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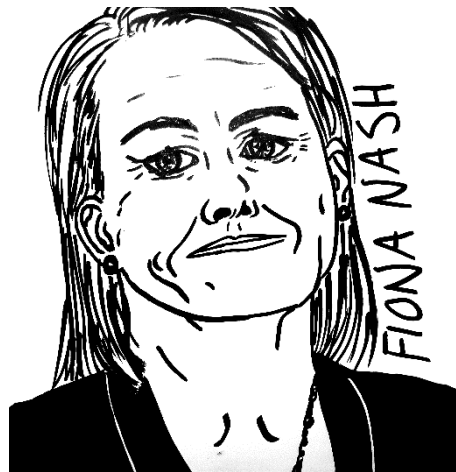
## DUAL CITIZENSHIP DILEMMA ROCKS AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT

By Kaushikee Gupta

The **116 year old** Australian Constitution **prohibits it**.

The document, enacted on Jan. 1, 1901, includes a section outlining who can and who cannot sit in the Australian Senate. Section 44.1 of the **AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTION** states that: "any person who is under acknowledgement of allegiance, obedience, or adherence to a foreign power, or is a subject or a citizen...of a foreign power shall be incapable of being chosen or of sitting as a senator or a member of the House of Representatives."

Australia's **High Court** on Friday **DISQUALIFIED** the deputy prime minister and four senators from sitting in Parliament in a unanimous ruling that could cost the government its slender majority in Parliament. Citizens have condemned the '**outdated**' 116-year-old constitutional ban on "a subject or citizen of a foreign power" standing for Parliament **in a country where almost half the people are**



ART BY RONAN PORTER

**immigrants or have an overseas-born parent.** But the court said the lawmakers' foreign family ties were known.

The seven judges **rejected** the government's argument that five of the lawmakers should be exempt from the ban because **they had not voluntarily acquired or retained citizenship of another country.** While the judges said **it may be harsh to disqualify Australian-born candidates didn't know they were not exclusively Australian,** "those facts must always have been knowable."

The disqualified senators include Fiona Nash, Joyce's deputy in the Nationals party, who inherited

British citizenship from her Scottish father; Matt Canavan, who the court heard might have inherited Italian citizenship from his

Australian-born mother through his Italian grandparents; and Nick Xenophon who later found out he was British because his father left Cyprus while it was a British colony.

"The decision of the court today is clearly not the outcome we were hoping for, but the business of government goes on," Prime Minister Turnbull said. The question now is whether the constitution should be changed, **"ensuring in our multicultural society that all Australians are able confidently to stand for and serve in our Parliament."**

**Three parliamentary investigations** recommended in the **1980s** and **1990s** that the **prohibition on dual citizens be removed from the constitution through a national referendum.** But successive governments have failed to act, perhaps because of the difficulty in persuading Australians to change their constitution. Of the 44 referendums Australia has held since 1901 only eight have passed, the last in 1977.

# VANDALISM? GUERRILLA ART? WHO THE FUCK KNOWS.

By Katie Bowdery

This Italian guy Graziano Cecchini, an artist and activist, decided it would be a great idea to dump a load of red dye in the Trevi Fountain. Even though he claimed it would do no harm to the sculpture, it took many hours of peoples' lives to clean up his mess and make sure no damage was done. Supposedly, this was to protest the

corruption of Rome and "shake the sleeping souls" creating awareness.

Isn't it funny though that the repeat offender had done the same fucking thing 10 years earlier. An act that was claimed by a right-wing group as a protest for the cost of the Rome Film Festival. This is also the man who bounced 500,000 bouncy balls down Rome's Spanish Steps for some reason or another.

To be honest I think it's a really fucking weird idea. Don't get me wrong I am all for a good bit of protest art, but possibly damaging such iconic landmarks is ignorant and shitty to say the least. Especially with very little explanation of the reason for protesting.

## TRUMP OR NOT?

"My fingers are long and beautiful."

## DID HE SAY THIS?

FIND OUT THE ANSWER IN OUR  
NEXT ISSUE OUT NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

LAST ISSUE: YES, HE DID SAY THAT

# PRO-INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS PERVASIVE ACROSS EUROPE

By Ariadna Gimenez

Everyone knows the Catalan movement for independence but, did you know that there are at least 20 pro-independence movements in Europe? It's strange how even though a country is supposed to be a union of a communities there are still internal issues with autonomy.

For instance, the Basque Country, yet another region in Spain with

strong nationalist sentiments, has its own defined culture and language and often criticizes the Spanish government. The identify more as Basques than Spaniards in many cases and have been given a lot of autonomy by the Spanish government to appease them.

In the UK, a small percentage of Northern Ireland and Wales seek independence, and more notably Scotland even held a referendum in 2014 that almost passed with 44.7% voting in favour of independence. All three wanting to get away from the Britain and the English in particular.

Bigger pro-independence movements can be found in Belgium. Flanders being a

prosperous mostly Dutch region in the North has made its desire for independence clear and are currently waiting for further political action to be taken after the 2019 elections.

Brittany, Corsica, Wallonia, Bavaria, South Tyrol, Sicily, Veneto, Lombardy, Faroe Islands, Bornholm, Székely Land, Upper Silesia, Czech Silesia, Moravia, and Istria County are other communities that have small groups seeking independence.

All of these movements claim a feeling of nationhood, years of history and culture, a community that doesn't belong to their ruling country and a dissatisfaction with how they are represented. What actions should their national governments take? Should they be given more autonomy? What needs to happen to have a more united Europe?

## DEFINITION OF THE WEEK

## MONARCHY

A country run by a 'supreme ruler' who makes all the decisions.