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First issue – a short introduction

Dear reader, welcome to The Carrier Pigeon. We are happy to present you the first issue of our journal planned to be published regularly.

Background and aim

The carrier pigeon is published by the Society of Equals (SoE), which is an independent group within and legally represented by the UMEHR association (United Movement for Equal Human Rights). UMEHR is a radical-democratic organized association, that campaigns for anchoring universal human rights in constitutions and laws and supporting local people in the definition and realization of their democratic claims for their human rights. Therefore, UMEHR organizes itself regionally, supra-regionally, continentally, and globally and forms alliances with other initiatives, organizations, and associations.

Purpose of UMEHR (German): umehr.net

To cultivate the debate on human rights, make problems visible in the public, and broaden the spectrum of opinion, the association develops, promotes, and provides pamphlets, newspapers, books, and events. In this regard, The Carrier Pigeon is a journal to receive and transmit information and opinions regarding English-speaking countries and to facilitate international cooperation.

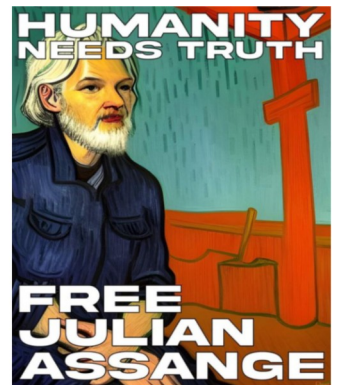
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The platform suppressed true information from doctors and public-health experts that was at odds with U.S. government policy.

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UMEHR: Founding call of a radical-democratic association

Note of the editorial office: The following article is the translated text of the invitation for the founding assembly of the association UMEHR on April 21th 2021. Afterwards, UMEHR was officially registered as association according to german law. The purpose of this translation is to inform readers about the character, aims and philosophy of UMEHR.

Founding call of UMEHR

We invite all interested parties from near and far to prepare the foundation of a preliminary association for the registration of our association, who are committed to our human rights. A human rights movement cannot develop a unified program, but it can assert the interests of individuals and groups in the public sphere.

When profiteers can enforce their economic interests with state violence against the sense of justice of the majority of people, our human rights are put on the back burner. Where only profit counts, humanity falls by the wayside. That is why we want to unite with all people on an equal footing and await your proposals and offers.

We live in a world full of unsolved problems, while the current economic and political system cannot offer humanistic solutions. The economic oligarchs force small and medium companies to produce according to their conditions, while their lobbyists in governments push their interests at the expense of all of us. When we grow old and useless to them, they simply leave most of us in poverty.

The current social system's promise of advancement, that anyone who works hard can achieve prosperity, has long since been exposed as a lie. The current measures are threatening the standard of living of small and medium-sized companies, small businesses, and people who had a decent wage job. Due to short-time work and bankruptcies, there are more and more companies and employment relationships from which people cannot live, let alone feed a family. Above all, the owners of global companies are the winners of the global measures in this deliberately exacerbated economic crisis. Global oligarchs have now begun the final consumption of the infrastructure of local communities, looting treasuries and seeking to capture any state property that is not nailed down.

The oligarchs, through the UN and its subdivisions such as the WHO, use the centrally affiliated states to gain unrestrained access to anything they desire. The wars they have deliberately instigated and the economic squeezing of the world have devastated entire regions and bred terrorist gangs. The concept of shared security between smaller and larger states through the UN has never worked. The arms profiteers

are destroying any meager gains for peaceful solutions and pushing dependent states into wars. Due to reaching the profit limits, the danger of a military clash between nuclear powers has become very high.

Contrary to the claim of long durability, many products are specially designed to break quickly and cannot be repaired. As a result, profits increase, but the impoverishment of the people progresses and the mountains of waste grow to gigantic heights.

This system will either end in chaotic collapse or, hopefully, lead large parts of the world's population to negotiate together for a new and humanistic community. It is an obvious lie to tell us that current politics is willing and able to solve our problems. Growing social and political inequality are not natural forces. The globalized rule of oligarchs, which concentrates the wealth of this planet on fewer and fewer individuals, is coming to an obvious end and is not without alternatives.

Due to the predominance of major owners against the right of the possessors, it is hardly possible for the possessors to sue for their human rights against the power of disposal of major owners. Possession obligates one's own or common use, while influential major owners have obligated our community and the state to enforce their interests against all possessors with merciless force. No possessor of a house or a business is safe from the desires of the oligarchs. This state of affairs should be changed democratically if we do not want our civilization to perish because of individual interests.

Technical progress could continue to make our lives easier and our jobs more bearable if we would not leave it to irresponsible profiteers who want to get rid of almost three-quarters of the current producers through technical progress. Only if we divide the remaining work among all of us in an actual community, we can find a humanistic solution.

The simple principle of "supply and demand" and fair international cooperation are massively suppressed in this system. The current economic system is not oriented to the needs of the people and their human rights, but to their ability to pay. But the profit of the oligarchs results solely from the impoverishment of the mass of people.

Global corporations, which are allowed to circumvent even the most fundamental democratic rules and can choose the cheapest labor, the lowest taxes, and the lowest-cost standards worldwide, are accelerating the collapse predicted by many experts.

In a humanistic world, a community is not responsible for the interests of a very small elite, but for the needs of all people. Only in an actual community, the observance of human rights can be guaranteed in a binding manner. The consistent exploitation of the civil liberties we have left for a comprehensive democratization of society can restore

cohesion and help us to build a humanistic society. Only with democratic structures of self-governance that combine sovereignly and purposefully, people can effectively protect themselves from the consequences of the collapse of this economic and power system. We do not need rulers who manipulate political decisions with the help of lobbyists.

Today, many citizens are turning away from the party system because they have to experience again and again that their interests are given far less consideration in political decisions than the wishes of wealthy economic leaders. A democracy can only be realized if the citizens themselves are the lawmakers (legislature) and thus the all-important power in their regions. In a democracy, all strategically important personnel issues on the various levels must also be discussed by the people of the state in public debates and decided by elections. The votes of the citizens must be organized so that manipulation is impossible. The powers of the state apparatus can be truly separated only if all important functionaries of the judiciary, executive, and public media are elected by the respective people of the state at the appropriate levels (comune, county, district, state, etc.) with an imperative mandate.

There is a majority for democracy among the people, but there is no majority for it among party officials. In many countries, the decline of established parties is giving rise to new movements that are increasingly changing the way political conditions are viewed. Democratic movements usually quickly outnumber the hierarchical structures of the party system; what matters is organizing them. Party members are only a small minority of the proportion of the entire population. Any movement organized by associations is inherently non-partisan and also integrates members of a wide variety of parties.

Movements are easier to organize, therefore usually have more supporters and, from a certain stage of development, can provide their members with more social influence than a single party could.

What oligarchs achieve through their money, influence of media, and lobbyists, we can only achieve through our mass, mutual tolerance, and public presence. If we organize ourselves intelligently, we will have more power than the privileged few. Only then can we enforce a community for the good of all people and relegate egoists to an equal place beside us.

Therefore, the current members of the association UMEHR GbR organize public meetings, where all interested parties can agree on a common statute or future cooperation.

The founding meeting shall be broadcasted via video conference to give all interested parties and groups the opportunity to declare themselves as founding members and to confirm this by signature later on.

The core of a statute is always the purpose of an association, therefore the following wording is proposed:

“1. The purpose is the association of people who are committed to anchoring the egalitarian human rights of the UN of 1948 in constitutions and laws through their free decisions as citizens. On the international level, the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights" was adopted for the first and last time in 1948 by the General Assembly of the United Nations, which has a universal and global claim, but is not formally binding. The members of the association are aware that the text of this declaration is inherently contradictory, controversial, and in need of improvement and are working towards an improved, new version and international legitimacy. Therefore, the members of this association organize themselves regionally, supra-regionally, continentally, and globally and form alliances with other initiatives, organizations, and associations.

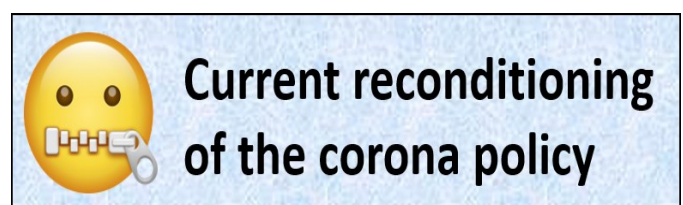
2. Its specific work consists also in supporting people locally in the definition and realization of their democratic claims for their human rights.

3. The association offers political education, promotes the direct participation of people in the solution of their human rights problems, and makes them visible to the public. For this purpose, the association develops, promotes, and provides offers and flanks them with pamphlets, newspapers, magazines, books, and events. In this way, the association contributes to broadening the public spectrum of opinion aiming to cultivate the public debate on human rights and broaden the spectrum for opinion formation.

4. The association promotes and participates in public education and discussion events on the subject of human rights and hosts networking meetings and supra-regional structures, up to and including the international level.”

The organizational part of the statute provides for the development of an advisory board composing all legal persons of the association. This advisory board will provide the opportunity for all groups to pursue cultural, charitable, or other purposes in addition to the main purpose of the association. UMEHR wants to provide an organizational framework, legal representation, and a variety of services for as many groups as possible, such as the booking of premises or office service.

Translated by Peter Mueller



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FDA vaccine advisers 'disappointed' and 'angry' that early data about new Covid-19 booster shot wasn't presented for review last year

By Elizabeth Cohen and Naomi Thomas, CNN
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Buffalo Bills medical staff attended to Damar Hamlin after he was injured at Paycor Stadium. (John Sommers via Alamy)

The Epidemic of #DiedSuddenly

Why is the public turning to a single, ominous explanation for tragedies like Damar Hamlin's collapse? Two doctors explain.

By **Vinay Prasad** and **John Mandrola**
January 25, 2023

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Vocabulary used for political defamation in Germany

Within the last years and crises, the atmosphere for discussion in Germany has deteriorated drastically. While people themselves apparently have more and more problems with diverging opinions, politicians and mainstream media facilitate this decrease of discussion culture by narrowing the spectrum of which is "speakable" as well as emotionalizing and moralizing topics. Instead of arguing facts, they increasingly use defamation and the respective vocabulary to shut down persons or groups with positions different from their own. This little encyclopedia provides nine common examples of a meanwhile large and inflationary used vocabulary of defamation existing in Germany.

Conspiracy theorist (in German: Verschwörungstheoretiker)

Probably one of the most frequently used terms on this list. While initially brought into the mass media by the CIA within the Kennedy association, for a long time it was used to describe people with quite unrealistic opinions (e.g. chemtrails, flat earth). But nowadays, basically, everyone who doubts or criticizes the official/mainstream narrative while providing alternative conclusions or explanations will be branded with this term.

Denier, e.g. climate denier, covid denier (in German: Leugner, z.B. Klimaleugner; Covidleugner)

Especially used in the debate about climate change as well as Covid 19 to defame doubting or critical people, e.g. regarding the threat or the proportionality of countermeasures. The term makes no sense since nobody denies the existence of a climate and the vast majority of people criticizing the Covid narrative do not deny the existence of the virus. There is only one reason for the use of this term: To create linguistic proximity to the term holocaust denial. As a result of the dark german history, holocaust denial is not only completely negatively connotated and only used by extreme rights, but it is also treated as a crime in Germany. So while this term sounds rather harmless compared to others on this list, from my perspective it is one of the worst, extremely polemic defamation putting the people or groups branded with it in the same line as extreme rights and/or criminals.

Gibberish talker (in German: Schwurbler)

Used to brand people or groups as illogical and their opinion expressed as nonsense serves often as a more polemic synonym for conspiracy theorist.

Lateral thinker (in German: Querdenker)

The most well-known political initiative in Germany criticizing the Covid policy of the government and demonstrating their rights to freedom is called Lateral Thinking (in German: Querdenken). Despite the majority of the members of the movement being normal citizens, they were defamed throughout the mainstream media as egoists,

conspiracy theorists, and with other words from this list, so the term lateral thinker quickly became negatively connotated in the public opinion. With this negative connotation in mind, it is intentionally used by itself to defame any critical position to the Covid policy of the government, regardless of whether the expressing persons are political activists or not.

Nazi (in German: Nazi)

Usually used to defame conservative or right positions, e.g. regarding immigration. Regardless if you agree with some of these positions or not, calling somebody a Nazi and thereby comparing him with the people who started a world war and killed 6 million Jews is a really heavy insult.

Moscow/Kremlin/Putin friend (in German: Moskau-/Kreml-/Putinfreund)

Already being used before as the reporting regarding Russia was very negative since 2014, with the beginning of the war in Ukraine, the use of this increased to a new level. Nowadays, everyone who does not see Russia as the evil itself, mentions a history before the beginning of the war with western responsibility (e.g. Maidan coup, NATO expansion in the east), criticizes sanctions or weapon deliveries or recommends negotiations instead of military escalation will be branded with this term.

Reich citizen (in German: Reichsbürger)

The Reich citizen movement is a heterogeneous group of people denying the sovereignty of Germany. „Classical“ Reich citizens express extreme right opinions, think the german imperium still exists, and partly store weapons. But the term is also used to label preppers and other „self governors“. Furthermore, opinions doubting the independence of Germany (e.g. controlled by the USA) are branded as <reich citizen opinions.

Right (in German: Rechter)

Every opinion nowadays contradicting or criticizing the mainstream narrative held by policy and media is labeled as right and therefore has to be fought against. Even if the expressing persons or groups are leftists. For defamation purposes, right is often used synonymously with extreme right.

Tinfoil hatter (in German: Aluhutträger)

A more polemic synonym for conspiracy theorist, alluding to the insanity of irrational people putting hats made of tinfoil on their to supposedly protect themselves from brain-controlling radiation.

Which vocabulary do they use in your country to defame critical people thinking outside the mainstream bubble? Feel free to write a short article, we would be happy to gain some insight from several countries.

By Peter Mueller



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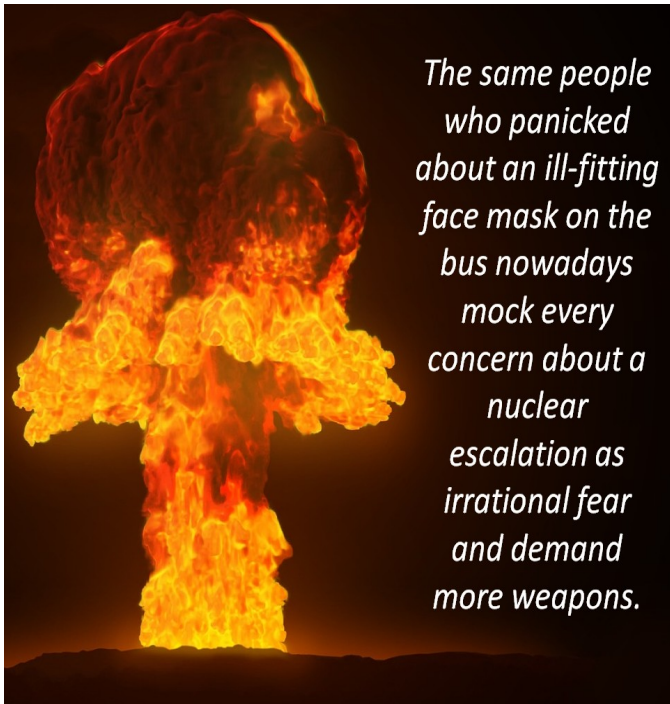
The assessment from the DoD officials is likely to anger Kyiv, which wants to recapture the peninsula from Russia.



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The same people who panicked about an ill-fitting face mask on the bus nowadays mock every concern about a nuclear escalation as irrational fear and demand more weapons.

Seymour Hersh

How America Took Out The Nord Stream Pipeline

The New York Times called it a "mystery," but the United States executed a covert sea operation that was kept secret—until now

Seymour Hersh ●
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Bonhoeffer's theory of stupidity – an explanation for today's madness?

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German pastor during the NS regime of 1933-45, who spoke critically against the ideology of the Nazis and especially their antisemitism from the start. In 1943, he was arrested as part of the resistance and on April 9th, 1945 executed on behalf of Hitler himself, only a few weeks before the liberation of the concentration camp he was imprisoned in by the allied forces. Bonhoeffer wondered a lot about what drove normal citizens to become hateful racists without any regrets to repress, humiliate and punish people that did not any harm to them.

He concluded that their main motivation was not malice but stupidity, which he considers a much bigger threat to a humanistic society. It is noteworthy that Bonhoeffer does not describe stupidity as an intellectual deficit or a lack of cognitive capabilities, but more of a character or moral problem. From my perspective, he sees stupidity as a surrender of reflective thinking and therefore as independent from any educational degree. That means a highly educated person can nevertheless be stupid as a person with little education can be smart.

For a person to be able to act out of malice, two conditions have to be fulfilled: First, she must have a moral compass categorizing what is good and evil. Secondly, she must do something she considers evil on purpose. As a result, malice always carries the potential of self-destruction since it may cause an unpleasant feeling. A stupid person on the other hand is complacent since she lacks such a moral compass and does not even consider the possibility her way of thinking or acting might be evil.

Bonhoeffer describes stupidity not as an innate but acquired attribute occurring more frequently in groups of people and therefore also as a social phenomenon. It appears to be some kind of natural law that the more centralized power grows, the more people will be infected with stupidity. Or, in other words, the stupidity of a majority is the basis of the power of a minority. The self-confidence and bossiness of a stupid person should not deceive about the fact that she is controlled. If you talk with her, it appears you do not talk with the person herself but with an empty shell consisting of phrases and dogmas. A person robbed of her reflective thinking this way and thereby transformed into a submissive puppet can conduct evil without even knowing it and therefore without any feeling of injustice or remorse.


From my perspective, Bonhoeffer's theory of stupidity and the mechanisms he describes, influenced by the development in Nazi Germany, can very easily be transported into our modern time. Sure, it is not nearly as bad as back then, at least at the moment. For example, during the Covid crisis, politicians and the media as well started an outrageous propaganda campaign consisting of installing fear towards a so declared killer virus as well as hate against the unvaccinated or people otherwise critically towards Covid restrictions. Parts of the society inhaled this propaganda without any critical thoughts and discriminated against or terrorized other people without any feeling of reasonableness, e.g. regarding wearing masks or going for vaccination. Even obviously opposing perspectives were not reflected, e.g. an almost religious belief in the effectiveness of the Covid vaccine received and at the same time, the certainty that the unvaccinated are a danger that has to be kept far away. Another example is the growing lust for war and military escalation since the beginning of the war in Ukraine. Also because of massive medial propaganda, many people are highly outraged now and hate everything that is Russian, completely neglecting their double standards of morality, since the foreign policy e.g. of the USA is at least as

bloody as Russia's. If you remind them why they are outraged in the case of Russia but not in the case of the USA, they shout the whataboutery phrase right in your face or call you an agent of the Kremlin. But what's even worse, despite an endless and bloody history of human wars, especially two world wars, people still think military upgrades and escalation are the keys to peace. Albert Einstein once said "insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results" and we have a lot of people stupid enough to think and act exactly this way without considering the serious consequences.

But how can stupidity be cured? In that regard, the conclusion of Bonhoefer is very disillusioning. From his perspective, it should be given up to discuss with stupid people or try to persuade them, since it will not work anyway. Every argument contradicting her position, no matter how good, will be neglected or considered irrelevant. So any discussion will be a waste and may be even dangerous since a stupid person might react very aggressively when questioned or criticized. A real, internal liberation of a person from stupidity may only happen if there is a preceding external liberation. But what means external liberation? From my perspective, and here we come to the depressing part, first of all, it means learning through pain.

Like the Germans in history had to suffer through a devastating war ruining their country, maybe the covid hardliners have to suffer the consequences of their actions personally, e.g. a worsened health status, to change their perspective. And perhaps history will repeat itself and it again needs a large war to convince all the couch generals that sanctions, weapon deliveries, and ongoing military escalation are very bad ideas. It is sad but it may be inevitable. But Bonhoefer's theory of stupidity may also offer a perspective in which directions the efforts of critical people and groups should go: Away from energy and resource-consuming, fruitless attempts to convince stupid and ignorant people to increase networking and cooperation with others who are already critical. To develop and provide alternatives and the respective structures, when the masses are ready for it.

By Peter Mueller



Extinction Rebellion protesting against Black Friday in Warsaw, Poland. (Piotr Lapinski via Getty Images)

Climate Activism Has a Cult Problem

As a member of Extinction Rebellion, writes Zion Lights, I watched people brainwashed into pulling outrageous stunts in the name of 'saving the planet.'

By Zion Lights
January 23, 2023

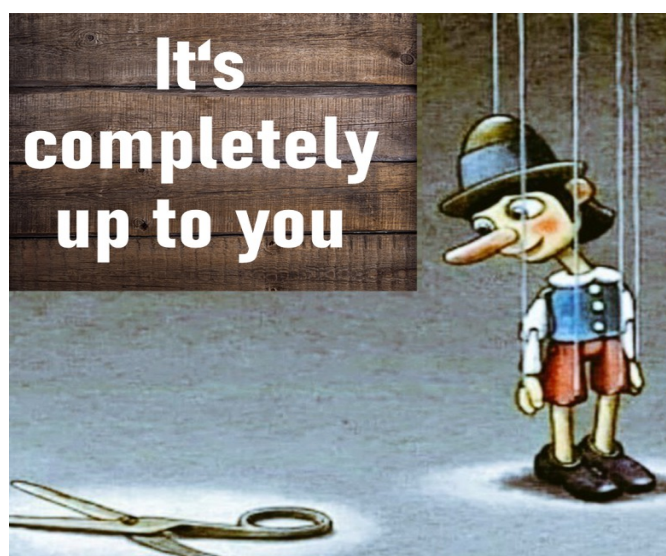
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Mutiny erupts among WEF staff over role of 'Mr Davos'

Founder and chair Klaus Schwab has run forum for 52 years but is now seen by some past and present staff as 'a law unto himself'



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I am not against the system, the system is against me!

