With respect to the so called “populist moment” currently it is often said that main European values are threatened. In my paper I’ll try to question whether three core European values – independence of a person, toleration and respect for law – have been derogated under the pressure of populist propaganda. My intention is, using the second pre-release of EVS2017 to make a comparison between Slovenia, Croatia and Bulgaria. These comparison is both possible and useful because of some similarities. The three countries are geographically in the same region. They have similar languages and cultures. They have communist past and are members of the EU. At the same time there are also some significant differences. Slovenia and Croatia were part of former Yugoslavia while Bulgaria was a satellite state of USSR. The three countries joined the EU to different times – Slovenia in 2004, Bulgaria in 2007 and Croatia in 2013. The broader question that should be answered is whether the public opinion in the three countries is affected by the rise of populism.