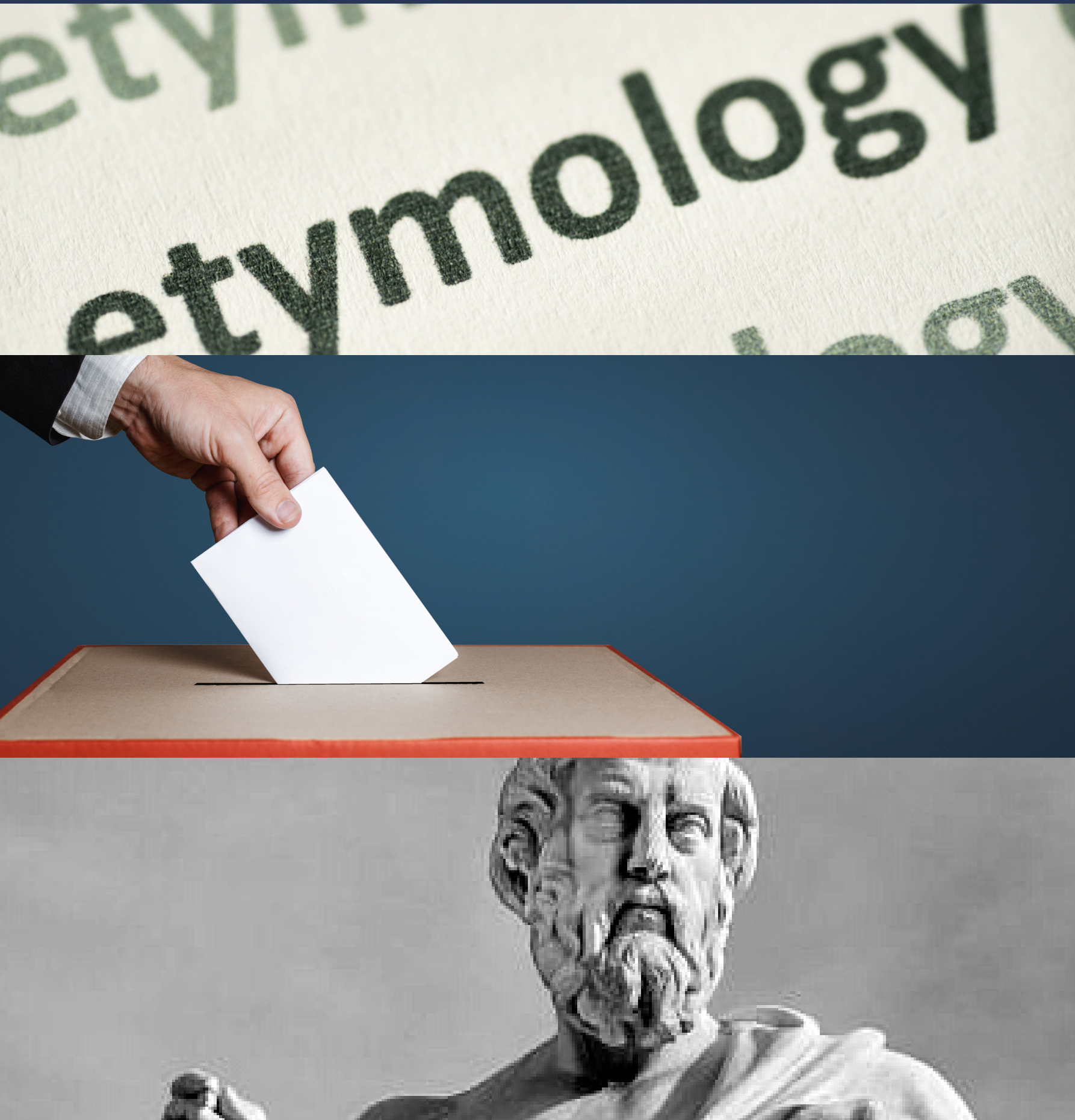


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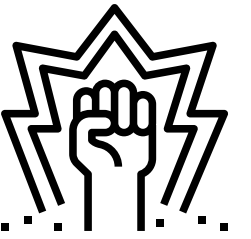
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I - THE NOTION OF DEMOCRACY



WHAT IS **DEMOCRACY** ?

DEMOS = THE PEOPLE
KRATOS = THE POWER



Democracy is at the very origin of our political system, it is what the European Union is based on.

It is the belief in freedom and equality between people, or a system of government based on this belief, in which power is either held by elected representatives or directly by the people themselves.

The **Greek Solon** would be considered as the creator and founding father of democracy.

I - THE NOTION OF DEMOCRACY

2 TYPES OF DEMOCRACY

DIRECT

Power is exercised directly **by citizens**, without the intermediary of representative bodies.




INDIRECT

Indirect democracy, or **representative** democracy, is when citizens elect **representatives** to make laws for them. This is what most modern countries have today.



II - CURRENT SITUATION IN EUROPE

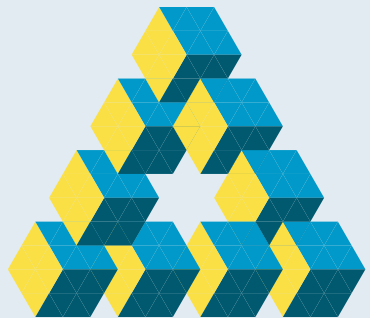


Democracy is contested and **threatened** in Europe, a continent that is nevertheless based on peace but also on democracy, after the atrocities of the Second World War caused by totalitarian regimes.

II - CURRENT SITUATION IN EUROPE



NATIONAL DEMOCRACY VS EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY



democratic paradox : the essential national democracies in each state can sometimes encroach on European democracy, so one democracy can drive out another.

Example of populist parties



III- A LACK OF DEMOCRACY THAT ENCOURAGE EUROSCEPTICISM

EUROSCEPTICISM



Is an opposition to European integration and the European Union, especially based on doubts about its **feasibility** or **usefulness**.



- a global authority
- **lack of integration** of some member states.
- Countries benefit from the **weakness or wealth** of other countries.

IV- WHAT WE CAN DO TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION



- Create a **sens of belonging**
- **Give a voice** to the European population, so that they can give their opinion not as national citizens, but as **European citizens.**
- Why not a **referendum?**



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