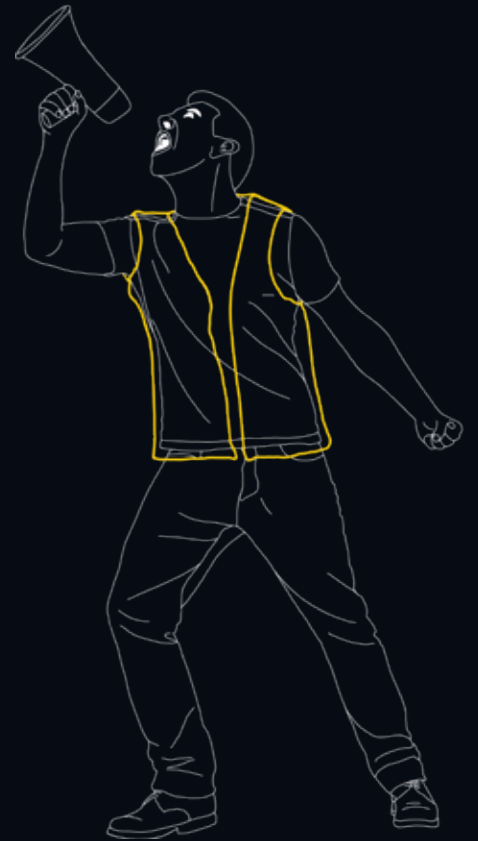


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We have had the privilege of witnessing how the media falsely represent / report on the Yellow Vest protest from both sides of the channel.

It is clear that there is a lack of understanding in the UK as to what the YV movement is all about – both on the mainstream and alternative media. The purpose of this brief talk is to rectify that.

The true basis and unprecedented organic growth of the movement shows what ordinary people with a focused message can achieve not just high profile individuals.

Violence on both sides although an unfortunate reality is often an isolated consequence of such protests and it is blown out of all proportion. The media prefers to report stock footage of burning cars and tear gas rather than showing the unified, peaceful protests in many provincial towns and cities of France.



In this presentation we will concentrate on the following points:

1. Provide a brief synopsis of the problem, where did it all start?
2. Explain about the overall objective of the Yellow Vests
3. Who is the real man behind the Yellow Vests movement
4. Talk about the "Referendum Initiative Citoyenne", the RIC, roughly translated it is "Citizen Initiative Referendum"
5. Constitutional workshops, or the possible answer to the big question - so we wake up people in their masses, what's next?
6. How to implement the RIC
7. What can we learn from the Yellow vest movement?

Article 123 - Maastricht 1992 forbid countries to print their own money.

Countries have to borrow from private banks with interest.

How wrong was that?

The European Parliament has no power, those who are elected have no power and those who have power are not elected.

All powers always manage to remove the controls that controls them.

It is up to us to regulate them and stop them from getting any freedom to corrupt.

So firstly - the problem

Electing means that we give our power away to the ones we elect. Professional politicians wrote the current constitution with self interest at heart .

We are currently powerless politically because we elect people to do politics on our behalf. This powerlessness is written in the constitution in France. The principle is the same in the UK since everything people could aspire to would have to be passed by the representatives in government .

In the French constitution it is not written as clearly as "people have no power", there is no mention of the power of the people in the constitution, it reads:

"The national sovereignty belongs to the people which is applied

through its elected representatives and by referendum.

When the French said no to the EU referendum, their representative politicians made it happen anyway via parliament by modifying the constitution.

The French constitution organises representation of the French people, it doesn't protect against bad representation. It is a document which should allow the people to get rid of politicians, it should put them under fear of audit and punishment. It has to be written by the people to control and regulated politicians every step of the way.

We the people should be able to modify, amend, adjust, eradicate laws as required.

This stems from the view that we work with what we have but make it fit for purpose rather than anarchy and chaos, roads still needs to be fixed, hospitals need to run, etc.

For us in Britain maybe it is time we start to look forward and move away from old documents such as the Magna Carta?

If it was such a good document, protecting the people then why so many of those people left for America, the "free world", fleeing persecution and tyranny?

Would energy be better spent on improving / changing what we currently have rather than keep looking back in the distant past especially when we know how skewed the past has been by those who wrote its history.

Do we really know anything from back then anyway?

The YV (Yellow Vests) movement reveals the crisis of representative government - a government which pretends to represent the people. Since 1789 in France, the ultra rich have taken control over politics through the electoral procedure and their candidates by financing the campaigns, leaving the ordinary citizens powerless, worse off and in many cases financially destitute.

The current text of the constitution is a prison in the French constitution, people don't exist - only electors exist. Electors have no power at all. Politic and the power to change things is only available to those who are elected.

So what are the objectives of the yellow vests?

The overall objective of the YV (Yellow Vests) is to give sovereignty to the people.

They are doing what everyone should do. As things stand at the date of this presentation, they don't identify with the left or the right, they don't associate themselves with syndicates and unions, they do not accept funding of any sort, from anyone, they have no political party affiliation, they don't use party banners because they do not want to be divisive nor divided. The establishment underestimated the success of the Yellow Vests although they are not immune to infiltration and sabotage as the protests gain more popularity and traction.

The yellow vest movement has already been sabotaged in the UK by associating it with the far right and Tommy Robinson.

The protests are genuine - lack of trademark signs of infiltration such as pre-printed mass produced professional litterature, banners and gimmicks.

On Saturday 17 December 2018, week one of the YV (Yellow Vests) protest, the French people donned

the yellow vests they were obliged to buy to keep in their cars as part of a government safety scheme.

They went onto to the iconic Champs Elysee Avenue, marched across Paris, gathered at the front of town halls in major cities, towns and even small villages all across the country.

During the week they started occupying numerous public places, roundabouts, toll road areas, careful to avoid obstructing the traffic and people at all cost.

They are conscious that in the effort to gather public support they have to let people move in peace and freely.

They presented the government with a legitimate grievance list of about 40 basic legislative demands such as lowering the fuel tax, raising the minimum wage, reducing taxes, ensuring the protection of the French NHS and other public services...

Initially, they were begging for financial aid.

However this quickly changed as the protestors became politically aware with the help of constitutional reformists. These reformists have been

working hard in the background for years attempting to rewrite the constitution and provide a mechanism that would give political power back to the people when the time came.

From week two the YV (Yellow Vests) had reduced their list of grievances from 40 points, to 2 fundamental and non negotiable points:

1. The RIC (Citizen Initiative Referendum) because this will open the door to everything else
2. an emergency social claim to zero the VAT on basic necessities (food, utilities)

TWO claims, one political and one economic.

The YV (Yellow Vests) declared they would take to the Paris' streets (and those of major cities) every Saturday until they get satisfaction.

The YV (Yellow Vests) came to realise that the RIC (Citizen Initiative Referendum) would give the people the opportunity to take back the control over their representatives, allow them to decide by themselves on the initiatives, on the subjects of concern, those they feel are

very important, to present those concerns to the entire population, directly, without representative, and to vote, on subjects they have chosen as sovereign people, rather than voting for elected representatives.

The RIC (Citizen Initiative Referendum) has made the YV (Yellow Vests) realise the possibilities that with just this one claim all the other claims can be dealt with by the people in their own time. With the RIC (Citizen Initiative Referendum) in place the people can then write, repeal or modify laws without devolving power to elected representatives or politicians whose interests are not aligned with the people.

So what will be the trigger for the people of Britain? The disintegration of the NHS? Another financial collapse?

Only when the masses decide to take to the streets will they be willing to listen to solutions, we need to be prepared for it in a coherent manner.

Once the people have achieved the RIC all other evils out there such as 5G, geo-engineering, corruption, paedophilia become things that we can solve.

So who is the real man behind the Yellow Vests Movement?

The RIC is the idea / the concept of bringing power back to the people - the constitutional workshops are focussed on how to achieve this.

These two things are at the true heart of the Yellow Vest movement.

Etienne Chouard is the man behind the CW (Constitutional Workshops) and by default the inspiration behind the YV (Yellow Vests) movement. He is a law and economy professor.

He first got interested in CW (Constitutional Workshops) in 2004.

Initially, like most, including our politicians, having not read the EU Constitutional Treaty, he was in favour of that document.

As a law professor, he started receiving emails from concerned people who had questions about the dangers the treaty had over French sovereignty.

He decided to read the 500 page document and outlined 10 extremely dangerous reasons why we should oppose and reject this treaty. Having studied the document, those reasons are far from being obvious but instead are well disguised within an illegible text, with multitudes of links sending the reader to unprotected pages.

The document is unconstitutional merely by being impossible to be read by the average person.

It has nothing to do with the sovereignty of the people despite being advertised this way. Etienne Chouard calls it the anti-constitution. He wrote an article about his concerns.

The article made the MSM, he received a lot of positive attention and from that point he decided to start a local CW (Constitutional Workshops), a group of people debating and writing a constitution for the people. 13 years' on and his Constitution Workshops have spread all across the country.

Coverage of the constitutional workshops has remained limited on both sides of the channel. Indeed, one disappointing thing from Roman Light's recent presentation in Totnes and subsequent FB / Youtube transmissions was the lack of reference to the constitutional workshops, which can only be due to his soon to be launched website, to which VIP participants will have to pay €15 per month to access all of the 'crucial' information. Etienne Chouard discussed the cost with Roman and told him that €15 was what some Yellow Vests barely earn in a day. This is against the principles of the YV movement which is predominantly for people who are struggling financially and who should not be charged for essential and vital information.

Roman is also a supporter of "free-speech" via Tommy Robinson, anyone deserves free speech, singling out a character as questionable as Tommy Robinson does not help keep the simple focus on the RIC and the constitutional workshops.

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**How to bring back
sovereignty to the people?
We need numbers, to
become political adults
and constituent.**

What are constitutional workshops?

Current representatives have never been able to prevent injustice, they should not instigate the rules of the representation. It is the job of the People.

Because we elect politicians we decide on nothing. We always beg to our masters, give more, stop this... Some YV by habit are begging for the RIC but they are realising they shouldn't beg to remove the power of the masters - the masters won't give it up. The so called elites don't want people involved in the decision making process. Therefore the YV through the Constitutional Workshops have had to write the RIC themselves.

Democracy is debate, polemic (argument), conflict between classes and categories, it isn't always the law of the majority, until there isn't anymore controversy. In the CW they learn to decide.

In the current constitution there is no way to resist and say no.

When government decided it will be removing the indexation of retirement benefits in France, the people couldn't say anything, the same when they decided the bedroom tax here in the UK.

Currently article 11 of the proposed French government version of the RIC (Referendum Initiated by Citizens) called the Shared Initiative Referendum says that a referendum on a subject maybe organised at the initiative of 1/5 of the members of parliament (85 members) backed by a 10th of the electorate.

The electorate only back the decision, they don't have any initiative in that scenario.

Article 11 is a typical establishment move to give the people an impression they are getting something but in reality nothing changes.

The real RIC is the opportunity to inject some real democracy into the same system of representation.

The representatives could still vote the laws on our behalf, under our control, they could still have the initiatives of the law and the decision, under our control, but on subjects that really matter and we feel are important to the people we can ourselves take the initiative to take a law from parliament and allow it, revoke it, repeal it, modify it, we can revoke a incompetent or traitorous politician, we can change or improve the RIC.

This initiative of the people can and should be able to work in all domains and in any subject.

A danger of the RIC is the misinformation that the media are propagating, therefore it is very important for the media to be regulated, independent and without bias and conflict of interest.

It is paramount our opinions are based on good information and facts before making decisions.

If an issue is referred to a referendum time will be required to set the stage for debates, impartial studies and open to all - people need to hear from it and learn from it.

We may get decisions wrong on some subjects - then we need to learn from it, fix what doesn't work and re-vote.



Democracy by election keeps people away from decision making.



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When writing a constitutional document each project of law should be discussed, decided, practiced, debated by a convention of people / citizens randomly chosen but trained in the project in question, under the guidance of a committee made of people in disagreement, representing all possible contradicting opinions.

The workshops demonstrate to people that they can get involved in politics to change the way politics are done.

In the CW (Constitutional Workshops) it is demonstrated through debates and discussions that the general public who do not aspire to power are more than capable of writing constitutional articles with the appropriate levels of control.

The point is not to all agree but to discuss without self interest until we do in majority.

People elect representatives and therefore remove their power to vote for important subjects.

Election is not democracy and democracy is not election.

We need to take part in these workshops all the time, as often as possible with as many people as possible we need to make them available online / social media / televised / on the radio they need spread like a friendly virus. How many thousands of people vote for the Eurovision Song Contest, Dancing on Ice, Big Brother already? Why could a similar system not be used to vote on issues that really matter?

The point of the CW (Constitutional Workshops) is that as many people as possible create and build up a tool box of constitutional proposals in reserve so when the time is right, when the people have had enough and take to the streets, when there is a revolutionary process starting, instead of changing the politicians / the representatives (like in the Arab spring) we change the system. **To do that we have to be ready.**

We have too many valid causes and the elite divide us, we need to unite behind one common cause which is the solution such as the RIC (Citizen Initiative Referendum) or something similar.



SOME WORKSHOP SUBJECTS TO BE DEBATED

There is no easy solution - there is so much wrong and so much to put right but we have to start somewhere and not let those issues divide us.

How many numbers do we need to vote on local, regional or national issues? From 100,000, 200,000....?

National referendum?

At what point we decide the interest in a matter is worthy of a referendum?

How many have to be interested in a matter, depending on the matter, before it becomes a vote or a law?

What do we do with television?

With the media?

How to we get people to have the right information, so they can make the right decisions?

How do we control elected people?

How do we get rid of corrupt politicians?

What do we do with the banks? All state owned? Any private banks? How do we regulate them?

Taxation? Transaction tax?

How much money should be put in circulation?

How do we keep entrepreneurs?

Job creation? Incentives?

What should be the responsibilities of judges?

Should advertisement be authorised or forbidden?

Is CO2 a killer or a feeder?

Animal rights?

School Curriculum?

How do we solve homelessness?

Unemployment?

Disability?

How do we manage immigration?

What about the environment?

The NHS? Health?

How do we pay our representatives? How much?

Who prepares the laws?

Do we need to arm ourselves?

Do we re-nationalise the banks, the utilities (water, gas, electricity, telecoms, post office)?

Do we nationalise the weapon industries?

Motoways? Railways? Airlines?

If the 'randomers' keeping the government in check have too much power would they become dangerous?

How do we designate our representatives?

What types of ballot should be used?

Do we elect someone not on the ballot?

Speed cameras? CCTV?

Should individual fortunes be limited?

And much more...

For those who say that the danger could be that people will make bad decisions, they should be reminded that our representatives currently take bad decisions all the time.

How to implement the RIC?

We certainly don't have have all the answers, but it is important that we think about and discuss the real issues if we ever want to stand a chance of changing things.

Realistically career politicians and law makers are never going to promote anything like the RIC (Citizen Initiative Referendum) because it doesn't fit their interest or the interest of those industries and corporations that lobby them. They write the rules and they are not going to write rules that go against their personal interests.

If we have political power and control we can work on a solution. A possible solution would be the random selection of an assembly of constituents from the public with a limited term of office, with their actions closely monitored and highly regulated independently by their peers - anyone is better than the corrupt and conflicted elected representatives we have today.

How to go from practice to action without violence?

We have to stay non-violent and have to act through civil disobedience and non compliance.

We need more people and 1,000,000 is not enough.

The YV (Yellow Vests) are legitimate in their claims but they are not enough in numbers. We cannot take over the government until we have enough people. When 80% of the French people involved in the YV movement want the RIC (Citizen Initiative Referendum) –it is ready to grow more than ever before, but we need more active people to legitimise the idea further and absolutely no violence is essential.

Media manipulation and social engineering needs to stop and true independent media is required.

Media should belong to the journalists and their employees (John Lewis) not one person or huge corporations.

The ultra rich should not buy media, conspiracy research should be a duty of the media.

The people should be funding the media to ensure impartiality. Information from the media should be controlled to ensure accuracy.

We need order and we need to educate people how to write the constitution.

If we want to fight against injustice we have to have political power.

WHAT CAN WE LEARN?

What can we learn from the Yellow Vests movement ?

How to organise organic largely peaceful protest

How to empower ordinary people to become politically aware

How to focus energy on 2 uniting key points rather than try to change or beg to right everything that is wrong

How to make a key message appeal to ordinary people without alienation

How to use technology and social media to join and unite people rather than segregate individual interest groups

Constitutional reform and how it can be achieved sits behind the YV movement
The YV movement goes one step beyond waking people up and is looking forward to what happens next.

How about in the UK, with difference in culture and whilst a lot of people know there is something wrong they do not know they could be part of a solution.

So how do we wake people up in sufficient numbers?

Assuming we are able to wake people up, what next?

How do we topple government and root out corruption and what do we do after that?

If we are going to make a difference we need to think about these things now and learn from the YV.

We need to unify groups, not divide, lose egos, focus on what we agree on, not what we disagree, keep the message clean and simple - organise, adapt, prepare and plan

Watch out for media blackouts disinformation / manipulation, they underestimate the number of protestors in Paris and provinces: their anger and their resilience.

What are we waiting for in the UK?

ÉVOLUTION