



*Turkeys Voting
For Christmas*



This metaphor refers to an apparently **suicidal choice**, especially when it comes to a **political vote**. In the **United Kingdom**, turkeys have been commonly eaten as part of the **English Christmas dinner** (unlike in the United States, where they are mostly associated with Thanksgiving) at least since the 1570s. A commentator in the *Independent Magazine* traced the origin of the phrase to British Liberal Party politician **David Penhaligon**, who is said to have stated that "Us voting for the Pact is like a turkey voting for Christmas" in reference to the **1977 Lib-Lab Pact** which he opposed.