## Semi-Rational Groups

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- Assume $|C| \neq|D|$ for all $C \neq D \in \operatorname{Class}(G)$. Let $x \in G$ and $m$ with $(m, o(x))=1$. Then
$C_{G}(x)=C_{G}\left(x^{m}\right)$ so $\left|c l_{G}(x)\right|=\left|c l_{G}\left(x^{m}\right)\right|$. So $x$ and $x^{m}$ must be conjugate.


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- Furthermore: $x \in G$ semi-rational $\Rightarrow$ (but not equivalent to) $\chi(x)$ lies in a quadratic extension of $\mathbb{Q}$ for all $\chi \in \operatorname{lrr}(G)$.
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## Lemma

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- INITIAL REDUCTION. Let $V \triangleleft G$ be minimal normal $\Rightarrow V$ is an elementary abelian $p$ - group, $p$ a prime. Induction $\Rightarrow \pi(G / V) \subset\{2,3,5,7,13,17\}$. May assume: $p \notin\{2,3,5,7,13,17\}$ and that $V$ is the unique minimal normal subgroup of $G$. So $G=H V$ a semi-direct product, and $V$ is an irreducible faithfull H - module.
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\Rightarrow d \stackrel{24}{\geq} 49
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