



EPAS Debate

European Parliament Ambassadors

What is EPAS?

- Educational initiative run by the European Parliament
- Aims at improving students' political knowledge and participation
- Increase awareness of European democracy, role of European parliament and European values.

Recent events:

- Stalls
- French film

Structure of the debate session:





Debate 1 :
Should people born outside of a country be able to get a passport from there because of their ancestry, even if they do not live there?

Background:

Citizenship by ancestry – so for someone who was not born or raised in that country but has ancestry there

Parents from the country

Grandparents from the country

Proven ancestry from the 1800s

Proven ancestry and living in a neighbouring country

Does anyone know that they have a passport from ancestry?

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a light-colored blazer, is speaking at a podium. She has her hands raised, pointing upwards. The background is a blue wall with yellow stars, characteristic of the European Union flag. Other people are visible at podiums in the background, some looking towards the speaker. The scene appears to be a formal event or press conference.

So, what do you think?

Should people not born or raised in a country be able to get a passport for it? What limits should there be?



Time to Vote

- Stand on the **RIGHT** side of the room if you **FOR** with the motion
(yes, people who are not born or raised in a country should be able to get a passport for it)
- Stand on the **LEFT** side of the room if you are **AGAINST** the motion
(no, people who are not born or raised in a country should be able to get a passport for it)

Debate 2

Does pineapple belong on pizza?



Background:

Traditional pizza ingredients

Affecting the taste of pizza

Affecting the texture of pizza

Pineapple is a fruit

Culutral integrity

A photograph of Ursula von der Leyen, the President of the European Commission, speaking at a podium. She is wearing a tan jacket and has her hands raised in a gesture. The podium features the European Union flag and the logo of the European Parliament. In the background, other officials are seated at desks, and several national flags are visible.

So, what do you think?

Does pineapple belong on pizza?



Time to Vote

- Stand on the RIGHT side of the room if you FOR with the motion

(yes, pineapple belongs on pizza)

- Stand on the LEFT side of the room if you are AGAINST the motion

(no, pineapple does not belong on pizza)



Debate 1 :
Is France, Italy or Germany more dominant than the other two?

Background:

Germany has 96 seats in the European Parliament

France has 81 seats in the European Parliament

Italy has 76 seats in the European Parliament

Economic influence

International influence

Senior positions held

More information :

What does dominance mean?

Numerical strength : how many seats a country's MEPS have in comparison to others

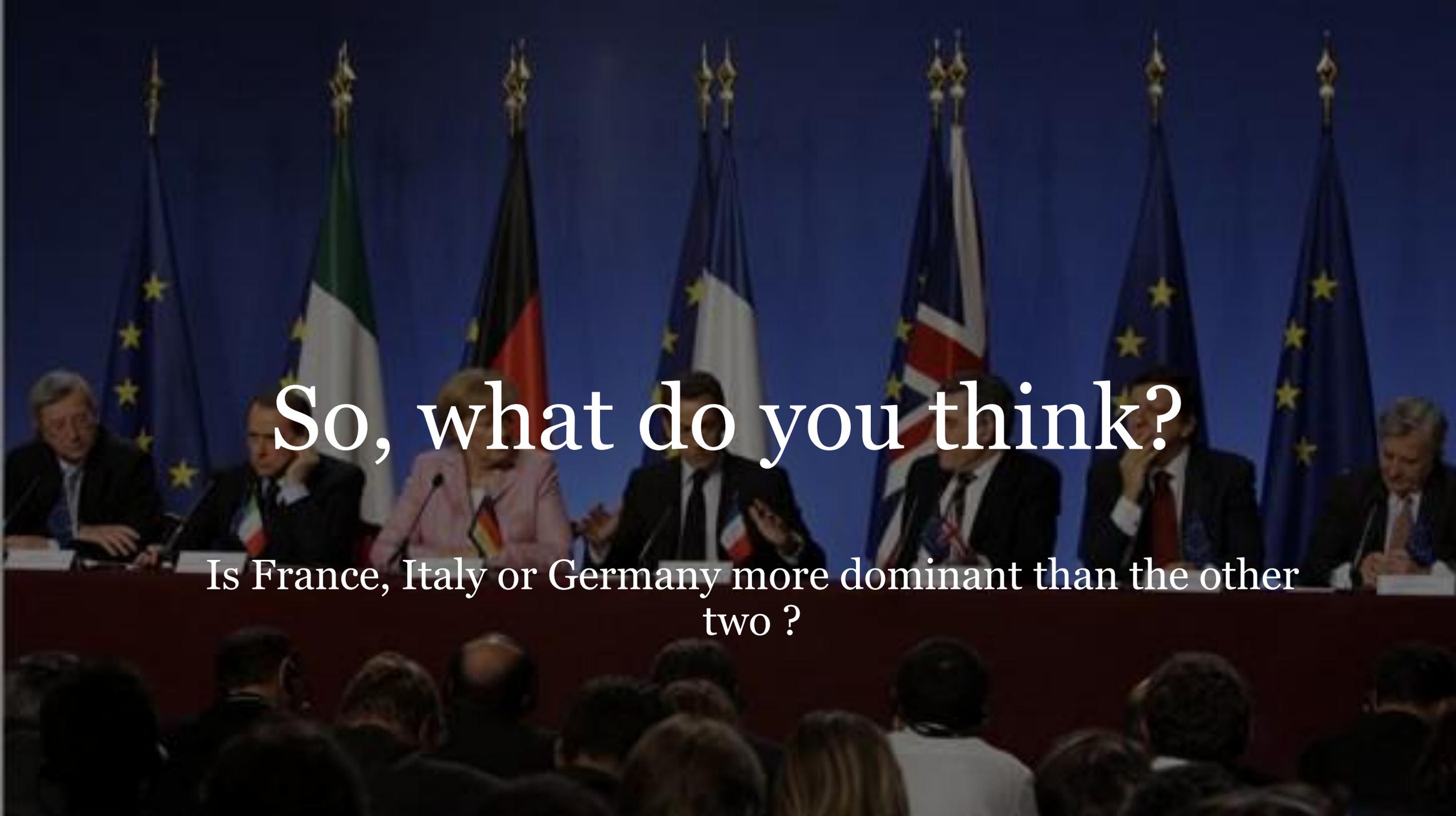
Leadership roles: how many committee chairs or bureau positions members from that country hold

Economic influence: how much power a country has because it has a strong economy and other countries depend on its money, trade or products.

Economic Background: The word economy describes how a country or place is doing in making goods, and how much money it has.

GDP: gross domestic product, total value of goods and services produced in an economy

Country	GDP
Germany	\$5.01 trillion
France	\$3.36 trillion
Italy	\$2.54 trillion

A group of European leaders are seated at a long table during a conference. Behind them are several flags, including the European Union flag, the Italian flag, the German flag, the French flag, and the United Kingdom flag. The scene is dimly lit, with the focus on the participants and the flags.

So, what do you think?

Is France, Italy or Germany more dominant than the other two ?



Time to Vote

- Stand on the RIGHT side of the room if you FOR with the motion

(yes, one country is more dominant than the other two)

- Stand on the LEFT side of the room if you are AGAINST the motion

(no, all three countries are equal in dominance)