

DEMOCRACY IN THE UK by PHILLIP BARRON

Three people, RED hat, BLUE hat and YELLOW hat, sit on chairs. Red sits to one side, blue and yellow to the other. A fourth person, THE PUBLIC, stands in the background.

VOICE OVER: And now, a brief explanation of democracy in the UK.

PUBLIC: Why has my council tax gone up at twice the rate of inflation?

RED: Ah, well, you see; that money is vital to the smooth running of local towns and services.

BLUE: Rubbish, there's no reason for a rise of that magnitude. No reason on Earth.

RED: No, no, with all due respect, you're wrong. Just sending out the revised bills alone costs thousands and thousands of pounds.

BLUE: With all due respect, you're a tosser. You're manipulating the British public into paying stupid amounts for unnecessary and wasteful services.

YELLOW: I think--

RED AND BLUE: Shut up!

YELLOW: Sorry.

RED: It's all very well for you to attack our policies, you're not the one who has to implement them, you fat fuck.

BLUE: Really? Well you smell.

PUBLIC: Excuse me ...?

RED: I have the best interest of the people at heart, fish face.

BLUE: If that were true you would keep council tax raises to the rate of inflation, you ugly, two faced--

VOICE OVER: Election time!

Everyone turns to look at the public for the first time.

RED: I love you.

BLUE: I love you more.

YELLOW: I--

RED AND BLUE: Shut up!

YELLOW: Sorry.

PUBLIC: I think we'll have a change.

Red and Blue swap seats.

BLUE: Now then. Council tax has gone up because that money is vital to the smooth running of local towns and services.

RED: Rubbish, there's no reason for a rise of that magnitude. No reason on Earth.

YELLOW: I think--

RED AND BLUE: Shut up!

YELLOW: Sorry.

PUBLIC: Fuck it! I'm going to watch TV.

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