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The neoliberal Single Transferable Party is in a panic in France.

As [the Guardian](#) (and others) have noted, Macron is refusing to appoint a representative of the left-of-centre bloc of parties that won (in the sense of having the most seats) the election he unnecessarily called three or so months ago precisely because he does not want the choice of the people of France to have a chance of governing the country. Instead, it would seem that he wishes for another centrist government, which is what France had before he called the election, and which is very obviously what people no longer want.

Written all over Macron's actions is the obvious contempt that those from the neoliberal Single Transferable Party now have for democracy, the electoral process, and the right of people to vote as they will.

We have seen this in Ireland, where the age-old feud between Fianna Fail and Fine Gael has been settled to keep Sinn Fein out of office.

We are seeing this in the UK, where entryism into Labour has reduced it [to being a Tory continuity party](#).

And now we are seeing it in France.

There is a rightful condemnation of Trump's contempt for democracy. But are we so sure that this contempt is not also happening much closer to home when it is so obvious that people are very deliberately being denied the chance to be represented by those who they would like to govern?