

The Slow March towards a United States of Europe - Meet the Next President of the European Commission

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A note from Pastor Kevin Lea follows this article.

European leaders in Brussels have nominated Jean-Claude Juncker, the former prime minister of Luxembourg, to be the next president of the European Commission, the powerful bureaucratic arm of the European Union.

Juncker, a European federalist, is well known for his commitment to further expanding the power of the European Union. His nomination—expected to be easily approved by the European Parliament on July 16—sends a clear signal that the European establishment has no intention of slowing the relentless march towards a United States of Europe, despite the surge of anti-EU sentiment across Europe.

British Prime Minister David Cameron and Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban were the only two leaders of the 28-member bloc to vote against Juncker during a special meeting held in Brussels on June 27.

Cameron said he was opposed not only to Juncker as a candidate, but also to the way in which his candidacy was put forward.

Previously, the president of the European Commission was selected by European leaders on the basis of consensus.

But in what many see as a power grab aimed at downgrading the influence of national governments within the EU, new rules—based on an expansive interpretation of the Lisbon Treaty (aka the European Constitution)—state that the party winning the most votes in elections for European Parliament puts forth its preferred candidate. National governments are then obliged to "nominate" the candidate, after which the individual is formally approved by the European Parliament.

Juncker was the "lead candidate" (Spitzenkandidat) of the center-right European People's Party (EPP), which won the European Parliament elections that ended on May 25. He therefore has a "popular mandate" to lead the European Commission, according to Juncker and his supporters.

Proponents of the new Spitzenkandidat system say it enhances the democratic legitimacy of the unelected European Commission. Rather than EU governments picking a candidate behind closed doors, the individual is appointed by the European Parliament, which supposedly speaks for the people.

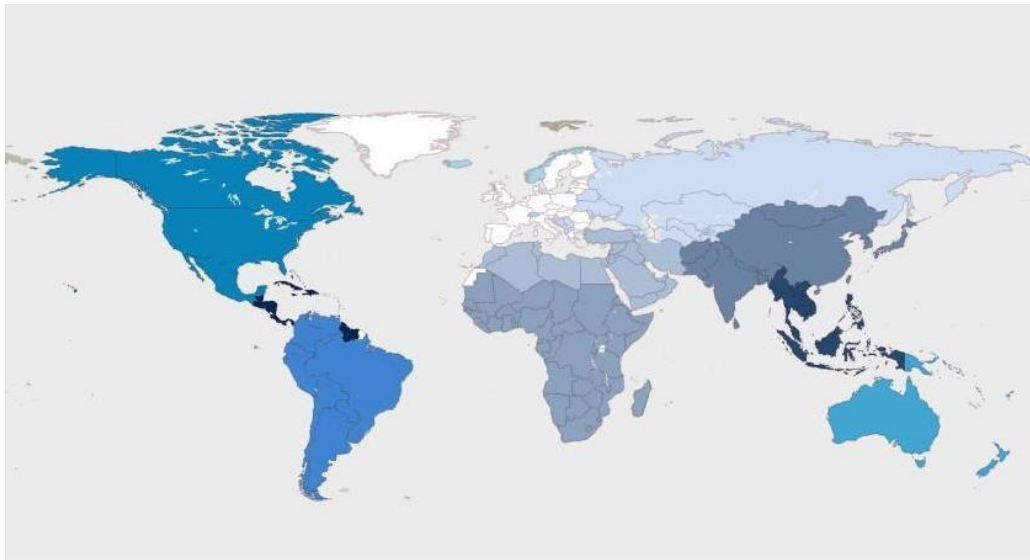
Critics rebut that the new system amounts to an "institutional coup" because it severs any remaining direct connection with the democratic process at the national level. At least under the old system, they say, the leaders who chose the Commission president were in some way accountable to their national electorates.

Juncker's so-called popular mandate is also undermined by an analysis carried out by Open Europe, a think tank campaigning for EU reform. The analysis notes that out of a total electorate of approximately 395 million people, 40.3 million (10.2%) voted for EPP affiliated parties during the most recent election. However, this number falls to 38.4 million (9.7%) when excluding Hungary and Sweden, two countries that refused to endorse the new system. "In reality," writes Open Europe, "far less than 9.7% can be said to have genuinely voted 'for Juncker' given that the majority (outside of his native Luxembourg) did not know that he was standing—or even who he was."

In any event, German Chancellor Angela Merkel successfully pushed for Juncker, presumably out of fear that choosing an alternative candidate—after paying lip service to the need for democratic legitimacy within the EU—would provoke even more resentment of the European project. Cameron said the selection of Juncker was "a bad day for Europe" because...

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: The Bible is clear that in the last days there will be a ten-nation world empire. The European Union will some day be one of the ten, meaning the unification proponents described in this article will ultimately prevail. The map below shows this union as part of the plan for the entire world (and with the US as no longer a sovereign nation, but part of the North American nation). I copied this map from web site of the European Commission web site in late 2009. They have since removed this from their web site, but we can tell from articles like this one that it continues to reflect the elitist's plan to fundamentally transform the independent nations of this world into a New World Order.



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| 2. South America | 7. Western Europe |
| 3. Eastern Europe and Central Asia | 8. Mediterranean and Middle-East |
| 4. Africa | 9. North-East and South Asia |
| 5. South-East Asia | 10. Australia and Pacific |
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In our July, 2014, [Left Behind Part II](#) Sunday morning teaching (also available on DVD), I covered the scriptural texts from Daniel that describe the last days' ten-nation world empire and how the second coming of Jesus will put an end to this final attempt by man to rule the world apart from God. Our Dec 30, 2009 study on [How Close are We to the Last Days](#) relates, as does the companion [Power Point and handout](#).