

# Understanding the European Union



Learning Target: I can describe why governments belong to different types of economic alliances.

# The Basics...

European Union = referred to as the “EU”

Official Currency\* = EURO

# of Member Nations = 28



Official Flag of the EU



Euro Currency Symbol

\* = not all member nations use the Euro

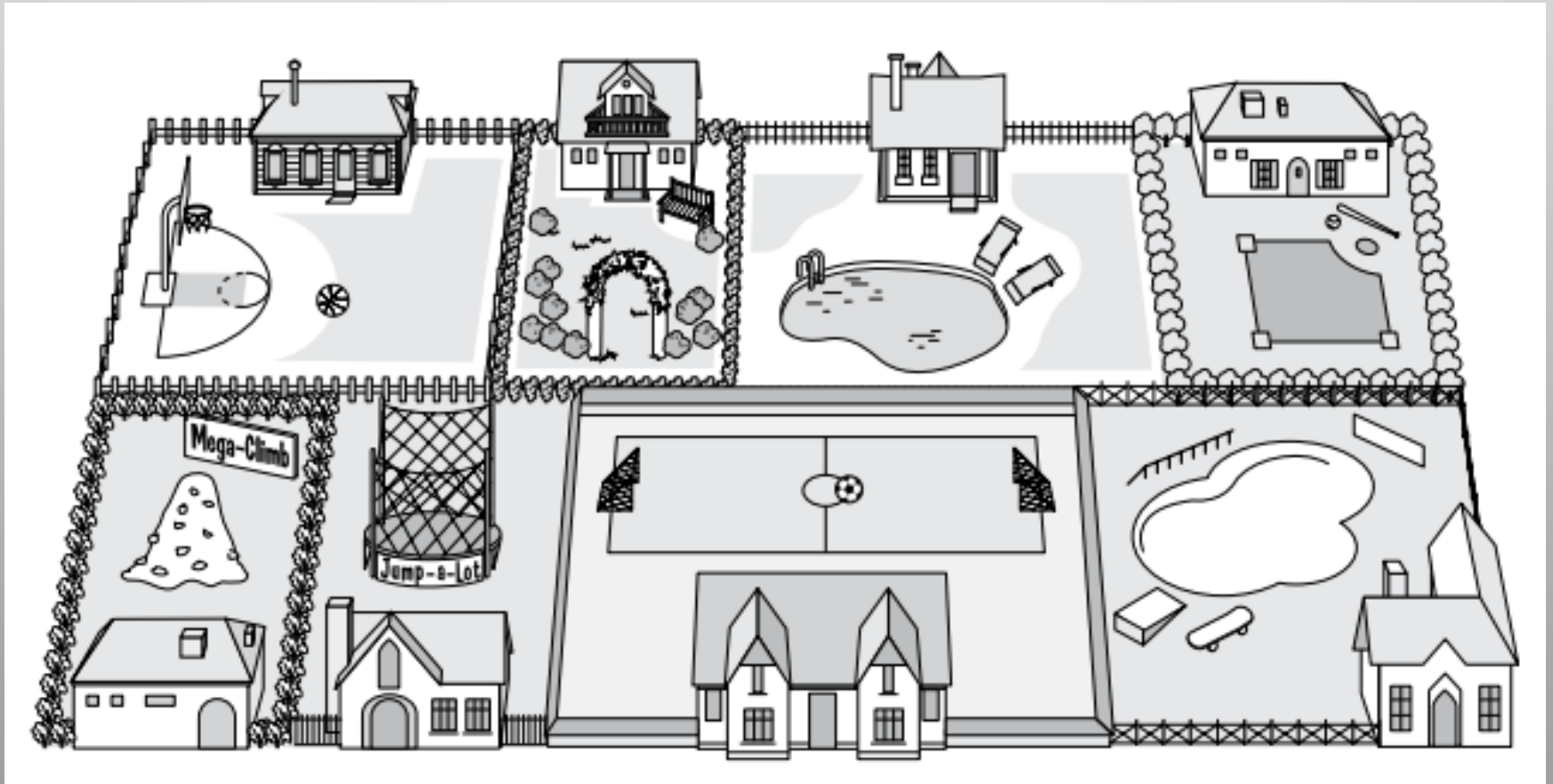


# INTRO TO THE EU

## INTRO TO EU VIDEO



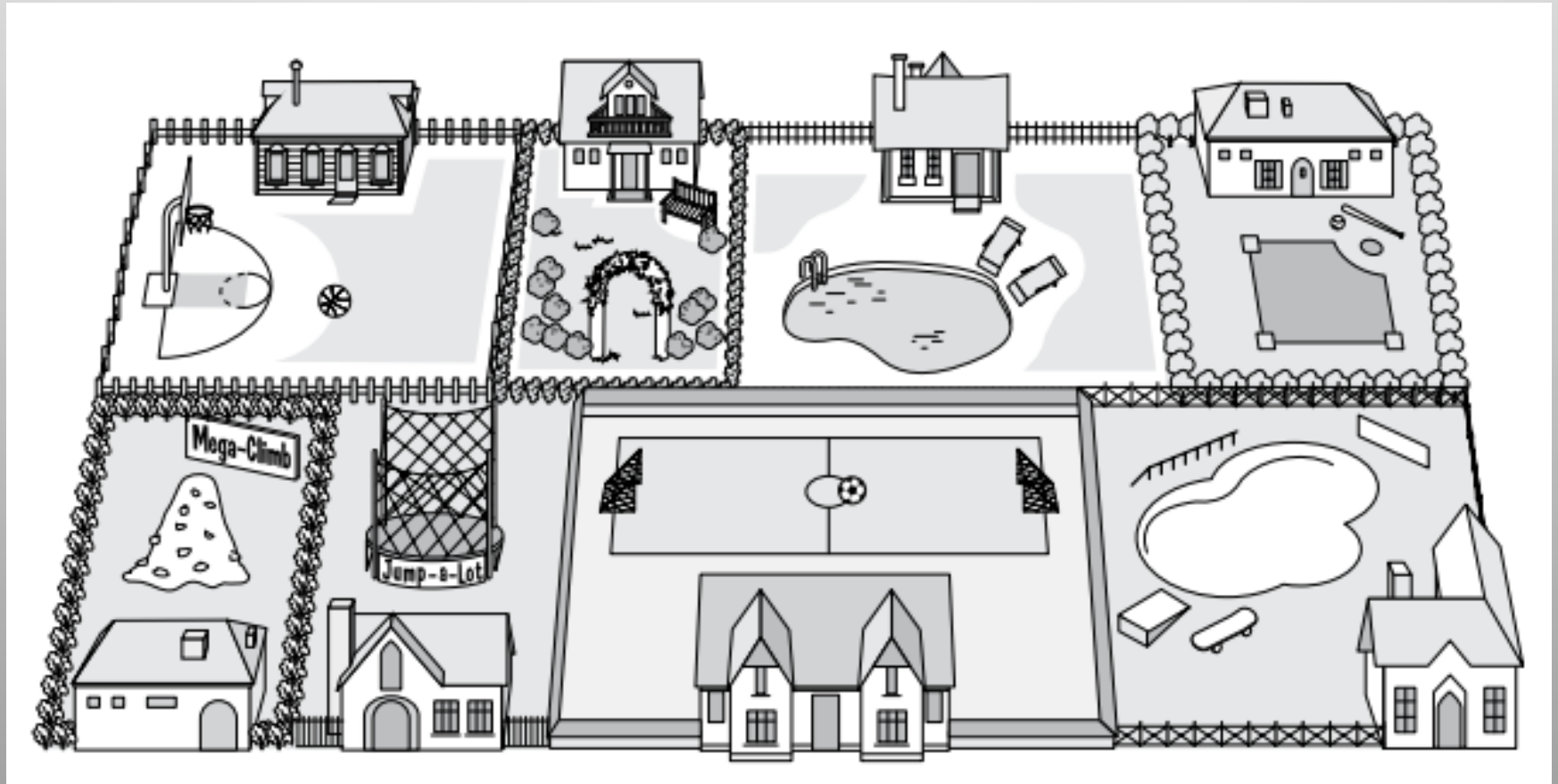
Imagine you are moving to this neighborhood...  
which yard would you choose?



WHY?



Now, imagine one neighbor proposes that the fences be taken down and a common backyard be formed.

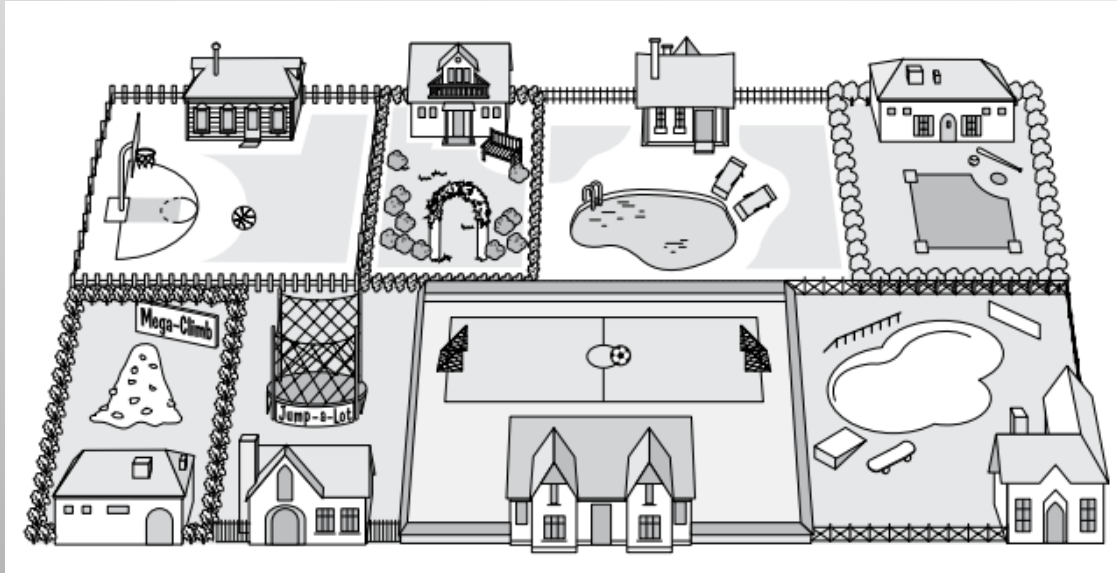


Do you support or disapprove of this plan & Why?



# EUROPE With and With OUT the EU

\*\*Thinking about Europe as a Neighborhood

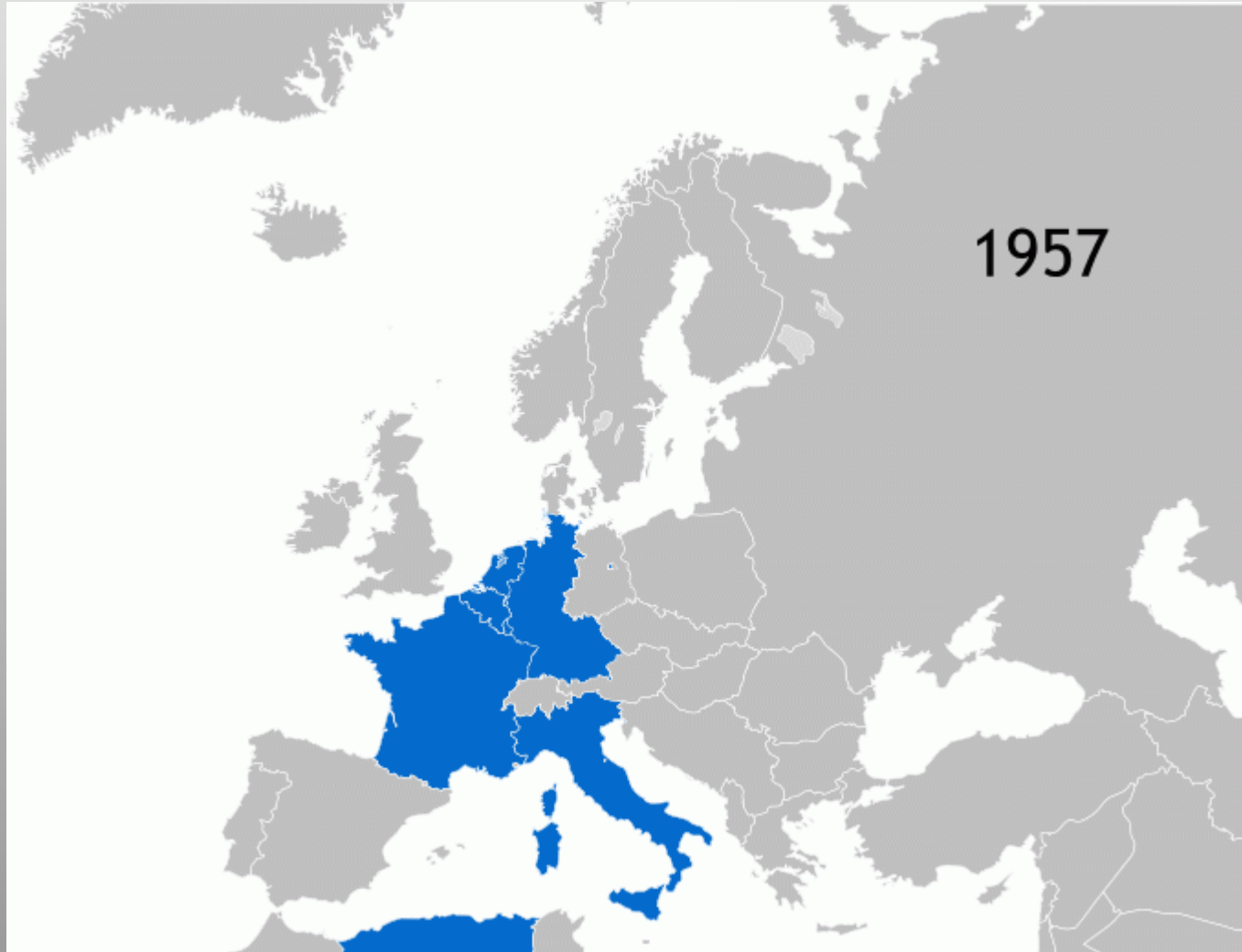


POSTIVES?

NEGATIVES?



# 28 Members of European Union







# Would an EU Type System work in NA?

Open Borders,  
Common Currency,  
Limited Trade  
Barriers, etc?



Why/Why Not? Positives vs. Negatives



# EU IN THE NEWS

## “the BREXIT”

**The New York Times**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/25/world/europe/overwhelmed-by-brexit-here-are-the-basics.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/25/world/europe/overwhelmed-by-brexit-here-are-the-basics.html?_r=0)

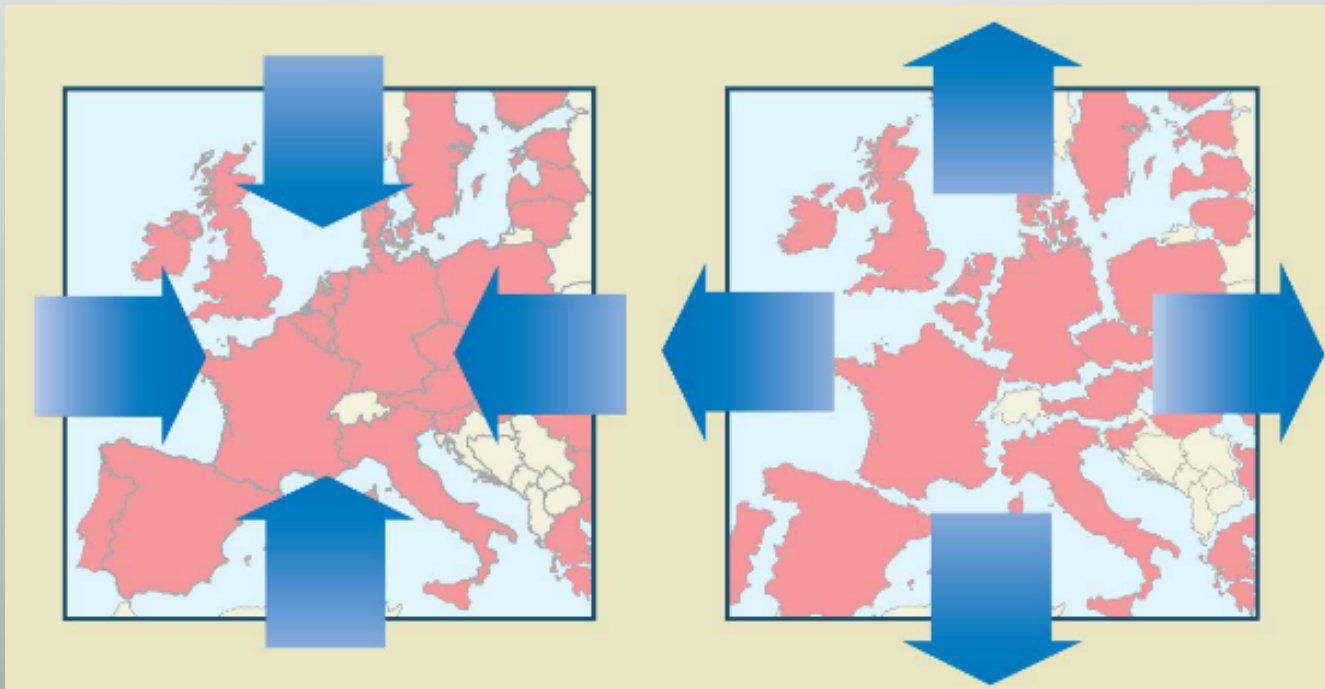
**You Tube**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvnmAjev5oE>



# Push & Pull Forces

Unite vs. Divide Classroom Activity



Economic, Political & Cultural



# Push & Pull Forces Activity

Examples of  
Economic Forces  
That Divide

Examples of  
Political Forces  
That Divide

Examples of Forces  
That Work Against  
European Cultural  
Identity

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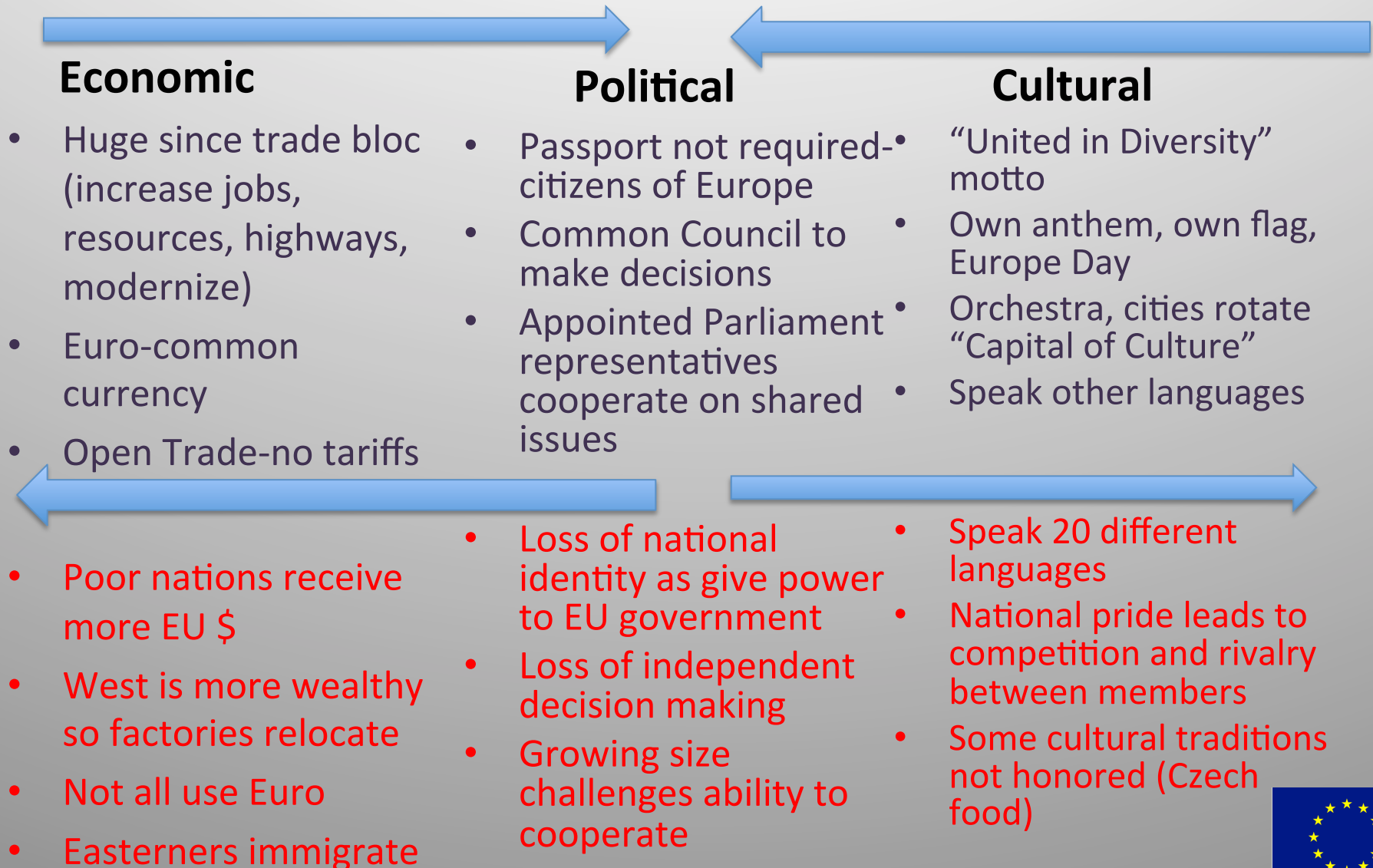
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# Push & Pull Forces Answers





## THE EU VIDEO IN REVIEW

