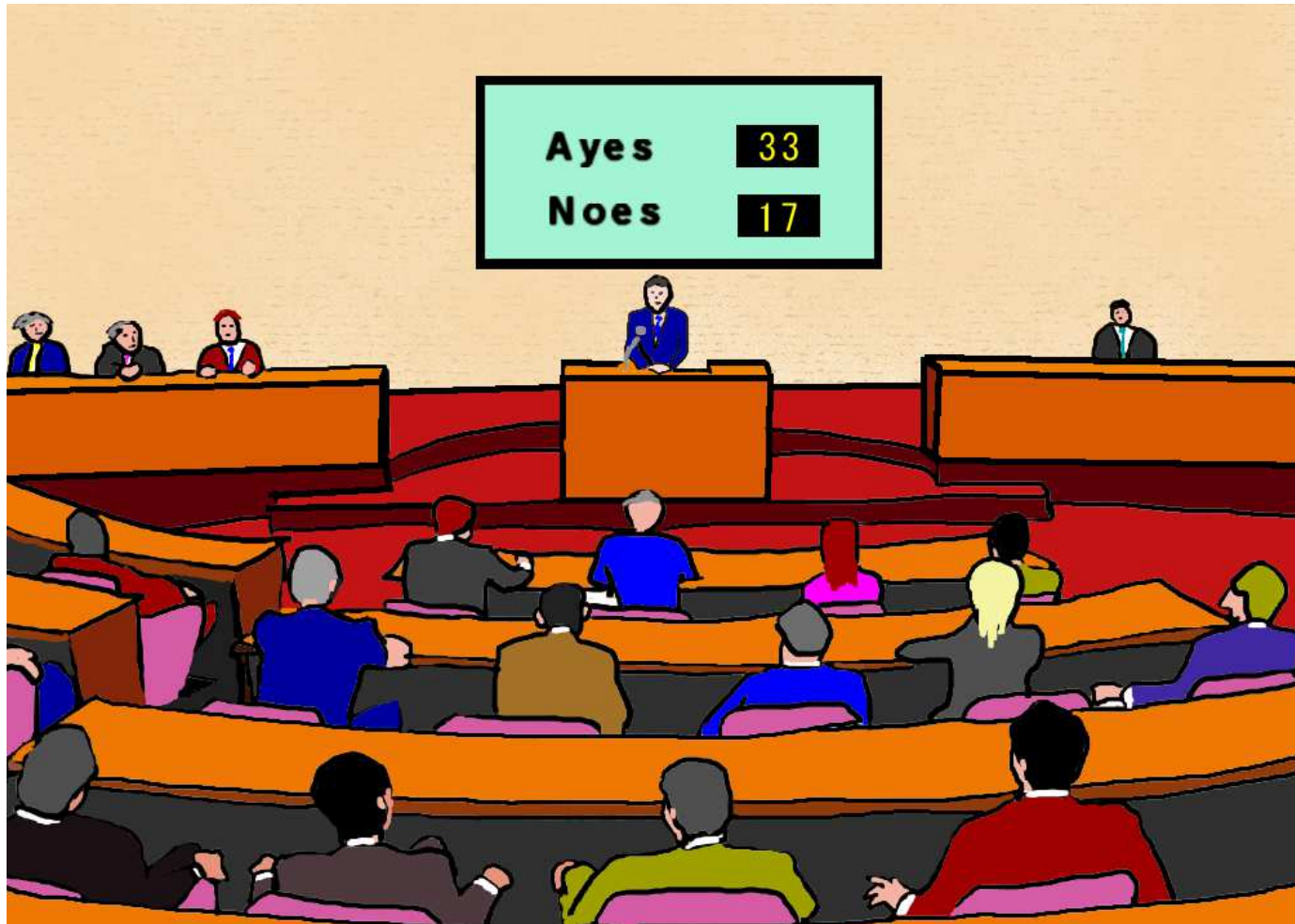


We are the sovereign



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In a democracy, important subjects are decided by majority rule. There are various voting systems but in most cases decisions are made by majority vote.



Imagine there is an important issue and there are 50 options to deal with it.

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Which one to choose from is to be decided by majority rule.



Oh, each option has got only about $1/50$ of vote. Not one option has got majority. This means we cannot come to the conclusion.

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The number of options was decreased from 50 to 10.

Many people look unhappy now. But never mind! Let's try again!

...There are still 10 options to choose from. Let's choose one by majority rule.



Oh, each option has got only about 1/10 of vote. No option has got majority. This means we cannot come to the conclusion.

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The number of options was decreased from 10 to 3.

Most people look unhappy now. But never mind! Let's try again! ...There are still 3 options to choose from. Let's choose one by majority rule.



Oh, each option has got only about 1/3 of vote. No options has got majority. It means we cannot come to the conclusion.

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- ~~● throw a missile at the dictator~~

The number of options was decreased from 3 to 2.

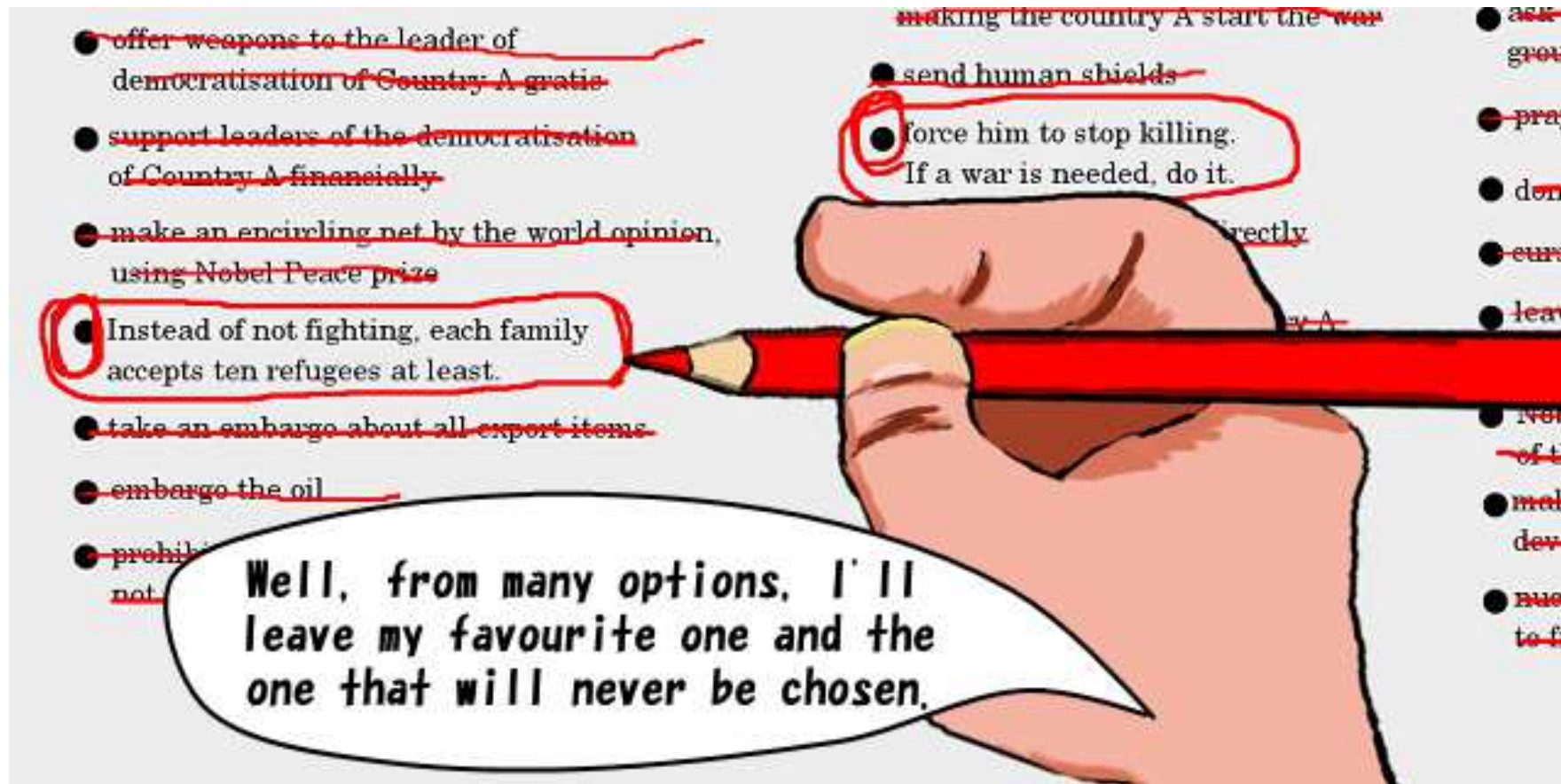
Even more people look unhappy now. But never mind! Let's try again! ...There are 2 options to choose from. Let's choose one by majority rule.



One option has got just over half of the vote. Now the decision was made.

Oh, I see! Even 3 options were too many to get the majority.

48 out of 50 options must be excluded before the vote.



I wonder if it is possible to leave the options only, which are not wanted by people.

Then if people chose one by majority rule from only 2 options, which had been left and not wanted by anybody, it may still seem that people made the decision.

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Majority
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~~stabilize the order of Country~~
~~with financial support.~~

Now we'll start the war. It is you who made the decision!



Oh, I see...
Then there seems to be no choice, though we really did not want a war.

Now you see, don't you?

Majority rule does not ensure that people make a decision based on their own will. On the contrary, subject to how it applies to the situation, one could even use it as a tool which;

- **decreases the number of options.**
- **disguises that a decision was made by people's will when ignoring people's will by decreasing the number of options.**

If you think, "It's a democracy based on people's will, as a decision was made by majority rule", it might be **an illusion.**

**We are the sovereign.
Cheers for democracy!**



Afterword

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