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## Europe uses world economic crisis to “bury” constitution betrayal

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A couple of week ago, ITV's *Tonight* programme, where I worked as a reporter for a bit , held a referendum on the EU Treaty in the fair town of Luton. The programme took an ordinary town in Britain and asked them two questions: “*Should the Treaty be ratified?*” and “*Should we leave the EU?*”. I am not surprised that the good people of Luton voted overwhelmingly not to ratify the Treaty and to leave the EU.

On the same day, MEPs have used the current economic crisis to “bury” the news that Members of the European Parliament have voted to reinstate the EU's national symbols of a flag, anthem, motto and public holiday.

The European symbols were deleted from the EU constitution, before being sold to the British Public as the Lisbon Treaty. This change allowed the government to refuse Britain the referendum on the Constitution that was promised at the last election. This is a cynical move to introduce a European Constitution by the backdoor and Gravesham voters have every right to feel let down .

It is particularly galling that the EU has sneaked this vote out when the world is facing an economic crisis. With so many people in Gravesham worrying about losing their jobs and homes you would have thought bureaucrats in Brussels would have better things to do than waste time making Beethoven's Ninth the European national anthem - even if it is a fantastic piece of music .

