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This is an insult on the basic democratic freedoms; hence the right of the Greeks to be taken as political subjects and decides upon their future and the right for having a better life. The dignity and the basic democratic rights of 11 million EU citizens are directly threatened by the very EU that ostentatiously claims to be a guarantor of democracy and freedom. Without dignity, democracy and freedom are just empty shells with no meaning.

For the sake of our democratic freedoms, for our future well-being and for a just Europe that respects their citizens’ rights and their welfare, let the Greek people have a chance!

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