

Will the Irish save Europe?

By: *Dariusz Zakrzewski*

Declan Ganley, an Irish patriot and self made millionaire, the man who managed to persuade his Irish countrymen to read and get to know the treacherous *Lisbon Treaty*, against all odds achieved a stunning victory and a clear "NO" vote in a referendum that shocked Europe causing fury with the Brussels power elites. The Lisbon Treaty, in reality a redressed version of The European Constitution, democratically rejected by the French and the Dutch, was to change Europe forever, for worse, robbing 27 nations of sovereignty, rights, and democracy. The Irish did not vote what Brussels wanted, so October 2, 2009 they are made to vote again! Will they falter?

The interview which follows is the result of a couple of meetings with Mr. Ganley.

It would not have been possible without the kind help of Father Joe O'Brien of Abbeykockmoy parish, who arranged the initial encounter. Deep felt gratitude is hereby expressed.

Dariusz Zakrzewski: You led the charge in the Battle of Ireland, as the most clear, eloquent and effective leader. You have engaged in a battle few would dare, at a great personal involvement and cost. You took up the Goliath of Brussels and achieved a stunning victory much to the fury of the EU Power Monopoly. What motivated you take this kind of a risk?

Declan Ganley: You're very kind in your summation but it was simple really. I want my four children to grow in a free democracy founded on Judeo Christian values, rule of law, freedom to own private property, freedom of speech and respect for the individual and where those exercising power to make law are accountable at a ballot box to the people. Only a European Union built on such foundations can survive and I want it to succeed, Brussels' version of a European Constitution, now called The Lisbon Treaty, ended any serious prospect of that happening and instead conferred huge amounts of power to an unelected elite in Brussels that would not be accountable to voters anywhere. I make all these points and more in the book 'The Fight for Democracy' which can be downloaded and printed for free at www.libertas.eu or www.brucearnold.ie

Do you think that if this time around the Irish vote "yes", it will be that their convictions and sentiments have changed, or will that be the result of massive pressure, huge funds to campaign the "yes" vote and simply fear of the consequences if they don't?

If it was a Yes, it would be due to fear and an extensive Brussels funded and supported misinformation campaign.

The "NO" vote in part was the result of relatively low turnout. Many people not understanding the issues at hand and highly critical of the government that has failed them in this huge economic downturn, refused to accept the governments assurances of trusting them and just saying "yes".. They chose to stay home. It has been a phenomena of late, successfully used by the radical Left across Europe, to mobilize the young people, eager to change the world but lacking political savvy, knowledge and experience. Do you fear this scenario will be applied in the second referendum?

It is not the case that the No vote was the result of a low turnout, quite the opposite. Turnout was very high for a referendum, around 54%, mid to high 30's has been the past experience. It was because of the high turnout there was a motivated No vote, I think the same would apply again but I may be wrong. Interestingly, No voters came from all political spectrums, it was primarily about democracy, in spite of the misinformation that it was about a multitude of other things.

Bruce Arnold, a political columnist with the Irish Independent, author of 23 books among them a biography of Margaret Thatcher, in the Foreword of his recently published book "The Fight for Democracy - The Libertas Voice in Europe - a series of interviews with Declan Ganley" explains his need to "test and examine" and to set the record straight on things you were misrepresented and criticized. He writes: "A huge amount of negative information, much of it in the form of smears, innuendoes and outright lies, has followed his convincing success last June. A good deal of it has come from officials in Europe, politicians in the European Parliament and from several of the Irish political parties. There has also been a media campaign against him." Is it available in the bookstores in Ireland, across Europe and the USA?

It is available from Amazon but it is also available to be downloaded free at the addresses given above.

In the Foreword Bruce Arnold states: "... the Cowen-led government made the extraordinary mistake of indicating - almost before the votes had been counted in the referendum poll - that there would be an attempt to reverse the decision. Taoiseach Brian Cowen seems to have told Gordon Brown to go ahead with British ratification of the Lisbon Treaty because Ireland would eventually ratify following a re-run referendum and this indication was relayed to Europe generally, supported with some determination by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Michael Martin." Where does this certainty come from? Was this a sign of blatant arrogance, or an indication that any means would be used including rigging the referendum through voter fraud?

There are many things one could say that are perhaps best left unsaid but in short, democracy and the decision of a sovereign people is not something that the current Brussels elites will allow to get in the way of their objectives. They have also ignored the majority No votes in France and The Netherlands and Gordon Brown refused to give the British people the referendum his party had promised. The same thing happened in Portugal. Ireland's EU Commissioner Charlie McCreevy recently said that if all the member states of the EU were given the opportunity to vote on the Lisbon Treaty, 95% would have said no.

The fury that your activity has triggered corresponds to the true significance of what is at stake. If the Lisbon Treaty is adopted is Europe lost? Are there any legal ways out of all this?

No. Theoretically a member state could withdraw from the Union but no one is going to do that for a multitude of reasons too lengthy to get into here.

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LADIES FIRST

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On my latest trip to the local supermarket, I encountered a young woman. At first glance, she was literally sitting on the floor in front of the Gerber baby food contemplating.

I went one way and then another way, but I noticed that the woman was still sitting there. A few minutes later, I turned around the frozen section, and she caught up with me and stood right behind me in line. My cart was full, but I was in no rush and she was holding a basket full of jars, which I know, if bought in large quantities, could be heavy. So I offered her to take my place and go ahead of me. She looked like a young mom of a very hungry baby. Or wait, she was taking her time as she had a breast pump, and daddy probably got a baby bottle collection in the fridge just in case.

She thanked me explaining that I was right that those jars were heavy... I would know - I have had babies before.

She kept smiling so I asked how old the baby was. "She is four months old," the proud mother replied. "This is so wonderful," she said. "I am by myself at the grocery store for the first time..." She seemed to be enjoying the moment - oh yes, I know, My eyes met with the female cashier's, as if to say: "Yes, we know, we know..."

"My 'babies are old," I said.

"So you have more than one???" She also had a three year old.

She saw how I looked after having two children and said, "So you survived! Wow... people do survive... I know I'll survive!" I thought, barely, but yes my dear you will survive.

"My younger one moved to Poland, and my 26 year old, at this very moment, is driving across the States with her cat... I'm here to purchase cat litter and lams, and I'm NOT a cat person..." Then it was the cashier's turn to share her experiences of child raising, and the guys in line behind me only smiled...

Was she there because she was a woman forced by society's gender profiling to care for the baby 24/7 or was she there because the roles were reversed, daddy stayed home, and mommy went hunting for baby formula?

She said that she enjoyed it, so I guess she came out of her own free will... Still, it is my cousin who must be every feminist's nightmare...

I was having those thoughts, while in Poland, the discussion on parities ignited some sparks among political parties and the entire nation as well.

The most radical of them all, a well-known feminist, professor, columnist and philosopher, Magdalena Środa (also a dismissed minister of equal status for men and women in the cabinet of Marek Belka) ...came up with the idea of 50/50 parities

(from Latin *paritas*, which means equality) for women on election lists, in parliament, governmental positions, etc..

According to our lady philosopher, Polish women are discriminated against, underpaid, and often have to put up with abusive husbands, all because of... a cultural background, which supposedly is dominated by the Catholic Church. Judging from Środa's statements, she blames the church on how the girls are brought up to yesterday's rain and everything in between.

Środa's quote from Stop Violence Against Women: "Although Polish women have equal rights with men, they do not have equal opportunities. They are underestimated in their family life and discriminated at work, in politics, education and the media." I dare to disagree...

No need to look far, but rather amongst Środa's circle of close friends - another known feminist Kazimiera Szczuka is a quite popular media persona with several TV shows, columns, often quoted by the media as an expert on a variety of issues. Poles are bombarded with daily doses of Kazia on many channels, in the press, which to me is puzzling, because the woman is still in therapy...

Something to do with her childhood... One of her critics puts it this way: "Szczuka isn't dumb, but her success does not come from her intelligence, but her lack of self-consciousness and being invasive and tactless."

She demands rights and tolerance but hardly applies any towards others.

Another famous feminist is Manuela Gretkowska who became known for being an author and "skandalistka." How to become one? Easy, write something vulgar, for example, and critics will call it "a new style in prose." Others have tried different options - you may urinate on the pope's image, call it "art," and fame comes right after the press calls you "controversial..."

When Szczuka interviewed Gretkowska, both women used such vulgar language that TVP (Polish TV) let Szuka go.

In 2007, Gretkowska created a Women's Party and provoked voters by using several naked members of her party on the party's poster. Men were not lured, and what's worse, the ladies were not convinced either. The Party failed. Gretkowska didn't get it. Smart women vote for smart candidate regardless of gender.

Lighting strikes when Środa, Szczuka, and Gretkowska get together. Men - beware!

Women do equal men in many departments. The largest private company on the Warsaw Stock Market, Agora, is run by a woman, Wanda Rapaczyński, the most influential woman in Central Europe, a.k.a. "the most successful media mogul" or one of the 50 Most Powerful Women in Business by Fortune in 2005.

Or see Monika Olejnik, a journalist whom every politician fears, named by Forbes the most influential journalist in Poland. Many are CEOs - Irena Eris' cosmetics, "Batycki handbags" is owned by Bożena Batycka, I mean Polish women are busy, traditionally...

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Calendar of Events

Aug 22, Sat, 9:00 am - 5:00pm Polish Genealogical Society of California Seminar at Weingart Center, Lakewood: info:www.pgsca.org

23, Sun, 10:30 am. Polish American Patriotic Anniversaries of 20th Century: World Wars I and II, Warsaw Uprising 1944, Solidarność 1980, Tribute to the Victims of Nazism and Communism. Polish Center of John Paul II, 3999 Rose Dr., Yorba Linda, CA 92886. Info: Mietek Dutkowski 714-608-0511

Sept 6, Sun. 3:00 p.m. Commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the beginning of WWII, The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 555 W. Temple St. LA, CA, Info; Rich Wideryński 562-426-9830, Andrew Ettinger (323) 464-3838.

19 - 20, Dożynki at Pope John Paul II Polish Center, 3999 Rose Dr., Yorba Linda

20, 2:00 pm. 70th Anniversary of Beginning of WWII, Laguna Woods, Clubhouse 3, Auditorium, Info: Irena 949-206-9122

26, 27, Bazaar at Our Lady of Bright Mount Parish, 3424 W. Adams Blvd., L.A.

Oct 3, Polish Heritage Month - ethnic Polish Luncheon , Info: Helen 818-360-7707

11, Father Popieluszko Anniversary Mass at the Pope John Paul II Center in Yorba Linda

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