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If, locked the all journalists as they are there to prison, one would certainly not enter lock so many innocent people, than sitting now in prison.

*Christian Friedrich Hebbel (1813-1863),
German drama and poetry he he*

On 16 August 2014 my fatherly friend Peter Scholl-Latour died. Long ago he had given me in 2010 the impetus to write this book. I thank him for his friendship and for his advice. And I pay tribute to his life's work. Without him, this book would never have been so. It is dedicated to deep gratitude to my wife Doris and Dr. Thomas Urbach, who saved me almost hopeless situation life. Without their quick, self-sacrificing and selfless help I could not finish this book.

All persons named in this book deny a sticky-felted proximity to elite organizations. They also deny to be lobbyists. They also deny themselves "corrupt, as outlined close to the elite" to make. And they deny having lost as journalists with proximity to the aforementioned groups journalistic bite. They deny that the outlined close to

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Reporting impact. All referred to in this book Organizations deny to be lobbying organizations and / or journalists and / or want to influence public opinion. They also deny contacts with intelligence services.

foreword

LSD? Crack? Stechapfeltee? Cocaine? Crystal Meth? Given the coverage of our quality media you wonder more and more what drugs are consumed in editorial. Very close there seem to be no more. What stir the morning only to their cereal? Touch with reality, many journalists have obviously lost. While millions of people out there do not know for sheer worry how to cope with rising rents and food prices, looking for certain journalists to be close to exactly those elites who are responsible for the suffering of more people. And while the EU only can delay by incessant money printing state bankruptcies, our leading media request in the spirit of the financial elite, the inclusion of other bankrupt crisis countries into the EU. Too much crack? Too much LSD? Or is it the cocaine in the editorial offices? While the citizens fed up from the dead of missions abroad, certain journalists put the helmet on and seconding explode Americans perk up when planning new military missions. Are these the consequences of crystal meth?

At the same time, our alpha journalists have a total blackout. Somehow or she may want to in any case no longer remember how they have beautifully written us the Iraq War or the Afghanistan mission with glorious words. As she only noticed the financial crisis and the euro crash, as every citizen had been suffering from the effects. And when in 2014 crashed a passenger plane over Ukraine, because they wanted to send our soldiers to prefer immediate war effort against Russia before even it was clear who was responsible for the crash. prevent bloodshed by promoting more bloodshed - a murderer principle. In Iraq alone testify to the more than 100,000 dead civilians who came there killed because our media - with very few exceptions - had brought cheered Iraq war in Halluzinationsrausch so frenetic. So who or what controls the lunatics in our mainstream media? Take the real drugs? Or does the systematic madness completely different reasons? Standing in the background might propaganda specialists? Earlier

you would have all for sure as
Conspiracy theory dismissed. But today we know that journalists from renowned media is the main goal of "spin doctors" who want to determine the power of interpretation of our messages. Above all, the US government and the Israelis work like that. There are even **manuals on how quality media should be affected.** ¹ > **Note is clear: Those who work in reputable media, should face lobbying groups, also against American and Israeli, have an extreme caution.** As we will see, make certain journalists just the opposite. You feel sauwohl evident in the spider webs above all American and Israeli pressure groups. And they boast too, there

to be wrapped up, refer proud of their "membership" in the controversial circles.

If you know more and more of such verifiable backgrounds, you can see our "news" suddenly in a different light. should only talk about it you better not. Since media representatives understand then no fun, even at Satire broadcasts. Author Josef Joffe, a "Great Journalist" 2

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and how the convicted tax evaders Theo Sommer 3 **> Note** a chief of weekly *Time*, proved to be a party pooper and sued with legal hairsplitting even a ZDF satirical show after she briefly satirical account of his controversial contacts in strange networks. 4

> Note Would be even nicer if the citizens out there would get a look behind the scenes of power, right? Media expert Thomas Stadler writes: "For a flagship like *The time* the legal action by Joffe (...) against the ZDF amounts to a journalistic bankruptcy." 5

> Note Not only among journalists of the caliber of Josef Joffe you have to watch hard obviously. 6 **> Note**

You also have the feeling that they are often manipulated and lied to by the media? Then you're like the majority of people. And as Karl Albrecht. As the richest German in July 2014, an estimated fortune of more than 18 billion euros at the age of 94 years died, as our media knew simply nothing about his life to report. There was only one photo. And no details of his life. The Aldi founder held policy for a dirty business, wanted to meet in his life any Federal, put in place by elite networks only to their own family, despised banks and credit transactions. He

refused all honors and

Awards from, including the Order of Merit. And he never gave an interview. Just why? is clear: the ambitious family man refusing to be abused by others. And not manipulated. He was convinced that it was good to stay away from many temptations. Why more and more people think there today as Karl Albrecht?

The Tübingen media scientist Professor Hans-Jürgen Bucher wrote in his research "Media Language" in 1991, it should not be overlooked, "that the interaction between the press and politics goes according to complicated rules today over staged reporting events such as press conferences, so-called background discussions or via subtle forms of press steering. "subtle forms of press steering? I beg your pardon? We have a "controlled press"? That sounds outrageous for the average citizen. But as we shall see, it is the reality. 7 **> Note**

Until now it was considered "conspiracy theory" when questioned why our media often act as brought into line. Supposedly we still have democracy and diversity of opinion. But out of the alleged "Conspiracy theory" is now a bitter reality. For in this book, an elite network of lobbyists is revealed. And in our media. Whether the billionaire Karl Albrecht knew and therefore kept away from it?

Journalists should certainly not be active in lobbying organizations or hidden elite networks. But many do. And they hate it when they unmasked. 8th > Note They can expose step by step. Finally, there are many publicly available surveys for its power of interpretation, based on the presence in the major newspapers and magazines. You have to scour for reference frequency only via electronic databases. 9 > Note

[redacted] In a second step, comparing the so name found with the official lobby list of the German Bundestag. 10

> Note And with the lists of Lobbypedia 11 > Note . a project of LobbyControl.

then you look at in which lobbying organizations so unmasked media are represented with their interpretive power, then a small circle secretive elite organizations comes at the end to light. Some journalists see then suddenly not as journalists but act more like journalists performer. They seem to simulate impartiality and independence only for the spectators. In other words: If you received as a journalist exclusive access to make elite circles, which does not mean at the same time that those who have one allows this access is much too close to come? then you are not already a journalist already "corrupted"? one, then not long ago a kind of bite impediment one, you might not even have noticed more self? All journalists mentioned in this book deny having lost their bite impediment by too great proximity to elite networks and / or "corrupted" to have been. But how will the reader see that? Especially when they perhaps even in the names of the mentioned organizations or journalists to *WikiLeaks* find documents from the secret US Embassy reports? 12 > Note Why there is only ever appear the names of certain German quality media on again?

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A whole army of at first glance reputable appearing agents earned money trying to influence German foreign media order, as in supposedly nonprofit "transatlantic friendship organizations": clear in this book. Whose job it is to hold German elites in politics and the media from the spiritual blocking with Russia and to keep pro-American course. Finally, Washington has clear goals, which include a new Cold War belongs in Europe. 13 > Note And for that you need after all our key media as allies. A first example: for many years alone, the US Defense Department spends billions from it to influence media coverage around the world targeted by propaganda. 14 > Note The consequences of this manipulation of opinion are readily detectable also in Germany. 15 > Note At the Berlin US Embassy could in recent months even get funding if you want to steer public opinion in Germany subversive in the interest of Washington - I'll prove it. [redacted]

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The historian and media scientist Andreas parent has in 2005

a non-fiction book entitled *The war Seller: history of US propaganda 1917-2005* demonstrated how the Americans to influence our journalists. Amazingly, his work is (unfortunately) largely disappeared. But thereafter, the *WikiLeaks* - published documents. And everyone can slightly since then, even in the Internet using a *WikiLeaks* nachrecherchieren Engine - 16 > **Note** . how often certain key media mentioned in the secret embassy cables by name, because of pro-American coverage. It is **striking that** those who are particularly close to the former occupying power USA obviously mentally hide US critical reporting. In the interests of Washington? What's going on, anyway?

The operator of the Internet platform *WikiLeaks* devote so the task of making available to the public secret documents of all kinds. So there was a 2010 as "CONFIDENTIAL / NOFORN (US)," that is confidential and available as accessible classified for US nationals memorandum to download among others. As its author was renamed the "CIA Red Cell," a team of secret service, which is mandated by the CIA director in his own words in order to look "outside the box" to encourage "provoking offer" and "alternative views". And I found a document of the spin doctors in the US Secret Service, entitled "Afghanistan: Sustaining West European Support for the NATO-led Mission - Why Counting on Apathy Might Not Be Enough." 17 > **Note** It was in the secret document about ensuring support for the NATO war in the Hindu Kush in Afghanistan in the ranks of Western European allies. The Western European public should be made by **acting to tolerate** the expected for the spring and summer of 2010, increasing numbers of victims both in the ranks of its soldiers and under the Afghan civilians. For this, it was said, needed it a tailor-made "strategic communication program"

For the troop-contributing NATO countries. And after all this included Germany. The mentioned secret document is nothing more than a recipe for influencing public opinion in the German-speaking countries - issued by the CIA. Surprisingly, the CIA relied on in the secret document

outlined the necessary influence of German Public to the research of a transatlantic organization: the *German Marshall Fund of the United States*. Who had found in surveys that only about one percent of Germans thought the stabilization of Afghanistan as the most important national goal. 18

> **Note** And that should be changed become. The German public was then the mainstream media with US-Propaganda covered. With war propaganda. Are those secret documents as *WikiLeaks* published, not reason enough that German leading media itself would have since then escape any suspicion of manipulation and propaganda by US organizations? If even the CIA "development of strategic communication programs" for German-language media, then have our "quality media" but a wide berth to those organizations which in the environment

these US services emerge. But the exact opposite is the case. Our mainstream media are hungry simply begging to be tolerated in transatlantic elite organizations or even added to them. The result is frightening, in my view: one-sided and arbitrarily interchangeable propaganda. It is found more often today in the German media.

Earlier intelligent people for the sake of diversity of opinion have read several newspapers a day if they wanted to get a picture of developments. Today this is no longer profitable because the editorial content are interchangeable and almost identical. For instance, since all key media published on a July day in 2014 on the front page photos of Angela Merkel during cooking. ¹⁹ > **Note** What should that? When Angela Merkel cooks, that's so important, as if in China, a bag of rice falls for the average citizen. Taking the newspapers next to each other, the uniformity is obvious. What used to be *Colorful, Gala, the gold leaf* and *Image of woman* was reserved - the Chancellor in the kitchen - exudes the reader today meet on the front pages of alleged "quality media". In parallel, the national newspapers today consistently deliver reports and comments which contradict the perception and opinion of a significant majority of the population is striking.

The Cologne newspaper researcher Professor Andreas Vogel says, "Consumers today can choose when purchasing products and services in general between different features, just the Newspaper publishers believe that they can operate with a unit product all readers." ²⁰ > **Note** The rapid loss of circulation German newspaper publishers have themselves to blame after its conception itself, not about the Internet. ²¹ > **Note** An example: When publishing Madsack (about *Leipziger Volkszeitung* and *Ostsee-Zeitung*) the contents of various leaves are often the same; An article will appear in up to 18 newspapers. ²² > **Note**

The loss of diversity of opinion, the unit product and the more extreme one-sidedness can only understand who knows how the "Information flows" are channeled in the background. The light-shy network of media, lobbyists and policy has been well camouflaged. In the following chapters we identify it and ask: Who will be influenced by whom? And above all, who lubricates whom for what? And how we are manipulated citizens about the media? we embark on an exciting detective clues.

First, notice: learning at universities students today early on that our "mainstream media" do not inform truthfully. The university magazine *uni.de* writes generally about these everyday media manipulation:

Solely through language media manipulate our perception. This takes place even in the polls, which were supposed to serve the purpose, first find out what thinks a majority of people. The political barometer of the ZDF is a sad example of this. But where opinion

is increasingly made by the media and even just rezipiert of their users, democracy is in danger. (...) The manipulation of opinion formation starts at tendentious language as it is used in articles of objective classes in the so-called quality media such as SZ or FAZ. 23 >

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I beg your pardon? Students are warned today at universities from having public broadcaster like ZDF or supposedly prestigious newspapers manipulate people? This is revealing. ZDF, as reported in 2014 the political magazine *Cicero*, is even responsible for ensuring that the FDP has flown from the Bundestag with its survey publications, according to a study by the University of Mainz. 24 > Note Only four (!) Percent of the audience believe that you can see better with the **the second**. And only five percent of all under-30s look ARD - but cash in the Public Legal per year more than 7.7 billion euros coercion charges. 25

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As we will see in the chapter "Case studies from propaganda," they run with it targeted manipulation of opinion in the interests of the governing parties.

I used "even for well-known" quality media such as the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ)* worked. Honestly: Today I am ashamed. For in fact, the coverage was, as we shall see, not independent. She was not impartial. And she was and is not neutral. The truth is, in my view: Sometimes the coverage was even lubricated. And in other cases they coincided with the interests of a network. 26 > Note As we will see, I was appointed even the official honorary citizen of the US state of Oklahoma during my FAZ activities of a US sovereign (governor). Just so I reported **pro-American** in the FAZ. I will describe in more detail. The FAZ was pleased with my honorary citizen certificate. there you saw much for granted, which I find more problematic today. Retrospectively I see everything subjectively as deception of the citizens who, after all, paid money for "information" in the FAZ. I can not undo so. But I can tell the readers about the reality of the media out there, the greater is the shit that produce quality media, the thicker are the slogans that should cover it all.

I have many years ago the best-seller *So lying journalists* published on the media business. But anyone who has read the next chapter, which will get a completely new picture of our "mainstream media." Finally, endless suffering have brought us citizens about key media in recent years. For example, financial suffering. Many of whom have us the euro, we will see that, sold as a glorious future and stable currency. And indeed against the will of a population which Deutsche Mark and

wanted to keep Schilling. The bill for the citizen pays on the road today, the savings dissolve before his eyes. Today we must all pay for the devastating financial consequences of that manipulation of opinion as well as the financial crash that our leading media on their business pages did not want to predict in constant champagne corks mood. Only the former chief editor of the business paper *Financial Times Germany*,

Lionel Barber, has publicly apologized to his readers not to make his journal the financial crisis for a long time has neither understood nor seen and citizens misinformed - up at any ordinary citizen on the street closest thing the financial crisis. 27 > Note The *Financial Times Germany*, the publicly apologized for their misconduct, but was now set.

We citizens pay now not only a high financial price manipulation by leading media. Even the death toll is devastating. Because our mainstream media have a clear enemy: Russia. Bad Russian, good Americans, the prevailing view. This is part of a psychological warfare (PsyOp). Earlier wars were fought by soldiers today, especially by the media. Many people have recognized the transported by the media in our brains enemy. Once respected newspaper editors as the FAZ get claims to now regularly comments like "Hetzpresse" and "disgusting warmonger." 28

> Note The Austrian conflict researcher Dr. Kurt Gritsch accused our bourgeois "quality papers" after extensive studies today of being "warmongers". He writes:

Do you enjoy reading newspapers? If so, you are one of those middle-class quality sheets as "FAZ", "NZZ", "Süddeutsche Zeitung" and "Die Zeit" keep the bar? I confess: I do not belong here. Not since I found out over many years that the journalistic preparation of war has method there. (...) That's warmongering and heard referred to as such. 29 > Note

This incitement and warmongering was reflected in historically been probably unique clarity after the crash of a civilian passenger plane Malaysia Airlines (flight MH-17) in mid July 2014 in eastern Ukraine. The wreckage had barely touched the ground as widespread an opinion cartel the "message" that Russia was responsible. In the psychological manipulation of the people on the front line: *Image*. "Is EU only for> Outrageous inaction?" Asked the sheet days after the crash, claiming a rocket Moscow have killed 298 people, although at that time certainly was not clear who owned the weapon used or by whom they fired had been. 30 > Note

Even American intelligence agencies declared on that day *Image* (and other German media) lamented the "EU inaction" against Russia, they had no evidence that there is a "Russian involvement" in the plane crash. 31

> Note It soon became clear that Americans, unlike our media

were not without reason so reticent. 32 > Note

In this book, the question we are completely independent of the plane crash to why our mainstream media operate a scary one-sided propaganda and disinformation (PsyOp) in a kind of anticipatory obedience, which sometimes

directly flows into warmongering. the Leipzig

Media scholar Uwe Krüger, with whose work we will deal in more detail, has found in his studies on German media with growing amazement as our "quality media" of EU defense industry, NATO and the United States are recognized mentally. 33

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If today is

In retrospect article looks at, then you can understand the statements of scientists Kruger and Gritsch. "" The role of the global political spectator Germany can no longer afford: Since the FAZ published about many years ago under the title "cowardice before the Civil" Phrases like. 34

> Note The message of the article, so I understood him even more German soldiers to Afghanistan. Our key media guide to the delight of Defense Industry, NATO, policy and financial elite journalistically not only combat missions in Afghanistan. The influencers seconded our pro-American political elite as the American invasion of Iraq. And she also wrote willingly desired by the United States "revolutions" in North Africa and the Middle East well and promised us there peace and democracy, though we citizens invaded enough with just noisy in the controlled from Washington Chorus. What we get instead since then, however, more and more terror and hatred. And dead and seriously wounded his own soldiers in foreign missions. After our journalistic warmongers had fanned the conflagration in the Middle East, they roared later unabashedly "War!" In Ukraine and in Crimea, also wanted in the NATO's eastern border with Russia "put military character". In the background, were we will see that sometimes American propaganda organizations. Our key media in any case work because of their links with US lobby organizations such as the extended arm of NATO press office, defense industry and a small clique of leaders. 35

> Note We will demonstrate this in detail.

For each average citizen today is clear, for example, the revolutions in the Middle East have absolutely nothing brought. It is also amazing making us the pro-American German leading media silent in this area since then: The situation is much more devastating than it was under President Mubarak, for example, under the Egyptian President Al-Sisi. She is now so anti-American that even US Secretary of State John Kerry undergo in July 2014, an embarrassing security, can scan and had to go through a metal detector before he was received by Egyptian leaders. 36 > Note Our pro-American media hide something from dear in Germany. They conceal it like so much because they are no longer able to explain it to the people according to their jubilation articles about the alleged dawning in the Middle East Western peace and democratization wave simply.

Who wants to know why our message traffic is so infinitely one side, the need to know the networks in the background in which those alpha journalists are embedded, which can make it evident partly not wait to send our soldiers right back in the next war the Americans. In foreign missions who journalistically prepared our key media, more than 100 German soldiers have been killed. What say those German journalists who so loudly the end of the "called cowardice before the Civil," the parents of the age of 21 killed in Afghanistan German soldiers Georg curate what the parents of Constantine Alexander Menz (22) and relatives of more than fifty other German soldiers who have lost their lives in Afghanistan alone? And for absolutely nothing. Neither billion in funding nor have changed something there our blood inches. Our key media ever publicly apologized for how much suffering and death toll they have, jointly responsible for their tendentious reports, not only in Afghanistan?

Our alpha journalists are silent because dear. but how writes Markus Wiegand, editor of *Business Journalist*, so well over these colleagues: "The elite of the industry lives in a bubble in which to each other does not hurt himself, but knocks on his shoulders." 37 > Note

By Alexander the Great (.. 356-323 BC) over the Roman Empire and the British Empire until World War history has taught one: The world can not dominated by one person or a group governed or pacified. As was Alexander the Great, who dreamed of peace of nations, could not bring peace on the territory of today's Afghanistan with its European troops from Macedonia, so could also American or German soldiers there nearly 2,500 years later change anything. German soldiers tried in vain what Alexander the Great already failed. 38 > Note Never having been sent by our politicians to war, if our mainstream media would prepare her psychologically skillful rhetoric compliantly the ground for it. I have seen up close the many years. Many people have this biased coverage of our key media now full. And it would not surprise me if the members of the German war victims, the leading media and their network friends would be called to account after reading this book. For in the following chapters, the structures in the background are clear.

"Friendly fire" - as they call it when one becomes a victim of its own weapons fire. In this book I show how opinion leaders celebrate the "transatlantic friendship" in German-speaking and at the same time shooting at the defenseless own people. The medial weapons are far more dangerous than the loud popping ammunition by soldiers. For their lies are quietly sneak deep into our brains one. We have already indicated above some paragraphs with regard to the cheers articles on the revolutions in North Africa and the military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Incredibly in this battle of opinions is always what our

conceal leading media on important background information. An example: In the summer of 2014 published *Human Rights Watch* a long account of the restriction of press freedom in Western democracies by the ever more intensive surveillance of US intelligence. The report documented how journalists need to change their ways of working in order to even have to come to independent information. 39

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Not a word

to those in German leading media, which have an extreme proximity to American propaganda organizations. Would have had the same accusatory report on the restriction of the work of Russian journalists for government surveillance in Moscow for the content, the subject would have been on all the front pages. In other words: Instead of neutral news we get more and more frequently vorserviert selective information. Our thinking is channeled that way. And that happens certainly not purely coincidental.

I do not know what will happen after the first publication of this book. Finally, I EXPOSE networks who prefer to work behind the scenes. And I call hundreds of names of journalists. 40

> Note The full attribution or identification of individuals, organizations or companies does not serve their libel or contempt. Rather, it is necessary in the public interest because the devastating damages, which are described in detail in this book, affect us all. The damage can not be averted otherwise than by public. Because unlike corrupt politicians corrupt journalists can not be prosecuted at us if they - even lubricated part - manipulate the truth or suppress. I wrote to individual persons mentioned by name and invited comments. In response, I got a lawyer post, suit threats and evidence of possible criminal action. I have not bothered with my questions Against this background, large media companies. so I'm excited to see what will happen. Markus Wiegand, editor of *Business journalist*,

says the German

Media Elite is on closer inspection a "Club of soft eggs". 41

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If you criticize them, they begin to wild screaming like old mourners.

Very important: Before I demaskiere other journalists, I accuse myself I write on how corrupt I myself was in the reporting and which networks have taken affect my reporting.. More and approved by my employer. And then it gets really exciting. My goal? I will be occupied with his clenched truth of the following chapters, the paragraph by paragraph by Source Notes 42

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but together with the readers of this book and her friends change anything. Whether we will do this together? Most never exactly is really achieving the end what it was intended. The East German opposition could never have imagined in the late 1980s in Leipzig that the Wall fall and Germany would reunite. They wanted to correct only abuses within the system. Instead, they brought the system to collapse. And the US reporter Upton Sinclair did in 1906 with his socially critical reports from the slaughterhouses of Chicago only

improve working conditions of employees. Instead came out laws for more food hygiene. He retrospect said, "I wanted to meet people's hearts and met instead their stomachs." Against this background, I wish us all that the next chapter will meet even the heart. And that the growing frustration of many people will finally come to an end on dishonest journalists and media. "Who does not buy, will not be lied to." Under this motto activists who supported a nationwide call to boycott newspaper in faraway Malaysia, because more and more people are dissatisfied with the coverage and the ruling elite wanted to teach us a lesson. This widespread discontent there is also with us. we really independent media? Or is that now pure fiction? Who decides on the selection of news? Why is every facet of an American presidential campaign, more important than a message from our immediate environment? The reader already suspects now: In the shadow area of democracy information is formed in the opinion of cartel by an invisible hand. In the background: secret near elite organizations. They are active in the field of "think tanks" and foundations. you will be added to this honorable society of a fifth column of the powerful only by recommendation. may be available for purchase as a ticket not. For there is gathered so much money that you do not depend on entrance fees. In the shadow area of democracy information is formed in the opinion of cartel by an invisible hand. In the background: secret near elite organizations. They are active in the field of "think tanks" and foundations. you will be added to this honorable society of a fifth column of the powerful only by recommendation. may be available for purchase as a ticket not. For there is gathered so much money that you do not depend on entrance fees. In the shadow area of democracy information is formed in the opinion of cartel by an invisible hand. In the background: secret near elite organizations. They are active in the field of "think tanks" and foundations. you will be added to this honorable society of a fifth column of the powerful only by recommendation. may be available for purchase as a ticket not. For there is gathered so much money that you do not depend on entrance fees.

When we feel really well informed? If we know that Angela Merkel sometimes chews on her fingernails? ⁴³ > **Note That's true.** ⁴⁴

> **Note But** is the information really matter? Do we know that the former Prime Minister of Saxony, Kurt Biedenkopf, likes to play with his toy train? And that former German Bank CEO Hilmar Kopper "the wafer-thin, printed with the origin of paper, wrapped in the early oranges," gathers it ironed and einklebt in an album? ⁴⁵

> **Note In** our modern information society, there are an infinite number of news streams. Since it is important to sort information. And knowing what to believe. We used to have this "quality media", the public broadcaster, renowned newspapers and radio. Today everything is different.

The actress Hildegard Knef once told me: "It's amazing how much can lie media. Today we no longer know what they where still to believe. "We had in August 1997 in the Bremen talk show */// Nine* met ⁴⁶ > **Note** , **And after the show we were drinking in a hotel Bremer another** glass of wine. Hildegard Knef then reported outraged that journalists had already invented everything adventurous stories of their lives. She said, "It is true for journalists only one thing: lies part of their business." A few months earlier I had heard similar even 5,600 kilometers away on a trip to Ethiopia. The actor Karlheinz Böhm, the Emperor Franz Joseph alongside Romy Schneider in the Sissi trilogy, which I visited in the Ethiopian highlands. Hildegard Knef and Karlheinz Böhm - two veterans of the German film - familiar to

German no longer media. That made me think. He has always supported but "Thou shalt not lie," formerly known as one of the highest moral precepts. But today we associate mainly journalists liars. Udo Lindenberg did not have the best opinion of the media. We talked about it when we were waiting for our appearance on a TV show. And who died in August 2014 journalist Peter Scholl-Latour, whom I met again in war zones since the end of the 1980s, once told me. "The first thing that will remain in the war on the track, is the truth," At that time sounded the statements of Hildegard Knef, Karlheinz Böhm, Udo Lindenberg and Peter Scholl-Latour for me even as conspiracy theories. But they were really? I heard something later more frequently, about my father's friend, Professor Wilhelm Hankel, the inventor of the federal savings bonds. It bothered him, it above all that our media are increasingly uncritical, often spread sided propaganda and are completely interchangeable with the "information service".

How can you be sure the reader that my following remarks are not a lie? First, I call name, company, time and places. And I have hundreds of footnotes with further references. If even a tiny little thing is not right, then you will sue me. Second, I may boast that journalistic accolade, which you only get when you have certainly reported the truth in the past: house searches for suspected disclosure of secrets. You do not get when you lie. One gets when one tells something that the population does not want to know. And I'm probably (unfortunately) that German author who so far had the most house searches because of his professional activity. state-ennobled, so to speak because of accurate reporting and over again.

Another important remark in advance: Namely, in the following chapters often talk of "the" journalists. But for the many decent and reputable, low-paid and much working free or salaried editors are by no means meant that hold great commitment to the ideals and values of press freedom, constantly good recherchierend uncover abuses and true report want. You will lose despite its use to a large extent by little their jobs. 47

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This book is primarily about those that float one step over it and lifted from us citizens become common with the elites are sometimes even corrupted and can be lubricated for complacency reporting. But how this manipulation work?

Simulated press freedom: experiences from publishers

All persons named in this book deny a stickiness filzige proximity to elite organizations. They also deny to be lobbyists. They also deny themselves "corrupt by its proximity to the elite" to make. And they deny having lost as journalists with proximity to the aforementioned groups journalistic bite. They deny that the outlined near affects their reporting.

The truth - exclusively for journalists?

How can it be that our mainstream media celebrate the European Union and the euro as a future project, even though millions of people across Europe the EU and the euro are critical? Jean-Claude Juncker, many years
Prime Minister of Luxembourg and now the EU Commission President, tells us how this works:

"We decide on something, make it into the room and wait a while, what happens. If there's no great outcry and no riots because most people have no idea what has been decided, then we move on - . Step by step, until there is no turning back " 48 > Note



Why our key media celebrate such politicians rather than to denounce? The answer: they make common cause with them. They stick to these elites. How can it be that our mainstream media are increasingly demanding new military missions abroad our soldiers anywhere in the world, although the majority of the population is still much about it? The answer: Our alpha journalists are nothing more than an extension of the NATO press office. We will also demonstrate that very well in this book. How can it be that our mainstream media, the mass-immigration from all sorts of countries continue as "enrichment" prices although the bulk of the population still want to close the borders for certain migrants rather than later? The answer: industrial and financial elite want it that way,

One could continue listing boring questions endlessly. However, the most important question in the background is: Who really governs Europe? EU citizens are the ones most certainly not. Because with all this democracy has little to do. It is more of an illusion of democracy, a well-crafted illusion. but if not the citizens have the final say, who will? Is it perhaps an opinion cartel, a group of the most important and influential heavyweights from industry, finance and politics, which pulls the strings in the background and the mainstream media also controls our thinking?

That sounds quite a conspiracy theory. But you will find amazing statements to in prominent newspapers that make thoughtful. The euro, for example, tells us that *Frankfurter Rundschau* (FR), go back to the secret elite network of the Bilderberg Group. 49 > Note This statement, which is confirmed by a loud FR Honorary Chairman an of the Bilderberg Group is just one of many examples of how elite networks conduct clearly from the background of our lives. We will see in this book, in a chapter on the example of the euro, as this network makes propaganda to the interests of political and financial elite - enforce - against the population. But all this can not happen without the domination of the flow of information. And is influenced by a few opinion leaders.

An interesting Munich undergraduate study for the years 2000 to 2012

at 80 selected articles of the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* to government leaders Obama (USA) and Putin once put together the adjectives and adverbs (Russia), so words related to Obama or Putin that approach in the articles of an evaluative description. For Putin, the adjectives and adverbs used by the FAZ are clearly negative connotations, such as: threatening, rough, aggressive, confrontational, anti-Western, power politics, untruthfully, cool, calculated, calculating, cynical, harsh, harsh, unfounded (arguments) and not credible (arguments). Quite different the tone towards Obama: committed, frenetically welcomed enthusiastically, conciliatory, praised, hopeful and determined. 50

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In plain English:

Neutral, independent, impartial and objective reporting in the once renowned FAZ is today probably very safe. But why is this? Has this type of coverage might have something to do with the proximity of the FAZ writer at certain elites and to power? we will in the following chapters not only have to investigate for the FAZ this question. And why do not mainstream media, that only suggests a proximity to elites?

Change of scene. Several years ago, the reporter Thomas Leif drew with the ARD television documentary *Strippenzieher and backroom* on conspiratorial image: journalists, ministers and party officials in the same boat, isolate themselves from the population and are magnificent. The audience watched in secret talks in background circles policy is made.

It was in the movie about a conspiratorial world of hanky-panky. 51

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What was shown there was no conspiracy theory. The film was explosive. Because what you saw there, that were perpetrators. Only they found the hanky-panky completely normal. The very question of this secret networks in the background feel the journalists concerned as an affront. When the NDR magazine *Zapp* a member of such a background circle questioned, as it was told: "We act on secret things. Namely: We want to understand politics and that has not experienced a viewer or listener or reader. But it must then only understand what we say. "

The viewer and reader must only understand what the journalists proclaim? He should not noticed who wants to spread that news and messages? The NDR quoted a journalist to such secret talks with the words: "What is being done,

is ours

Professional secrecy. The same goes for lobbying. A lobbyist talked so never open about who he talks to, what papers he gets where he hinschiebt and what happens. . This is comparable "And a former ZDF editor said:" The added value is simply that we know the truth and then - so bitter it is for some - are not allowed to write or send. " 52 > Note Can this be? The truth exclusively for journalists? And then can not spread this? What's going on out there from, anyway? Those who believe that messages balanced, are reliable and true, who will be deprived in this book of all illusions. I myself have true illusions about journalism and

already lost coverage decades ago. I can remember the day I pretty much: On August 2, 1990 troops of the Iraqi head of state Saddam Hussein Kuwait had occupied. Shortly thereafter spread the American PR agency *Hill & Knowlton* a

free invented

Tall tale. After that Iraqi soldiers had reportedly torn in Kuwaiti hospitals babies out of the incubators and thrown on the concrete floor because they wanted to transport the incubators from Kuwait to Iraq. The March led directly to the US entry into the war against Iraq - the "liberation" of Kuwait. What nobody knows:

Amnesty International (AI) was from the outset of the game lies. published on 19 December 1990 *Amnesty* a 82-page report on human rights violations in Kuwait,

which also houses the Nayirah

happened. **53 > Note A** memorable alliance. A little later, on January 12, 1991, the US Congress for the war against Iraq was wrong.

At a US congressional hearing October 10, 1990 before a young girl had called "Nayirah" the statement that she had seen with his own eyes how the soldiers of Saddam Hussein babies thrown in Kuwait to die on the cold concrete floor of the hospitals and the had stolen incubators. This heartbreaking statement as devilish Saddam Hussein and his henchmen had allegedly been in all American Living

- and of course the German - transmitted and caused the desired public mobilization for the war. Sometime later came out that the whole story was made up. The girl was actually the daughter of the Kuwaiti ambassador in Washington Saud bin Nasir Al-Sabah. And it was for her to tears statement specifically from the PR agency *Hill & Knowlton* theatrically trained. The Kuwaiti government paid 12 million dollars for this propaganda campaign to the media and agencies. I was then an editor at a newspaper. I've noticed at close range, as the fictitious lie was printed in many German newspapers to bring the mood in the German population to the boiling point: Saddam Hussein, who by then for us German was a "good leader" should be degraded together with the Iraqis overnight to a kind of insect. Our media have achieved that.

A few months ago I was actually shortly after a poison gas of Iraqis in a war front, where the soldiers of Saddam Hussein had killed with German poison gas Iranians. That was in 1988. **Zubaidat in July I will describe in more detail later. 54 > Note I have the horrible Iranian poison gas victims, which flowed the brain from the eyes,** nose and mouth photographed. Do not think that it would have then been a wave of indignation in Germany. Rather, there was a silence in German journalism. Here was the gasification of people as opposed to here a few lines previously mentioned later Nayirah brutal reality. But as the wave of propaganda anrollte with incubators, it was as if someone had tampered with the interfaces of the brains of crowds was. Suddenly all shouted together: war! War! War! That would not have been possible if

our alpha journalists would not anticipate marched in the disinformation campaign. And I was part of this disinformation teams in the opinion of the cartel.

This book is the first part of three controversial publications on the media industry. In the following chapters of this book you will learn what secret networks really control our information overload. It's about the sticky close to our media elites. And the barely believable consequences. In another book, we will learn the tricks the big German media publishers systematically cheat their advertisers. A small taste you get even in this book. And in a third band I will report on what journalists stand on which internal lists of the PR industry. That will also devastating. Because the majority of our coverage is purchased now. but I reveal some of the names already in this book.

Purchased truths:

Elite networks and intelligence

I, the author of this book, was a culprit. Looking back, I was corrupt, had manipulated and misinformed. Precisely the lack of distance, which I reproach in the following chapters other journalists, I too have long been considered self-evident. I have also used the press discounts, accepted free invitations in five-star hotels or chummy traveling with top politicians on behalf of my bosses, occupied posts in foundations or lectured at intelligence-related organizations. I was so my current view, such as an employee of *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* (FAZ) sometimes bought for positive coverage. And I can buy me. With the backing of the employer, who naturally expected that from me. I can talk about it today. But it is not correct.

Much has changed since then. And also purchased coverage is taken for granted today. The EU is paying now, for example, "independent" journalists sure to polish the image of the EU in supposedly "independent" media. Both private and public media companies then compete for granted by the EU PR funds. It's called journalism purchased. 55 > Note And it works in reverse: Two British reporter offered MEPs money for legislative changes - with success. 56

> Note In Switzerland, journalists get today sometimes envelopes with 500 francs in cash (about 410 euros) if they participate in "press conferences". 57 > Note And also in Switzerland, a publisher offers politicians portraits in the most beautiful colors, if they also buy the same one ad to it. 58 > Note Where it says journalism, but also journalism should be in there. Günther Jauch, former moderator of the critical magazine *star TV*

and one of the most famous journalists for example, has "advertised in a 20-minute strip for the US company Amway", "sells detergents and personal care products in the snowball method". 59 > Note May one such thing as a critical journalist? Where are the limits? Can we advertise as a German journalist? It is at least the day there. At Teflon man Jauch at least nothing stuck. It is in retrospect appears extremely embarrassing. And how embarrassing it when (in a university thesis on biased coverage in German media "Biased attributions in German print media" is 60 > Note) is to an article in the FAZ journalists Horst Bacia:

Accordingly, the analysis of this product in view of the deployment threads results in at most an argument that is similar in implementation of an advertising text. 61 > Note

I beg your pardon? A university working to certify one of the most renowned FAZ authors after thorough analysis of the level of an advertising text? since blurred

obvious boundaries that should not be blurred. As yet equal to the communication scientist Wolfgang Donsbach writes about the general relationship between truth and journalism in Germany:

In Germany, this tendency to evaluate information according to their own opinion and to select more pronounced than in other countries. 62 > Note



The manipulation of the reader falls just at the FAZ on for years. Dr. Heinz Loquai has to kept for about a famous speech in 2003, in which it is about to FAZ:

The Washington correspondent of the FAZ we learn, among other things, Bush studying the Bible every day, he prays regularly and judge his actions to the question: "What would Jesus do" The president was a "paragon of modesty and national character," although there were? an "arrogant fiber [!] in the nature of Bush's" but he was "a man of love." His "portion missionary zeal" going through "statesmanlike prudence cushion" in "patient wait" the "decision of the political nature of talent is expressed" come. Although, know Bush that he is not an intellectual, but relating to "his political instincts, his intelligence and his wit," could leave. So (...) taught we can continue to rely on the objectivity and judgment of America-correspondents leading German daily and weekly newspapers! Nestled among the Allied troops, embedded in the political-media network in Washington - where's the difference? 63 >

Note



The former Washington correspondent FAZ Matthias Rüb had written the just-quoted adulation on US President Bush just before the illegal Iraq war of 2003. A year later he received for another article the Arthur F. Burns Prize. The Arthur F. Burns Prize is awarded by the German foreign minister. And who chooses the winners from today? The jury includes for example, the journalist Sabine Christiansen and Stefan Kornelius at (Süddeutsche Zeitung). 64 > **Note Keep this name in mind. We are more often bump into interesting compounds on them.**



In Germany Write economic correspondent respected Newspapers at the same time under a pseudonym for magazines of companies, they report as employees of their own newspaper. And public service editors can be paid by the parties that they teach politicians in courses, how to keep biting journalists at bay. All this is taken for granted today. Moderators who present us economic news from banks on television, moderate delayed events of the banks and can be handsomely reward you. Germany is bought and sold at the same time the Republic. We are in any case covered around the clock with purchased truths. Especially in politics and business.

How mood of the population is made or strengthened that you learn

as a journalist in certain networks. It is a pleasing reporting in the interest of politicians, political parties, associations or institutions. I have noticed for decades and there - actively participated - such as vain FAZke. I will describe, as best we can. Quite devastating it when politicians, the masters of the privileged information, journalists require drivers to use or non-use of messages. This is called euphemistically "authorize". A politician must sign off on what he was asked and what he has said. Disagreeable is out deleted. In 2012, it was said in the mirror to blog:

And sometimes when you as a German journalist sitting opposite party and at the end gives him the opportunity to see their own quotes again, looks the one like an alien in the jihadists costume. Is not that stupid? The opposite give as much control? In Germany, the authorizing maintained for decades. SPIEGEL has it in the fifties of the last century did not invent (...). But he has grown so consistently that on land, at least in interviews it is now the industry standard here. 65

> Note

Authorize called on closer inspection, to bow to authority. Journalists then submit to the powerful. Politicians can always wipe the ground the table unwelcome news, there had been an "unauthorized" interview. 66 > Note The men of the privileged information journalists write so in Germany the use or non-use of news. And we find the completely 'normal' - as people in the Middle Ages, the obsequious and uncritical reporting about the noble estates »found normal." As in the Middle Ages some minions of the court sit still very close to the powerful and delight in their words. The figures, so the costume of this drama, may have changed over the centuries. The Director is still run by the same: the network of the powerful.

Leading journalists are surrounded by elite networks in which ordinary people are simply excluded. Journalists argue like that they have an important critical and control function. Supposedly they want to stubbornly pursue grievances and uncover. Above all, they want "the powerful look at the finger." Therefore, journalists call "the fourth estate". The information function is the central function of media and journalists. That is, something to inform the recipient of the information, which he did not know before - namely complete, objective and understandable. And in a form that is not reminiscent of journalism in a dictatorship.

What should we think of it, if even ZDF newscaster Claus Kleber compares the German Tagesschau with the North Korean government television? 67 > Note And how it gets along when one such as Kai Diekmann, editor in chief of the "independent" *image* - newspaper is a member of the controversial organization Atlantic Bridge?

If you really still neutral when the publisher of the weekly newspaper Die Zeit as Josef Joffe at the same time in the pro-American and "CIA-affiliated think tank" 68 > Note *Aspen Institute* sat? Josef Joffe says about his lobbying for the US in Germany: "However, since the majority in the country thinks not very friendly about the United States, I write against this majority stake." 69

> Note Whether Josef Joffe, a suit joyful party pooper 70 > Note . did not know that the Berlin Aspen Institute is suspected to have been also the working office of US intelligence officers? 71 > Note It says in a study on transatlantic relations with Shepard Stone, the first director of the Berlin Aspen Institute:

This "harmonious style of life" to interfere only very reluctantly with the suspicion, Stone had been commanding officer of one or even several American intelligence agencies. His "working office": the Berlin Aspen Institute. 72

> Note

Can you - such as quite sympathetic and open-minded colleague Stefan Kornelius of the *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* - be intertwined with a whole bunch of political lobbying organizations and then report still independent of political processes? I say: No, you can not be sure. The *Southgerman newspaper* writes the well itself. When the ZDFKorrespondent Udo van Kampen, a skilled drummer 73 > Note . in the summer of 2014 at a press conference warbled a birthday song for Angela Merkel, as outraged the Munich journal "journalists do not do that. They are observers, not participants. (...) Who is too close to a politician should not talk about him or his specialist subject, otherwise go credibility and independence overboard. (...) The reputation of journalists is in any case not the best. " 74 > Note Journalists are not allowed to have this closeness to politicians or their organizations and from SZ-term. but how those words fit together with the long-term implications on the SZ-journalist Stefan Kornelius? Meanwhile SZ-author Stefan Kornelius has struck hard on the ground. Those US, which he had defended on for years in his editorials vigorously against all attacks have fallen to the Germans in the back and the citizens have spied here. This has led evident even in Cornelius in a changed tone towards the United States. A newspaper is now writing about this new clearly chastened tone of Cornelius:

Cornelius' recent comments give the impression of an offended contract writer who realizes that he may have bet on the wrong horse. With the growing foreign policy tensions between Germany and the United States not only the cocktail receptions and award ceremonies expected to decrease on the other side of the Atlantic. You will also be less appreciated in the German elite. 75 > Note

But sometimes people put after all the wrong horse. does not interfere with the independence? As can the editor of the renowned

Wirtschaftswoche, Roland Tichy, also the CEO of CDU-nahen Ludwig Erhard Foundation 76

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be a member of the Board of Trustees

Johanna Quandt Foundation 77

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(Founded by the billionaire Johanna

Quandt) and even the board of trustees of the radical market Friedrich-August-von-Hayek Foundation? 78

> Note

Holger Steltzner, the responsible for the prestigious such

Business section of the once renowned FAZ publisher is,

Member of the Board of Trustees of radical market Friedrich August von Hayek-

Foundation, endowment. 79 > Note In Steltzners official FAZ resume it glosses Friedrich August von

the. 80 > Note Hayek (1899 to 1992), despised

Democracy as "a brought forth by the politics of blackmail and corruption System System," as "a word fetish." 81

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Cicero writes

"Part of von Hayek dogma also that democratic decisions are of those to cut only that are affected themselves: to Hayek. That means: Only rich should be allowed to give a ruling, have as much tax rich to pay to the state, so the general public. Even so, the abolition of democracy "can be accomplished. 82

> Note Can we as

support leading German journalist? Whose lobbying is operated then? Looks like independent journalism? You can report freely then?

Even more devastating: resident in Germany transatlantic organizations could apply for 2014 US funding for it if they affect German so that these pro-American interests represented, such as when required by the US Free Trade Agreement. You think this is a jumbled conspiracy theory? Then you must also the prestigious newspaper

Washington post and the US Embassy believe anything. For the reported 2014 about it. 83 >

Note For every well-prepared manipulation German opinion leaders with us there was therefore between 5,000 dollars (about 3,670 euros) and 20,000 dollars (about 14,700 euros) from the US Embassy, depending on the importance of the affected elites. The American Embassy in Berlin had at the time of the writing of the manuscript forms on the Internet, on which US-related organizations in Germany were able to apply for funds if these make among Germans for Washington goals propaganda. The Berlin US Embassy thanked there expressly for the numerous participation in this project manipulation. 84

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Want our alpha journalists

the one sticky proximity to such a pro-American organizations Germany show or have shown some claim to have not you know anything?

And how it looks with the journalists funding of political parties? citizens believe there really that a graduate of the CDU-affiliated

Journalist Academy of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation 85

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or SPD

Nearby Journalist Academy of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation 86

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after this

Training is throw the switch in his brain and will report only after the neutral party-related training?

I claim from years of personal experience: No, everything does not go. I, too, was built from that elite network and promoted which

influential journalists have long been subtly wraps like an octopus and leads them to spring. Naturally I was at the same time a supposedly independent journalist in *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* and sat at the same time the planning staff of the CDU-affiliated Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

Looking back, I was a lobbyist. A lobbyist trying to influence public opinion through the mass media, for example, for interest groups. I did this. As for the German foreign intelligence service. The FAZ encouraged me explicitly to strengthen contacts with Western intelligence agencies and was pleased when I sometimes knew from there, at least in brief boilerplate reports with my name. One of many examples that I have left good memories: the exposé "European companies help Libya build a second poison gas factory" of 16 March 1993, which attracted as many of my intelligence related reports worldwide attention, two employees of the BND had in my presence in a visitor area of FAZ formulated in the Hellerhofstrasse 2 in Frankfurt. In other words: They have largely given me the then published articles in the FAZ editorial paragraph by paragraph. An object of this two BND agents was to write reports for renowned German newspapers. The BND did at that time, with the knowledge of German media companies, according to its employees in many newspapers that. The BND had later only two blocks from the FAZ Information Center in Frankfurt, Mainzer Landstrasse even a well disguised small office on the first floor directly above a shop. There was in any case classified material that came out of the BND. with knowledge of German media houses, according to its employees in many newspapers that. The BND had later only two blocks from the FAZ Information Center in Frankfurt, Mainzer Landstrasse even a well disguised small office on the first floor directly above a shop. There was in any case classified material that came out of the BND. with knowledge of German media houses, according to its employees in many newspapers that. The BND had later only two blocks from the FAZ Information Center in Frankfurt, Mainzer Landstrasse even a well disguised small office on the first floor directly above a shop. There was in any case classified material that came out of the BND.

If you were "recorded as a team in the formulation of articles," then there was at some point the next level of "cooperation": You got stacks of secret documents that one could interpret as you wish. I remember that we had bought at the FAZ especially for the many secret reports a steel cabinet. (For a visit by colleagues in the newsroom of a Hamburg magazine I saw that they made it there like that.) I did not then know how contemptuously speak secret reporters. "You can have a journalist cheaper than a good whore, for a few hundred dollars a month." With these words the editor Philip Graham of the quoted *Washington post* a CIA agent on the willingness and the price of those journalists who were willing to spread propaganda for the CIA reports in articles. Of course, with the backing of employers, who knew all this and supported. And the BND was the long arm of US intelligence, a kind of subsidiary organization. It has indeed never offered me money at the BND. But you also do not need for me and many German colleagues. We felt so great so when we were commissioned clerk of a secret or somehow allowed to work for him. 87 > Note



Some things I learned, but was not allowed to report on it. There were probably test my reliability as a water carrier and Lakaie of intelligence.

Foreign intelligence agencies have funded me traveling. About the British intelligence services to conferences to Wilton Park. 88

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The British country estate after the Second World War, first a re-education camp 89

> Note the British for selected German and was

up later used to steer German, as journalists like me. Funded it have the British services. Not a word in the revelations of intelligence whistleblower Edward Snowden. That does not seem to be in its documents.

In summer 2005 I was back then "Chief Correspondent" of Glossy magazine *Park Avenue*, I have from my office in the Hamburg publishing house Gruner + Jahr more than an hour by longtime CIA chief James Woolsey phone, his wife in the transatlantic propaganda organization *German Marshall Fund* working (we'll get to later). I was surprised at the interview about the fact that the compound is not broke, because Woolsey sat during our phone conversation, first in his office in Virginia, then in a limousine, and later in a helicopter. And the connection was so good as if he had sat me directly opposite. We talked about the issue of industrial espionage. And Woolsey wanted from me that I carried a report at Gruner + Jahr, where the impression was created that operate the USA in Germany about their secret industrial espionage. was absurd

for me not only the Conversation content which thank goodness was never printed. Really absurd it was my view that the publishing house Gruner + Jahr had naturally come to the secretary of the CIA henchman Woolsey in Virginia after talking a bouquet because employee Gruner + Jahr wanted to keep warm contact with the CIA.

Yes, looking back I too was one of those offenders who have been given from the outside with material and exploited. I was a lobbyist who was to influence public opinion through the mass media. Only I have the time do not want to admit that. Therefore, I understand it perfectly when former colleagues who are still as behave and are members for example, pro-American lobby organizations or those closely related that does not want to admit even today. But looking away does not make it right. a lobbyist

reported tendentious. And the tendentious Reporting our leading media confirmed (by several examples among other things, the FAZ) also published in 2012 Munich university work "Biased attributions in German print media." 90 > Note Some time ago I found the headline: "Study: FAZ stands for lobbyists at the top of the reading list." 91 > Note In the article to read: "The read of German lobbyists most frequently publication is the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. It stands at 88 percent of them high on the reading list. "Why? Let us look at but even more closely.

As I was smeared by an oil company

Former German President Johannes Rau (SPD) once said: "Dangerous, it is there where journalists influence political processes or even choices through active, led by interests other action. It becomes dangerous where intentionally reinforced by escalation or half-truths moods or even made it all. "

Looking back, I was one of those that should influence political processes through their reporting. If I was, for example, sometimes supplied on my numerous trips abroad by the respective BND-residents for my "reporting" in the FAZ with "information", then I found the "course." However, I could almost never check whether the information agreed. But I have spread with the backing of my former bosses. The formulation that I should use, was mostly "according to reports from the intelligence community." It was really proud that they had good contacts with "intelligence community" at the FAZ. But while no one could verify the scattering of there, "information". We printed the simple. Looking back is embarrassing. I have in mind, although participated voluntarily, but I was also told that I could be fired if I not mitmache. Yes, such a thing really. I had back then studied law and as a precautionary measure prompted colleagues, the lawyers had become. They confirmed the statement that an employer could dismiss an employee if it refuses to cooperate with the BND. Later there was also open to observable judgments, an example: A pilot who wanted to work not hidden from the BND at the ADAC subsidiary Aero-flight service, was dismissed for "endangering state security". And the Labor Court approved the dismissal. They confirmed the statement that an employer could dismiss an employee if it refuses to cooperate with the BND. Later there was also open to observable judgments, an example: A pilot who wanted to work not hidden from the BND at the ADAC subsidiary Aero-flight service, was dismissed for "endangering state security". And the Labor Court approved the dismissal. ⁹² > **Note** Many readers will not **keep something** like that in a democracy possible, but connect with countries like the GDR. But it was the reality. Also, the large network of German foreign correspondents was interesting from the perspective of the BND. It was the perfect cover to make do delicate research on unsuspecting "journalists". Colleagues who did, told me about it abroad, because I too was involved in this network. We promised each other silence. But you should have in mind that the BND next 6,000 permanent employees, along with around 17,000 "informal" employee. Who have normal jobs and would never openly admit to work for the BND. This is so worldwide. For, as I inevitably mitbekam over the decades abroad, almost every foreign reporter was also working for the national intelligence in American or British newspapers. One must simply have in mind if you think you have in Media "neutral" reporting on.

If I, encouraged by my employer, for the secret close to Federal College for Security Studies has been working or during my

Working in late summer 1993 for a six-week invitation of transatlantic lobbying organization *German Marshall Fund of the United States* was released, then had certainly affect my reporting. Of the *German Marshall Fund* sent me about in New York for a night shift with the police in the Bronx. refer to the FAZ, I wrote the article "Through these doors pass the toughest cop in the world." It was one of many positive articles about the USA - Single threaded from *German Marshall Fund*. I got hard to believe in retrospect, even a sharp firearm. There is a picture of it as it was presented to me at the New York police. The reader knew nothing about the background of this benevolent coverage in the FAZ. He does not also learned what contacts you gave me discretely on this stay. About a meeting with Reza Cyrus Pahlavi, son of the Shah of Iran, who still hoped to be able to get back the throne in Tehran using the CIA for his family. Reza Cyrus Pahlavi needed above all else: media attention. And the FAZ was as one of many prominent newspapers support the plans media when the time was right, so I learned it at our meeting. This *German Marshall Fund* is a propaganda organization of our former occupying power USA, which was founded by Guido Goldman, a son of Nahum Goldman, the founder and president of the World Jewish Congress. Of the *Marshall Fund* has bent on after his self-expression, to promote "executives who are involved in the field of transatlantic relations." That sounds pretty positive, but means in plain English: He wants to lobbyists who are pro-American use, and promote.

You can include concretely imagine anything? An example: On July 22, 1993 appointed me the then "Governor of Oklahoma," that is the Prime Minister of the State of Oklahoma, officially became an honorary citizen of Oklahoma. Governor David Walters signed on that day my honorary citizen certificate, which was first framed and then handed to me in a solemn ceremony ("Honorary Citizen of the State of Oklahoma"). Conveys had, without my knowledge, the *German Marshall Fund*, surprised me with the ceremony. The document, with State seal, emblem and signature on the official paper of the state, now hangs in my office. And as a reminder, with what perfidious tricks trying to lure journalists from leading media. Because of course I was not US-Freeman, because I'm UDO ULFKOTTE and then collected as a hobby old inkwells, but because the transatlantic *German Marshall Fund*

wanted to hug me so much that there was no other choice in my reporting as freemen to work as pro-American. I have this perfidious lobbying witnessed six weeks at close range in the US and now severed all contacts. Quite different, my former colleague and current FAZ FAZ foreign policy chief Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger, whose name today every now and then when *German Marshall Fund* shows up. 93 > Note

Of course there were on business trips that I made with politicians,



These workbooks with "background information". Of course I should take the "Information" just as in the newspaper. All this was lobbying in pure form. Only the readers were not told that. My long-time employer, the FAZ, nor confirmed me in the belief that a journalist is not "prostitute" and was not for sale, if he as expensive invitations to travel abroad by companies *Shell* accepted for the FAZ and then also extremely favorably reported in the FAZ about it. As me after such a trip a journalist accused of corruption ("of

Shell lubricated "), as the FAZ led a process for me in front of the Cologne Regional Court (Ref .: 28 0 19/97). And lost. That was 1997. Since then, one may justifiably say about me that I was from *Shell* been "smeared". This is because in one of my articles on *Shell* was not apparent to the reader from Nigeria that the complete luxury research trip to the local oil-producing region including helicopter on site of *Shell* had been financed for the FAZ. Even if the indication that Shell had paid the trip, originally stood in my text and had been later canceled out in the editorial of an editing colleagues to ensure that the products fit on the side - then I would have let me write as well as the FAZ , 94

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The judges were: "The necessary balance between the patronage of the plaintiff," that is me, "and freedom of expression of the defendant leads to the acceptance of the admissibility of the remarks in question. A case of prohibited abusive criticism does not exist ", according to the chamber. Whoever thinks that by *Shell* paid for the FAZ travel for which one may describe as me, "lubricated", had been a beautiful 5-star experience for me, who was an article of the also traveling colleague Klaus Podak from the *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* our shared experiences in the *Shell* pointed trip to Nigeria -. In his report said: "There's a young person jumps around in perfectly ironed military clothes, apparently shortly before the spin. He shakes with the machine gun, finger on the trigger. Seconds before, the side window of the van, he had kept the thing a colleague at his head, pulled the trigger. " The colleague who was threatened with his on-site research in such a way with death, called UDO ULFKOTTE. Can you imagine how you feel when you have to such experiences on the way to a mock execution still accept as "to be called lubricated"? And yet I give retrospect those right who then called me that.

Some of my first trips abroad on behalf of the FAZ led me in the 1980s in southern Africa - of course, fully paid by the former South African apartheid regime, the South African airline, South African mining companies and / or the local tourism industry. Signed and approved by my superiors in the FAZ. Not a word in my articles. And because it was so "beautiful", I could then also turn a few TV movies in the country at the Cape with the team of the then private television FAZ (Tele-FAZ ""). Of course, positive for the financiers of the trip. Of course, also by supporters of

Apartheid regime paid. In southern Africa, we were flown in a private plane across the country. We FAZ staff were courted and eventually bought. The audience (some reports were sent to my memory at RTL) also got them with nothing. They probably did not know at RTL, which funded by the South Africans propaganda scrap because you got leaked from the FAZ.

FAZ: Behind sometimes puts a corrupt head

Lubricated reporting is supposedly reputable FAZ? Do not believe it? FAZ journalist Werner Stur Beck, one of Düsseldorf FAZ correspondent, has lubricate Thyssen-Krupp in 2012; I see that at least according to the above-cited judgment of the Cologne Regional Court (Ref.: 28 O 19/97). Not a word in his official resume at the FAZ. 95

> Note Stubborn Beck wrote on August 3, 2012 at the business section of the FAZ the complacency article "The Other Side of ThyssenKrupp." And the FAZ has thus prostituted for the group Thyssen-Krupp. Werner Stur Beck had flown before complacency items in July 2012 at the Thyssen Krupp company jet to Munich and from there First Class with Lufthansa for five days to Beijing. He stayed in five-star hotels "China World" in Beijing, "Ritz-Carlton Pudong" in Shanghai and "Sofitel" in Nanjing - without paying a cent. Everything was financed by Thyssen-Krupp. And there was expected to sympathetic coverage for it. The FAZ saved about 15 000 euros in travel expenses alone. Not a word in the benevolent article that Werner Stur Beck wrote afterwards, 96 > Note Since limits were exceeded in the FAZ clearly, as so often. The main thing that paying readers do not get with that.



In the chapter "delight in Favours: How to make docile media, "I call more unpleasant facts. The FAZ says to stubbornness Becks luxury travel retrospect guiltily: "The Traveling with Thyssen-Krupp in the first class are not common and not in order."

Not common? I had to laugh out loud when I heard that. Let's look first one of the sponsors of typical luxury travel over which the FAZ then of course always reported favorably in the past, even closer to.

I know in retrospect not remember exactly how many luxury travel one of the richest men in the world, the fabulous Sultan Qaboos of Oman, funded for FAZ Journalisten has 97 > Note , The man is a billionaire. And he is a trained dictator. Not only the American channels *CBS News* calls the

that 98 > Note London *Guardian* calls him a dictator. 99 > Note not only from there. Because the reader did not get the yes. Rulers in Oman repeatedly as struck > again and the fact that we always see in the almost immediate realm of the reported luxury invitations for their own and houses. Very 100 on the describe it exactly a dictator. They have added to the exclusive door of the FAZ by the dictator in any case. > Note But is a dictator and remains a dictator. One may be lavishing the dictator in newspaper by Dictator" of the world. He is one of a few dictators, which officially support the United States. 100



An average reader will get now only once a completely wrong impression. He will think: Aha, as a man paid a reporter a trip. That would be in regard to the mentioned Oman, which we take here on behalf of others, one can hardly be undercutting understatement. The reality: The invitations from Oman one traveled as a supposed FAZ VIP at the expense of leaders in business or first-class. At the airport waiting for the Sultan's staff, which the guest - a simple journalist - smuggled extremely unobtrusive and quickly through security, past the "mere mortals". By then it no longer felt as a simple journalist, but all around as VIP and somehow extremely important. In between, it should be mentioned that this special treatment applies not only to the exotic Sultanate of Oman, but often happens to journalists. Especially journalists of "mainstream media".

Back to Oman: Outside the airport waiting for the entire rest of the trip, a luxury air-conditioned car with driver and interpreter. Who was also always a kind of living wallet was in my travels in any case almost never that I paid somewhere themselves. Every request was read to the guest of the eyes. And ultimately by the billionaire dictator Sultan **Qaboos, who was with writing this manuscript for cancer treatment in Germany, 101 > Note financed.**



Once I met at the bar of Omani 5-star luxury hotels Al Bustan Palace, where I lived for the FAZ at the expense of Oman at zero cost an extensive suite with sea view, the actor Diether cancer (he died in 2000). We began to talk. And cancer was surprised that a German journalist could afford such an expensive luxury hotel. He complained about how extremely expensive internationally recognized PADI Diving courses are in the hotel at the native Greeks Jason Erodottu which made his sons Moritz and Till there straight. I did not tell him that my dives were simply booked the room. And the Sultan subsequently paid. Yes, the Sultan even paid my training as a PADI certified rescue diver with Jason Erodottu as a private instructor. He paid for everything, which was booked as if by magic in the room. The dirty laundry, which was allowed to wash again before departure, the postcards from the gift shop, the expensive phone calls from the hotel to the office, the visits to the noble restaurants. That was the custom in the country with guests of the Sultan, it was said by government escorts. I was naive and stupid, that to accept. Because I was corrupt, of course. So one was baited and was trapped. It does not make it right, all this now admit. But it could be another warning. it was said by government escorts. I was naive and stupid, that to accept. Because I was corrupt, of course. So one was baited and was trapped. It does not make it right, all this now admit. But it could be another warning. it was said by government escorts. I was naive and stupid, that to accept. Because I was corrupt, of course. So one was baited and was trapped. It does not make it right, all this now admit. But it could be another warning.

For all pursued only one purpose: Who took the air-conditioned car with driver and interpreter, who mimed the super rich and chauffeured and invite was, of course was always under control. The security service of the country (and the Omani dictatorship has an extensive safety net) and the Information Minister, who was also in one person's intelligence chief, were so constantly about every step of the journalist informed. And they also controlled the party and

the impressions you got from the country. They knew who you phoned. Of course, there were no dissatisfied people or even "opposition" as an interlocutor in such trips. As well as? It was so constantly surrounded only by the "guides" of the intelligence chiefs, who also recognized each ordinary people in the country now than intelligence officials. They suggested a local newspaper, then there was only praise of the Sultan. The media are owned by the Sultan of course. Obsequious and uncritical reporting. At the German Embassy was no different. Finally, the diplomats did not risk to be related to a critical sentence in the FAZ and then to be thrown out of the country in which it lived so heavenly, if you shut your eyes hard enough. Of course, you got it with, that Omanis were served first in stores. Foreigners not only migrant workers from the Indian subcontinent, were obvious from the perspective of Omanis second-class citizens. And of course there are human rights violations in this country dictatorial, which were by me and many other journalists but "beautifully written".

5-star air-conditioned luxury sedan, 5-star all-suite, blue sky, sea and holiday atmosphere: That was embellished reality that was perceived by me. Everything else is blocked out better. The others have also done so, who traveled in that time from the German-speaking countries at the invitation of the Sultan and did PR for him. But that does not make it better.

Imagine a young man in front of ärmerem parents who, because the father was himself died young, everything was hard have to work. Delivering newspapers, working on building, standing on an assembly line - only to study and have a good career prospects. And then the jackpot. For free. Without any effort. Hold without use? You only had to hide what you do not want to see. Obsequious and uncritical reporting was the price of the jackpot. After the first Oman-travel course I reported to colleagues about my experience. Not only in the FAZ. And there were other colleagues who wanted to hit the jackpot once.

I will never forget my friend Klaus Bering, then diplomatic correspondent of the news agency dpa. He was also for dpa at the invitation of the Sultan in Oman and the seductive offered 5-star enjoyed treatment. On our common return flight from the Omani capital of Muscat to Germany, the respected journalist poured in business class so with alcohol that he repeatedly vomited unabashedly in front of the other passengers. Bering found it later, of course, that the stewardesses cleaned him like a small Sheikh from vomit, because all the bills were indeed paid by the Sultan. Former Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel probably keep dpa correspondent in particularly bad memory. Kinkel, dpa-man Bering and I traveled in a tiny airplane of the German Air Force for a short visit to the Middle East since grabbed a heavy smoker Bering incessantly for a cigarette, although Kinkel polite, but also strenuous efforts asked him again and again to take into consideration the plane to the Non smoking , Kinkel will probably still remember today it because

the air in the small plane was simply unbearable. Some journalists knew really no limits to invite travel.

The beneficiaries who reported benevolent and not neutral, in my personal view by invitation traveling across Oman, was looking back beside me, among other things Klaus-Dieter Frankenberg. But there were just too many others, especially outside the FAZ, which at one time wanted at that time to Oman. To clarify: I do not know and do not claim that my former FAZ colleague Frankenberg has accepted gifts in Oman. However, he has, we have often entertained about also get a pleasant 5-star luxury on site, as well as I've seen in Oman as guest of the Sultan over again. Frankenberg that, we talked about it in the newsroom, as I did not felt to be indecent or corrupt "" felt. We were in such luxurious invitation traveling like kids in a candy store, who did not know in which glass they should first attack. Sure we have accessed. There was also a job. And no questions asked. In football, the center forward finally does not say, I will earn less than the defender - I think it's unfair. Even then we were living in the FAZ in a society that had lost in my view the compass and their value system had been corrupted. What is good? What is bad? But we gave other people in editorials such a set of values before that was in retrospect mistaken. Frankenberg is more controversial today after revelations about him There was also a job. And no questions asked. In football, the center forward finally does not say, I will earn less than the defender - I think it's unfair. Even then we were living in the FAZ in a society that had lost in my view the compass and their value system had been corrupted. What is good? What is bad? But we gave other people in editorials such a set of values before that was in retrospect mistaken. Frankenberg is more controversial today after revelations about him There was also a job. And no questions asked. In football, the center forward finally does not say, I will earn less than the defender - I think it's unfair. Even then we were living in the FAZ in a society that had lost in my view the compass and their value system had been corrupted. What is good? What is bad? But we gave other people in editorials such a set of values before that was in retrospect mistaken. Frankenberg is more controversial today after revelations about him What is good? What is bad? But we gave other people in editorials such a set of values before that was in retrospect mistaken. Frankenberg is more controversial today after revelations about him

Frankenberg, it provides later a Munich Bachelor thesis from the year 2012 in a different context by way of example at one of its articles represent reports tendentious. 103 > Note That's what I used to be made. The truth is: Frankenberg and I have adopted since the 1990s paid by Oman luxury invitations. And without that our readers learned who paid the all-inclusive package for the FAZ: the billionaire Qaboos from the Sultanate of Oman. So what to say today as a critic about people like me and the current foreign policy chief of the FAZ? Approximately in line with the above-mentioned judgment of the Court of Cologne (Ref .: 28 O 19/97) 104

> Note . that we have in the past for our Oman reporting "lubricate" leave? I have to say looking back for me anyway: I was bought. This proximity to power corrupted. The Sultan had his own symphony orchestra. 105 > Note He had everything a person could want. In his huge underground were on plush carpets all luxury vehicles in the world. And suddenly you sat with him at the palace on his couch. In reality, it was indeed nothing more than one of his many paid lackeys. But it did not feel as an extra, but somehow as part of a powerful network. Also because the billionaire Sultan devoted a time.

This then evolved but sometimes completely different than expected. I

did not know at my first meeting for the FAZ with Sultan Qaboos, Sultan Qaboos that supposed to be gay and was formerly married only a short time in order to keep up appearances in his Muslim country to the outside. 106

> Note And Anthony Ashworth 107 > Note . British consultant and MI6- intelligence officer in the hall of the Sultan, who was preparing for the first meeting with the Sultan, in which the Sultan and I would be spending hours all alone, said something strange to me, that I will never forget: "If he offering you a Ferrari and you do not want, then just say thanks. You need it just really polite, but very clearly tell him. "I thought that was absurd and thought it was very dry British humor, but did not know because the backgrounds. Why the Sultan should give me a Ferrari? Especially since Ferrari is not my world. I stand more on old-Deutz tractors from the 1960s, with 18 km / h. As I said, I had no idea that the billionaire with his own symphony orchestra, in whose palace I never woman, but many boyish young men have seen supposedly can be very friendly to men, when one sits alone with him on the couch. To give the wrong impression here: The Sultan has behaved quite correctly towards me. He offered me a Ferrari. But intelligence officer Anthony Ashworth and especially the German Embassy were very nervous because they were afraid that the Sultan could I have turned on during our hours of one-on-call (not the case that was). The Sultan had told me on the contrary, he was as lonely in his palaces and how comfortable he felt in a pub near Garmisch-Partenkirchen, which he had bought to there in very rare hour with his male friends times when German beer a very to be a normal person. It is important for me to emphasize that this proximity corrupted. When Sultan Qaboos funded the FAZ travel and the dictator told anecdotes from his life on the couch, then it was all cold and calculating. And I and we fell for it at the FAZ. Of course, all this has affected the coverage in the FAZ. Certainly.

Because Sultan Qaboos, with all its attached kindness nothing but a despot. Almost every human rights report of the US State Department confirmed that. The report criticizes the fact that any form of criticism of the Sultan by law is prohibited and the Omanis had no right to replace the government. The Sultan alone finally in all national and international affairs, the power of disposal. In other words: He is a dictator. State officials, the State Department report further states would not have to disclose their finances. And police would not need a search warrant to enter homes. It said the country's laws were misused to bring government critics or supporters of unwelcome opinions on silence. 108 > Note And now you're looking for all this time in the reports that we in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* have written to coincide with the luxury invitations from Oman. This has not changed up to the present



obviously changed very little. Since there are newspapers such as the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung almost all the smiling benevolent super-Sultan, allegedly almost all have so much. Looking back, I have to say: lobbying, propaganda and disinformation in pure form. How embarrassing.

We have cold supported a brutal dictator. we would have been honest, then we had in the FAZ the a lot of Human rights violations in Oman reported. But because the Sultan foreign journalists how to buy us about the luxury travel, it can go on for many years. An example: In July 2014, two young Omani bloggers have been arrested because they had dared to point the Internet on human rights violations in Oman. The young people were allowed to contact a lawyer. They were simply locked up. And one of them came to the psychiatric ward because he had dared to criticize the sultan. 109

> Note This has been going on for years: Who opens his mouth, which is arrested. 110 > Note

If you now know in retrospect as a reader, who financed a part of our five-star Oman Travel with subsequent complacency reports already in the 1990s, then read your written by us Oman articles with completely new eyes. So can we still analogous to the already above-mentioned judgment of the Court of Cologne say that the FAZ is not only with the *Shell* - stories, but also with its Oman-friendly reporting "prostituted" has?

To clarify: My colleague Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger is a thoroughly likeable person, a cozy cigar smoker who appreciates a good drop. We want to stay only in the truth. And I let myself smear in the 1990s of Oman "". especially the question of who has arranged the trips of the last years in the Sultanate of Oman would be interesting from the perspective of today's reader in this context. still as it was running all over Renate Komes and the German press office for Oman? 111 > Note

(In Frankenbergers first trips to Oman in the 1990s, "Oman is To be an Arabian jewel on the way " 112 > Note) about the "improbable success story of Oman" 113 > Note to the "voice of balance and reason" 114 > Note and "solemn ceremony for the opening of the second session" of the "Council of Oman" 115 > Note

I have - as I see it in retrospect - not even from the editorial in the vicinity *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* noticed how my former colleague a bit more has passed an invisible boundary with every luxury trip to the land of the billionaire dictator. As I also. Oman, which should be emphasized here is just a synonym for a variety of such experiences in the German media. At the *mirror* I never experienced. *mirror* - Journalists have never let themselves invite to my knowledge to such luxury tours of dictators. That was a matter of honor. And everyone stayed there for it. Quite different with the FAZ. We were, as I see it in retrospect, thoroughly corrupt.

Whether people like Frankenberger, who have risen in the media hierarchy, all this is at all clear now? Probably yes. Because after a scandal involving paid luxury travel FAZ in a different context and to the venality of FAZ journalists stated that they wanted to create from now on in the FAZ 'transparency'. 116 > Note "In future we will travel to which we were invited to create transparency," said Carsten Knop, who heads the company reporting the FAZ, the *medium magazin* in the year

2012. After revelations of travel at company expense in the Lufthansa First Class and five-star hotels FAZ man Knop said the new transparency, "This is not transitory, but a new standard. So that remains now. " 117

> Note Care should be taken as a reader, whether such transparency only or in the business section also for politics for paid travel or Invitations practiced.

Michael Spreng, a political consultant who formerly chief editor of *Cologne Express* and the *Bild am Sonntag* was such a generous invitations for journalists and the special treatment also knows very well. He writes:

The last stop on my trip to South America with Helmut Schmidt was the Dominican Republic, then ruled by a socially democratic party call. (...) On the last night of the state visit Schmidt invited to a reception on the training ship "Germany," the German Navy, where I met the General Secretary of the ruling party. He invited me to stay a few more days to get to know the country. I stayed and the next morning took me a vehicle of the army and brought me to the airport. With it was a very likeable person by the State Department for three additional days. He told me that I am for all the time the President helicopter available. Three days we flew back and forth across the country and wherever I pleased, 118

> Note

I mention this because the luxury preferential treatment in journalists from leading media is certainly not limited to the FAZ. All those who have believed until now, by way of example described by me Events in Oman are completely uncharacteristic of journalists from leading media in reality, are greatly mistaken. And the heads of the journalists know it. In the chapter "Buy yourself a journalist," I will discuss in detail thereon. Because either these chefs get the invitations in person and pass them on to their editors. Then they know the background. Or the editors get the invitations and they need to get pre-approved by the chiefs. Such trips are therefore previously signed in each case by superiors: Only because of insurance. And since you have to specify about the travel requests that such a trip will cost the publisher. If there already in the travel application, only the cost of traveling to and from the airport, then the boss knows exactly what he approved there. And in the FAZ my former superiors have many such

Traveling approved. Not only with me.

Forget in this context Oman. You could replace the Sultan by an industrial company or another country. Oman is in this book just a synonym for corruption,

for purchased

Reporting. But that was for those days for all sides a win-win situation. The inviter got no advertising text, which was clearly marked with "Advertisement" or "advertising" for his money. No, he got in the editorial section of the newspaper a supposedly authentic text who, though I see it today nothing more than lubricated reporting, but was not identified as PR. And the financier did not get one but usually a number of such advertising copy. Alone economically was worth it for the inviter. For it was in any case

cheaper as a display page in a German

"Quality media" to buy. For the journalist, it was already the jackpot. And the publishing house filled some pages almost for free with exotic stories. Why do I have it all written down in as much detail and also the name of Frankenberger mentioned several times? Because this former colleague today as foreign policy chief emerging self-service travel requests by younger colleagues. And because it is well known how extremely bad things are the FAZ, what losses the once thriving company writes (2013, according to management statements on the company meeting in June 2014 officially 8.3 million) and that staff receive no pay rise since 2014 (86.7 million EUR personnel costs in 2013). 119

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Still, I warn him and other former colleagues not to sign business trip requests for invitations that appear so at first glance enticing favorable. We all know in retrospect what it then comes out and what it means for those readers who pay money for information and believe they sure know the unvarnished truth.

Incidentally, there are still a discrete increase form which I have often witnessed among journalists of German-language media. then you take the wife or lover, and sometimes even their children as a matter of course with paid to such luxury invitation traveling. It clarifies beforehand that the inviter assumes full responsibility and expense. If only the Sultan would tell in retrospect, whom he has funded such trips; you could probably fill a scandalous new television series therewith.

As journalists finance their villas in Tuscany

The trick: With a particular behavior it can be - take a journalist to considerable wealth - regardless of previously mentioned names and publishers. This really has nothing to do with a particular media house, but with the tax office. The German taxpayer promotes everything that is financially. No, I mean not only the mileage credits that can be traded as much flying journalist in an infinite number of products that are then sold at auction houses such as E-Bay. Has paid the then ultimately the employer or another financier of the trip, which is cheated like that. But it can not afford a villa.

Have you been surprised again as to why so many alpha journalists of our mainstream media have homes in Tuscany, in other prestigious areas of Italy, in the south of France or Spain? You guessed yet perhaps the basics, how to, sold as a journalist his soul to the devil in order to travel at the expense of third parties in exotic countries. The whole truth but you do not know. If you find sponsors like the rich Sultan (and there are out there behind the walls of PR agencies not a few of them), the 5-star full board is always included on site at a PR journalists travel. So there are no costs for food. On the contrary: There are gourmet menus until you drop. But there is in German tax law a daily rate for travel abroad. And it is improper with respect to the taxpayers to make this statement after returning from the tax office contends that if one was also fully catered for as a journalist for a trip. I have met abroad always journalists who have not turned down the generous offer of the Treasury. For each day in Oman example, there were 2,014 at least 48 euros for a day in an American city like Houston or Miami 57 euros for a day in Norway 64, for one day in Sweden 70 Euros and for one day in the African Angola

even 77 euros. The taxpayer sponsors

So journalists traveling country by country. The journalist gets in reality a free trip with all-inclusive package, promoting stroking one at the tax office and also receives a fee or salary by the employer for the story. So I learned because at some point, as the most skilled and ruthless alpha journalists from the mainstream media incidentally financed their house in Tuscany.

There were many more such unscrupulous tricks. Unforgotten me a reporter and photographer who put his Hamburg employer of thousands of alleged "exclusive photos" into account their image rights he was alleged to have risen at an Iraq trip to Baghdad for much money. He then presented the publisher a "self-evidence" for spending bill that he had not actually had. Unfortunately, it was photos that had been freely distributed by the press office of the Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein in the Baghdad press center. His boss got the hamburger

eventually with - and the reporter had to leave. The man has since spread that he was then fired at US-critical reporting "because of". And today he is considered one of the most prestigious undercover journalists, lectures on good journalism and has been assigned by Media PR claims about their accuracy. In short: The man is in German-speaking today courted epitome of "serious journalism." An irony of world history. And it is good that the publisher has then showed him the red card and now discreetly silent about the background. I once visited the man years ago in Hamburg - remorse no trace. He really did not understand why they had fired him. He told me at dinner in a quaint old fish restaurant near the Hamburg fish market, that he had not behaved differently than his colleagues. He was probably so even law. But he had been caught. In many other cases, the editors did not get with it, such as when internal receipts have been issued for bribes that had allegedly paid to informants. Bribes paid journalists, were tax deductible - the corruption was so still funded by taxpayers. That was the everyday reality. Corrupt journalists stood internal receipts and cheat the tax authorities and their employers. which had allegedly paid to informants. Bribes paid journalists, were tax deductible - the corruption was so still funded by taxpayers. That was the everyday reality. Corrupt journalists stood internal receipts and cheat the tax authorities and their employers. which had allegedly paid to informants. Bribes paid journalists, were tax deductible - the corruption was so still funded by taxpayers. That was the everyday reality. Corrupt journalists stood internal receipts and cheat the tax authorities and their employers.

The paid with and still funded by taxpayers trips but was just the tip of the iceberg. In retrospect, truly corrupt and absolutely unforgivable, the gifts were. For example, if

of the

Gulf Cooperation Council (Saudi Arabia, Emirates, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain and Kuwait) held every year just for news poor Christmas season in a strictly Islamic country, the many Western journalists did not come about because they wanted there to escape the unhealthy Christmas roast or alcohol. For each participant who persevered to the end of several days of smelly boring meetings and it also good reports from the press center (which is always more of a propaganda center was)

for the

Home editorial had settled, there was valuable gifts at the end: even a gold Rolex, sometimes golden fountain pen, sometimes a set of valuable coins or whatever the heart desired. The gifts (each year a different, but for all journalists an annual meeting always the same) either were discreetly placed in the hotel room. Or she could be picked up on the last day in the "Press Center". Everyone knew that. No one has knocked them. I have certainly never seen a journalist colleague who has left the gifts. We all were infinitely corrupt. So when you read the next time a report from the annual meeting of the Gulf Cooperation Council, hear or see, then you know that it will almost certainly bought a PR report

is that our media companies

news of poor time grateful and eager added to fill time slots or pages for free. And keep in mind: In propaganda, sorry, press center of the Arab country, there is round-the-clock buffet. The food costs the journalists so nothing. But for each day in Saudi Arabia, the journalists will redo the German taxpayer / tax authorities then 48 euro contends for each day in the Emirates 42 euros,

for 48 Oman, Bahrain 36, Kuwait 42 and 56 for Qatar Euro. And in gratitude for the German-speaking viewers, readers or listeners get a hefty dose of purchased coverage. This is pure mockery. It is the mockery of citizens.

Well lubricated:

The disreputable system background journalism awards

And not only that because journalists are also rewarded for their reporting -. Namely by "journalism awards." One can best explain the notorious system with the award of our food. You may know about the gold, silver or bronze DLG quality seal on food from which you can deliver what you want. One should only know the truth: Around 27 000 of which are "tested annually by the Association German Agricultural Society, an organization in the food industry, such as by appearance, smell and taste." Chemical or microbiological tests will take place only in exceptional cases. And everything that "does not result in deviation from the quality expectations," gets top marks

- So a golden seal of quality. ¹²⁰ > Note About ingredients and the actual quality of the test procedure does not say much. ¹²¹ > Note What is the value as a DLG quality seal, the consumer sees when scandals awarded by DLG food becomes public. About the hygiene scandal of the bakery Müller-Brot where mouse droppings and bugs in bakery ingredients and equipment were ¹²² > Note - and a product has DLG. ¹²³

> Note

The DLG seal is probably one of the more more questionable Awards in Germany. Even foods that get their flavor by the addition of artificial flavors, get the seal of approval. Among them is the strawberry cream yoghurt from Zott. The color of the yogurt is not only achieved by strawberries, but with the addition of beetroot. Verbraucherschützerin Silke Schwartau is the incredible: "It can not be that a product which is artificially flavored, will be honored for the good taste." ¹²⁴

> Note But artificial flavors and

Additives not interested DLG taste testers in the past. Even the Haribo gummy bears, which also additives (such as E903 and carnauba wax), were awarded by the DLG. Another example: the Aufbackbrötchen "Master Krüstchen" of "Harry" - awarded by the DLG gold. Stiftung Warentest, the same buns only got the rating "unsatisfactory". The justification of Stiftung Warentest: The rolls were in taste "old, stale, only slightly fragrant ...". The DLG could not explain these serious differences in the test results. All this is meant only if you know how the system works: The DLG is an organization of lobbyists for the agri-food industry. It is not a consumer protection organization. The association has more than 20 000 members and is financed through revenue for services. And that includes masse awarded DLG seal of approval. Almost all "tested" products - to more than 90 percent - get such a "quality seal". And to be allowed to run it, you pay a license fee. And just this disreputable system also exist in "journalism awards."

Do you think that readers of newspapers, radio listeners or

TV viewers - ie neutral consumers - decide who gets a journalism prize? No, the system awards like the DLG quality seal simply himself. In the bodies of those who decide on the awarding of journalism prizes,

sitting almost always journalists

Media groups, which then journalists "reward". Because it's not about partisanship, independence and truth - because it comes as the DLG price to average quality and to promotional activities. Just as foods with artificial additives einheimsen golden seal of quality, so get journalists to deliver the average quality and a good boy behave politically correct and courting the elites of these then as a thank you (supposedly) prestigious media awards. The system is pure consumer deception in regard to journalists in many cases. For the media companies - newspapers about - then advertise in the biographical information on their journalists with awards they have often financed itself and awarded. The so honored journalists to shut up. Finally, they get also still a "prize". Because the award is often endowed with thousands of euros. I was often present at such award ceremonies. If party-affiliated organizations have awarded prizes to journalists of media, which ultimately included on an interlaced network of companies of his own party, the consumer deception and for the most stupid enough to touch was near. But even taking in the system. It was corrupt. Look at how many companies today finance journalism awards. Do you think that companies wishing thereby promote reporting which confronts them and their products critical? It is a well-lubricated system - and many a consumer out there still believes in the system from the "independent" journalism. The truth: If German-American think tanks and foundations award prizes for allegedly outstanding journalism, they draw so from those who have out there spreading their own views particularly positive among unsuspecting people there. Since we have them back, the proximity of our alpha journalists to the elites. Because the alpha journalists, of which we will learn about in this book many take such prizes willingly and fallen Also still in the process. I know this only too well. I finally decided jointly earlier even on such award ceremonies and talking about what is to be known publicly at any price. who out there spreading their own views particularly positive among unsuspecting people there. Since we have them back, the proximity of our alpha journalists to the elites. Because the alpha journalists, of which we will learn about in this book many take such prizes willingly and fallen Also still in the process. I know this only too well. I finally decided jointly earlier even on such award ceremonies and talking about what is to be known publicly at any price. who out there spreading their own views particularly positive among unsuspecting people there. Since we have them back, the proximity of our alpha journalists to the elites. Because the alpha journalists, of which we will learn about in this book many take such prizes willingly and fallen Also still in the process. I know this only too well. I finally decided jointly earlier even on such award ceremonies and talking about what is to be known publicly at any price.

A typical example of the devaluation of journalism awards, the Hanns-Joachim Friedrichs Prize, a once highly recognized award for journalists. Today, a price for propagandists. The scientist Jens Berger calls him the "Oscar of the manipulators" and wrote in the summer of 2014:

favored by a probably unique statute that yes-men, the uncritical, the manipulators, the propagandists, the career journalists gathered themselves ever closer that are not committed to the truth and truthfulness

feel, but their clients,

their

Chief editors and ultimately their careers. The statute states namely in §

3 admission of members: (2) The or the winners mentioned is wearing membership of an advisory board (§ 8) about the association. The Advisory Board is not entitled to vote. (3) separating from one of the members of the association by withdrawal, removal, or death, moves a respective board member - in the order of the designated Winners - as a new member of the Association. Have been awarded more than one person in a year, all put these winners to as members of the association. So each winner, each award winner will automatically come to the Advisory Board and also automatically increases sooner or later, as a member of. All members are again in personal union also members of the jury of the award ceremony. In other words: The judges alone decide who rises sooner or later as a member of the jury. That people like Thomas Roth, Frank Plasberg or Anne Will not just pick investigative journalists for the prize, well it should be clear to everyone. Meanwhile, the advanced Situated have the majority in society and jury. The ratio of the founding members of the "Broken moved" is now twelve to fourteen. Only then is it possible that a journalist as Golineh Atai that the principle of the Foundation encoder: "A good journalist can be recognized that it does not make common cause with one thing, not even with a good thing," in their work so diametrically facing, this year awarded the prize. Meanwhile, the advanced Situated have the majority in society and jury. The ratio of the founding members of the "Broken moved" is now twelve to fourteen. Only then is it possible that a journalist as Golineh Atai that the principle of the Foundation encoder: "A good journalist can be recognized that it does not make common cause with one thing, not even with a good thing," in their work so diametrically facing, this year awarded the prize. 125 > Note



Incidentally, there are journalism awards, where one can only shake his head. This includes every year since 2007 awarded by the cigarette manufacturer Reemtsma "Liberty Award" for "brave journalists who give the daily struggle for freedom a voice." Cynical as it gets. A company, whose products make dependent and therefore not free, will award a prize for the struggle for freedom. 15,000 euros in prize money and a pompous gala is the company this mockery of the victims of cigarette smoke value. The journalist Hans Leyendecker said to the attempt to monopolize him, too: "When the offer came, I knew: I will not nominate myself there. In general, a journalist needs to know where he goes, who he can invite themselves, from whom he can also pay. It does not matter whether it is a price that a speech is, a moderation. A journalist can not buy, a journalist does not go to such events. "Others had no problems to accept the price of the tobacco industry, such as the ARD journalist Thomas Roth (2009) and the FAZ reporter Konrad Schuller (2012).

The jury then sit there like the people *Time* - journalist Theo Sommer

126 > Note . after all, a legally convicted tax evaders and for this reason alone most certainly not a model for honest citizens (a convicted moral teacher 127 > Note) to which we will also come across in connection with controversial organizations such as the Atlantic Bridge, the Bilderbergers, the Trilateral Commission and the German Council on Foreign Relations. This Theo Sommer is the opinion of scientists an expert on

positive coverage of

Military operations and its consequences. For the media journalist Uwe Krüger describes in his book "controlling influence" an example of the - in his view -

Turn handle unwelcome because of the policy of unwanted journalistic research results, about the harmful effects of depleted uranium munitions used in the Balkan wars of NATO. As early 2001, the first reports on the then Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping (SPD) took on the defensive because he reacted as politicians like to do in dangerous situations: he set up an expert commission to review the allegations. he transferred the leadership of this body the already mentioned Theo Sommer, former chief of the *Time*. The man had the confidence of the minister, because he had led a planning staff at the Hardthöhe in his first life and was later a member of the military structure of the Federal Government. Six months later, the Commission issued under Theo Sommer clear: uranium munitions were considered safe and in the *Time* of Theo Sommer appeared a lead story entitled "The embarrassment of the alarmists." ¹²⁸ > Note Thus was the theme from the table and Theo Sommer the Cross of Honor of the Bundeswehr in Gold was awarded, according to Uwe Krueger from Scharping. ¹²⁹ > Note Theo Sommer truncates the story on his website and writes there in the section "Awards" only "2,002 Bundeswehr Cross of Honor in Gold." ¹³⁰ > Note



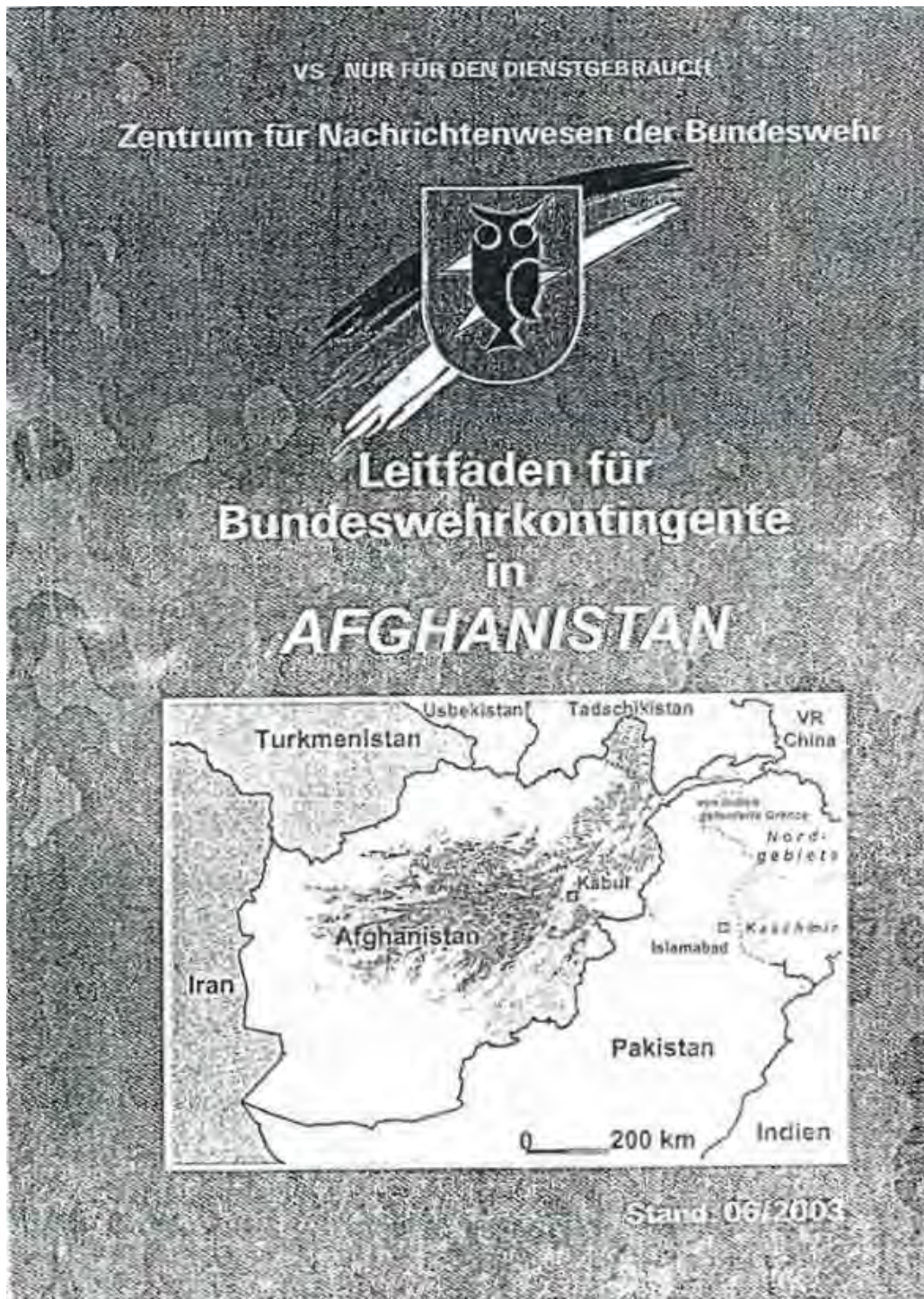
Embarrassing: The members of parliament Ulla Jelpke, Christine Buchholz and Jan van Aken have provided with the printed matter 18/2307 in 2014 an inquiry by the federal government in which it is said the Defense Ministry had drafted a date of 21 July 1999 Letter warned the Bundeswehr in connection with the Kosovo mission before physical contact with uranium-contaminated soil dust. In the Bundeswehr writing in 1999 was therefore noted that "had to avoid the intake of DU particles in the body because of the radiological and toxic effect by wearing a dust mask and washing hands before eating." For this was when boarding a military vehicle "soil dust from clothing and protective work knock off to wash shoes". So there was of Scharping friend Theo Sommer washed something

In the "Working Commission Dr. Summer "was sitting next to the way Theo Sommer and 13 military yet another alpha Journalist: Nikolas Busse from the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. It was not until NATO correspondent for the FAZ, then deputy editor responsible for foreign policy of the FAZ. In whom we come in connection with the controversial transatlantic networks to speak, where buses has made a declaration of loyalty to the United States even before the illegal Iraq war in 2003 (see the chapter "The name: Controversial contacts").

The Hammer: Although uranium ammunition with the all-clear the "Working Commission Dr. Summer "officially allegedly was not dangerous, the Bundeswehr has also written to the report of the" Working Commission Dr. Summer "in 2003 was another internal directive, in which warned of the danger of ammunition and advised of protective measures. In the classified document of the Bundeswehr "Exposure to DU ammunition" (there side

25) is mentioned a radiological damage caused by the use of

can be caused (by US warplanes) armor-piercing incendiary ammunition with DU core during the operation "Enduring Freedom". It is advised the soldiers to carry NBC protective clothing, not to touch the ammunition to output film badge to deliver instant message and turn on the unit surgeon immediately. 131 > Note in plain English, this all means that soldiers who have been harmed by the aforementioned ammunition can since the "Working Commission Dr. Summer "on the one hand probably not hope for monetary damages for their health. At the same time, the Bundeswehr internally warns of the dangers of ammunition. An absurd situation. Quite different is the situation in the UK: 2004 a court upheld the first time officially a British war veteran that his illnesses and birth defects were caused by depleted uranium munitions.



Copy of an internal secret document, the Bundeswehr dangers of depleted uranium. The classification as "VS - RESTRICTED USE" means taking note of the contents by unauthorized users (so you as a reader) may be detrimental to the interests of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Theo Sommer, who has washed away from the above-mentioned view earlier uranium ammunition for the Department of Defense media 132

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Today appropriate journalists for prices of the tobacco industry from. 133

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we do not want to continue to spend more than controversial journalism awards, in which a certain elite is under here.

Just a note: The Collection of the concept of freedom of tobacco lobbying is not a new invention of the Reemtsma Group. Lobby Control, an initiative for transparency and democracy, explained: "In Anglo-Saxon countries, the tobacco industry has even targeted support organizations or helped build, who led the freedom in the name and made general sentiment against smoking bans and prohibitions. For example, the *Center for Consumer Freedom*

(USA, see *Source Watch*) or *Freedom Organization for the Right to Enjoy Smoking Tobacco (FOREST)* in England. She gets according to the *Action on Smoking and Health* over 90 percent of their funding from the tobacco industry. "

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1.3.3 Gefährdung durch DU-Munition¹

Bei der Operation "Enduring Freedom" zur Unterstützung der Nordallianz gegen das Taliban-Regime wurde durch US-Kampfflugzeuge u.a. auch panzerbrechende Brandmunition mit DU-Kern eingesetzt.

Beim Einsatz dieser Munition gegen Hartziele (z.B. Pz, Kfz) entzündet sich das Uran auf Grund seiner pyrophoren Wirkung. Bei der Verbrennung entstehen besonders an und in den Zielen sesshafte toxische Stäube, die jederzeit aufgewirbelt werden können.

DU-Munition kann deshalb bei ungeschütztem Personal toxische und radiologische Schädigungen hervorrufen:

- + Gefahr einer Schwermetallvergiftung
- + Gefahr durch sehr schwachen radioaktiven Strahler

Bei Verdacht des Einsatzes dieser Munition (ausgebrannte Kfz, Pz abgebrannte können, typische Einschüsse von 30 mm Munition) ist im Umfeld der Munitionswirkung ABC-Schutzkleidung (Overgarment) und ABC-Maske zu tragen, bis nach die ABC/Se-Truppe eine Gefährdung ausgeschlossen werden kann.

Schutzmaßnahmen :

- Keine unnötige Berührung von Munition, Munitionsteilen und sonstigem potentiell kontaminiertem Material
- Überprüfen auf mögliche Verstrahlung durch ABC-AbwTrp
- Ausgabe von Filmdosimetern
- Anlegen der ABC-Schutzmaske
- Abdichten der Bekleidung bzw. Anlegen der pers. ABC- Schutzbekleidung
- Dokumentation des jeweiligen Einsatzes bzw. Kontaktes zu DU-kontaminiertem Gerät (wer, wo, wann, womit, wie lange, Dosis)
- Unverzügliche Meldung mit Vorlage der Dosimeter
- Einschalten des zuständigen Truppenarztes

¹ Depleted uranium = abgereichertes Uran

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Not to mention tobacco advertising in print media has been banned since the beginning of 2007. The advertising ban by EU Directive 2003/33 / EC also covers image advertising of the tobacco industry, as confirmed by the OLG Hamburg in August 2009 by two judgments. According to European Commission any form of image advertising of tobacco companies covered by the ban on tobacco advertising. The Commission refers to any public relations in its report of May 2008, representing the tobacco industry as a "responsible" as "a means of marketing its image and products of the company." But the coverage of award shows the tobacco industry is not covered by the advertising ban by the EU in 2007. And now comes the interesting question: When was the "Reemtsma Liberty Award" for "courageous journalists"? You guessed it: Since 2007. All right?

You now know how tobacco companies worry about journalism awards for good PR. And because I'm just going to take you all the illusions about a decent world out there, I would also like to point out the same as tobacco companies lubricate our parties. Because our parties get donations that can not be seen as a donation for us citizens. Namely, the party media lubricated. all parties

Yes

Members magazines. The Junge Union of the CDU, the magazine *Decision*, the CDU has the *Union Magazine* - and the SPD has a whole Bauchladen of newspapers (see the chapter about it in this book). Tobacco companies pay fancy prices for ads in party journals and so sponsoring the parties. And all state and national conventions they hire stands. flow so per year over the single stand rental obscured sponsorship **amounting to an average of one million euros in the party coffers.** ¹³⁴ > **Note** And the citizens know nothing of how the parties are lubricated. Between the purchased pleasing reporting and greasing of politicians is obviously not a big difference.

Complacency interviews, PR Travel and tax fraud

Particularly macabre it was in retrospect when my trips to war zones by a war party or its supporters were financed. Many of these trips would not have existed without this "support" because you could not get a visa or no protection. There were sober considered pure PR Travel for warring parties. The invitations to go mostly to my superiors, which distributed such invitations to the editors and loomed the travel requests. In such trips proximity to power was, so to those who decided over life and death of people, somehow fascinating.

I do not know how many interviews I did with complacency Middle East or African heads of state or their ministers on such trips. All I know is that two-thirds of the statements of these supposedly important people of these were a pack of lies, but they were, just as desired spot of the German Embassy or the representatives of business enterprises that had business interests there. And the FAZ printed it eagerly. In Khartoum, the capital of Sudan, it was bad. South of the capital, at the confluence of Blue and White Nile in Omdurman, the Israeli Mossad had rented a as a "farm" disguised estate. On the neighboring property group Bin Laden had lived, which became world famous later. I was at the request of the German Embassy in the FAZ write a descriptive article about (the Israeli) Ronny S., sold in Sudan to a small ruling elite milk of German cows were milked in air-conditioned stables. What I should not write: Over the milk of the Mossad man Ronny S. came up to elites in Sudan, which would otherwise have been closed to him. And he was sitting right next to bin Laden and could see everything on the neighboring property over a small lookout tower on the "agricultural land". I wrote in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, at the request of the German Embassy, through the milk of happy cows in Germany on the Nile and hidden part of the reality. As so often. My superiors at the FAZ there were always good,

Even worse, it was in Iran. The German Embassy in Tehran wanted to promote German-Iranian trade constantly. And because the mullahs in Iran now even the largest companies are, the message urged me during each stay, courtesy interview with the Foreign Minister to make any Ayatollah or other Iranian dignitaries or to mention this at least in one article. If the Iranians had greater interest in such interviews, they paid (as I already described by Oman had) the travel. In plain English: The FAZ was inviting and printed complacency interviews. The FAZ archives are full of such complacency interviews that I should do. This went from Afghanistan to Algeria and South Africa to the Horn of Africa. When reporters a

renowned German newspaper was mainly getting the German Embassy in the background.

Of course, one was influenced by there. Especially with the stories that you should not write truthfully. I remember spontaneously at a dinner with German diplomats in Baghdad. I do not remember whether it was in the house of the ambassador or other senior diplomats. From the neighboring property horrible voices, a heart-rending complaints came. I wanted to know what it was and was told that behind the wall an Asian diplomat who lived on the neighboring property, who liked to eat dog and ordered the slaughter to slow the dogs living behind the wall that was between the land sometimes. The dogs legs were only alive cut off, then the tail and head. Supposedly, the meat tasted then because of the agony better thought at least the Asian. The German diplomat asked me earnestly about the merely not to mention in my reports from Baghdad. This could indeed harm the relations with the country. blind eye to animal cruelty? It was horrible.

it if you accompanied German politicians traveling abroad was just as bad. Since there was additional information and language rules for every possible situation. Who was lazy, really should have to write off pre-formulated clichés and refresh with some atmospheric impressions. And then everyone was happy. With honest journalism that had nothing to do. Rather Volksverarschung. And it was a then also asked journalists rates in prospect.

Whether I was in my previous life 17 years at the FAZ or thereafter as a correspondent for Gruner + Jahr, the news agency ddp, for the Axel-Springer-Verlag, for broadcasters and many others renowned Media companies worked - I have often experienced the same mindset on the part of management level: corruption and indecent are always the others. In between, again: The admission of my mistakes does not make it better. But a younger generation might learn from these mistakes.

Naturally I accompanied around in a small Luxusjet the federal government only together with a colleague from the German Press Agency the former BND chief Klaus Kinkel in his former role as foreign minister and inwardly proud then this proximity reported positive about it. I made this obsequious and uncritical reporting even with Helmut Kohl and other politicians. Looking back, ashamed and I apologize for that. I can not undo it. But I can confess with my face to it.

When I was in Africa about the actor Karlheinz Böhm (the Emperor Franz Josef from the "Sissi" films) visited in the presence of a top German politician, I would have to write truthfully that Böhm and its aid projects from the perspective of the visiting him Germans only " PR stunt "were. It was the visitors only a voter effective group photo with them and respected actors, surrounded by black children. Once the photos were shot, Karlheinz Böhm and African children were not important. He was just a extra for visitors -

like so many. Like so many things I have not described truthfully. I was just as so often corrupted by the proximity to power. Above all, how honest was it when you flew to the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa from 5-star hotel in an air-conditioned helicopter ride from the hot highlands, where he made short with Böhm an interview on poverty and then in air-conditioned 5-star Hotel at the luxury buffet wrote an article on poverty in Ethiopia, while all around people starved to death?

When I traveled with Federal President, chancellors or ministers, I was not checked at the borders. When we arrived at the military section of Cologne / Bonn airport, then looked away and the customs. We all knew that, so we expected it even. And many have taken advantage of that. The politician also Minister. The people out there have noticed the mindset about in the "carpet affair," a minister. ¹³⁵ > Note Many, too many, there were normal, either Nothing to Declare brought from trips luxury items or to replacement **delivery** discretely on board other government machinery. I remember a colleague of a large-circulation newspaper, who brought from a business trip with the German Air Force from the US even a complete used Harley Davidson in individual parts. then the parts he sold here and made several thousand profit. This is called tax evasion. And transport costs the German taxpayer was financed by the German Air Force. Many of us were criminals. The bad: The knowledge put forth an invisible bond between politicians and journalists.

A journalist describes retrospectively in his blog what you made anything if you was traveling with a top German politician and knew that was not controlled in such trips as with German chancellors:

The Peruvians also gave us a tip where we could buy grave goods from the Inca culture. They came, the archaeologist hinted of grave robberies and were very valuable. A colleague and I went to a house in the suburbs and acquired (illegally) a headdress (250 dollars) and a piece of cloth grave. The export was easy to do because the baggage of Chancellor companion was not controlled. ¹³⁶ > Note



All this is far more than a decade ago. But I can give the names of many colleagues who still behave today like that. I do not blame them. Finally, I used to participated even in this rotten system. But maybe I can stimulate thought and encourage repentance. Perhaps they will never admit it openly, so I let me be clear here: The thrust of comments or reports is certainly influenced by one described here as close contact with elites. With independent and überparteilichem journalism that has nothing more to do.

Another example: When the former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl in the Frankfurt FAZ editorial the then Policy Editor Johann Georg

Reißmüller and Fritz Ullrich Fack visited for intimate conversation, we were editors proud to have such a "distinguished guest" in the house. On the idea that proximity can also corrupt, we could not get journalists. On the contrary, we wanted to be respected by the elite so in the future. Some have managed as FAZ man Frankenberger, but at what cost? We will go into more detail on it.

The former chief editor and media consultant Michael Spreng writes about carbon and its relationship to journalists:

Helmut Kohl is known that he knew only two kinds of people: those who were for him, and those against him. So he divided journalists. His relationship to the freedom of the press was a purely instrumental: a good journalist was the one who let himself be exploited by him. Who - like me - confronted him with a certain basic sympathy was quickly recognized as "Kohlianer" who had to follow him unconditionally. 137 > Note



I had at that time not believed when Kohl came to us in the editorial and Reißmüller and Fack visited. But that was probably true. The FAZ leaders Fack and Reißmüller were well exploited from Kohls view to its objectives. And now others are exploited by other politicians - and may not even notice it or do not want to admit.

By the way, people have mentioned how the FAZ publisher us our thinking given newspaper editors in parts. Through the language which we should use. I will never forget how political editor Johann Georg Reißmüller stormed and with a printed text in the editor exclaimed: "Who has edited" The text was somewhere "Gypsies"?. And Reißmüller said loudly, clearly and unequivocally: "They're gypsies! Remember the: Gypsy "We FAZ Policy editors should not" Gypsy "write. That was the beginning of my training as a journalist. Colleague Professor Reinhard Olt, a German scholar, and I have looked long in the FAZ newsroom. "Gypsy"

- something imprinted on. The thinking is directed into certain paths. So one is embossed on the language as a young man in training. Now I have far too much about the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*

reported and thus possibly giving the erroneous impression that all this only for the FAZ and even there only for politics editors, at least to my playing days, was typical. This is exactly what is wrong. And therefore it is not an attack on the FAZ, but a suggestion to all media companies to turn once on our own door. In the FAZ, which should be mentioned here, was my day "lubricated" to nowhere so clearly as in the reporting feature. At least the part of the feature tourism and travel part in any case always had a barely over-looking stack of invitations to leveraged (luxury

) Travel to distant lands. Free travel for which the paying

Sponsors have certainly expect certain contents on the issues, so subsequent PR. The financing of a journey through the immediate report object,

for example a airline or on

Tourism enterprises, was not forbidden us editors. Such trips were rather actively distributed among us. And we have often pointed out in the then incurred articles on who financed the trips. But even that has been completely "normal" as I remember, in other media companies. In July 1987, I was not even then a year at the FAZ, it published a long report from me under the heading "In the shadow of the Qat tree." Invited and funded had the Yemeni airline Yemenia. It was a pure PR report. The invitation came through the travel section of the feature pages. And Yemenis were so excited about my editorial placed PR report that they asked me what I can do for free holiday in Yemen me not only the possibility, in the future, would wish. More as a joke I said that I had never eaten so good grilled jumbo prawns previously as in the small town of Mocha in Yemen (to this town and the Mocha coffee is named). A few days later they have previously flown in Yemen grilled prawns to us in the FAZ editorial a box of a few hours. My colleagues have courageously and naturally at this "Molle" (as it was called in the newsroom) accessed and found the completely "normal". You do not even got the idea to make himself ethically and morally certain thoughts. A few days later they have previously flown in Yemen grilled prawns to us in the FAZ editorial a box of a few hours. My colleagues have courageously and naturally at this "Molle" (as it was called in the newsroom) accessed and found the completely "normal". You do not even got the idea to make himself ethically and morally certain thoughts. A few days later they have previously flown in Yemen grilled prawns to us in the FAZ editorial a box of a few hours. My colleagues have courageously and naturally at this "Molle" (as it was called in the newsroom) accessed and found the completely "normal". You do not even got the idea to make himself ethically and morally certain thoughts.

In the FAZ feuilleton there was also a licensed books with books, which were sent to the publisher without being asked for the meeting. And the more a review copy of a publishing house were lifted into the leaf positively, the more new releases sent to the publishing feature. Sometimes I got a box full of brand new books from the Feuilleton self-service of my colleagues in politics editors. Since there was no one who found the offensive. New books

were of FAZ editors

of course mentioned editorial in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. I remember my first appeared in a FAZ publishing bestsellers *Classified BND*, for the FAZ publisher at a press conference in the premises of the FAZ made as a matter of course advertising.

I remember because I was classified by the Federal because of my criticism of Islam ideology over several years as a "stop-endangered". I was probably the only German journalist who arrived legally with a sharp firearm on the waistband in the FAZ editorial conference. The carmaker BMW asked me many months an armored limousine with TV and all the luxuries available at no charge or fees. The FAZ not only knew that. I was able to settle all current vehicle costs over the FAZ. For the FAZ was pleased that my company car was not charged kilometers. All of these things were somehow self-evident.

In summary, it was probably always just about one thing: no, not true reporting. It came to money and to personal benefits. They pursued goals.

Vile drinking buddies: insights into journalistic dirty work

I can describe the exact second when I personally stopped doing it and disgusted abruptly from myself. It was that day that I called the Frankfurt criminal lawyer Hans Wolfgang Euler and advice asked because one of the most famous German CDU politician wanted to give me in the presence of witnesses in his study the order, the former Rhineland-Palatinate, the SPD prime minister Kurt spy Beck. One of these witnesses was a former Rhineland CDU CEO. The man went through a lot for the CDU and long kept quiet about many things. May he now decide whether he calls the names of the backers publicly. I stand by my offer, at any time testify with him in public or in court. The well-known CDU manager was - as I said - not clients, but sat as a witness present when a prominent CDU politician me for it, offered 5,000 euros in a first step that I as a journalist should camouflaged spy married life of Kurt Beck wife. I want and am here to protect the Beck family any details call, only this: The bank statements for the Beck family were the CDU before already. They had allegedly been a CDU-affiliated bank employees on board. There was almost nothing that the Prime Minister could do what was done without the knowledge of the CDU obvious. Except for one detail in the privacy of the family. And should I be documented. The politician, who sat opposite me there and was more than ruthless, after all, belonged to a well-known Commission of the CDU. I've been listening to about two hours his wishes and inwardly churned kept silence. There were those minutes, in which I wondered how deep I had to be dropped, that a politician assumed I would for him and his party against covert payment (disguised as lecture fee) accepts the dirty work. I'm in Mainz parliament discussed the bill on the offer and have now even the criminal lawyer Hans Wolfgang Euler called on that hot day out of the car. This has then arranges a meeting with Kurt Beck bureau chief. And we have learned that we already knew about the orders there. Because I was not the only journalist who had been recognized by the CDU on Kurt Beck. All this would not have happened if I, as a journalist would not have had this sticky proximity to many politicians.

I had in return at that time many advantages: I went to Konrad Adenauer's holiday home, a villa with pool and park in the Italian Cadenabbia on Lake Como, in and out. The Villa La Collina belonged (and belongs to) the CDU-affiliated Konrad Adenauer Foundation, with which I was intertwined. ¹³⁸ > **Note** And there I met again the leadership of German politics. Because I was one indeed in those years, for example, the planning staff of the Adenauer Foundation. And the CDU fed me well-paid jobs for lectures. Especially in the Villa La Collina, where at that time had no stranger access, you felt dangerously close. They ate there

drunk and way too much. My wife and I will never forget one of the leading Rhineland-Palatinate CDU politician at night, drunk came into the villa, which had already served Adenauer home in our room on the top floor, holding this for a toilet, where he vomited could. He then emptied the contents of his stomach drunk on our bed. This proximity to politicians was sometimes really objectionable in the truest sense of the word. One was on the premises in the old Villa La Collina just below it, you did not complete. And then came this drunken CDU size. At that time I accepted this disreputable close even grudgingly. But on that later day in the Mainz Landtag when I got the job against then Rhineland-Palatinate Minister President Beck, I just had to draw a line. It was clear that there would be trouble and pressure, if I did not cooperate. But I did not care. I wanted to finally can look in the mirror.

The Villa La Collina of the Konrad Adenauer the way home still a mystery. It is located on a hill above Lake Como with views of the village Belaggio across the lake 139 > Note . which is only a few minutes away by ferry. And the Rockefeller Foundation, which brings together like an octopus with a network of secret organizations, the elites of power around him, has there in Belaggio an insular training center. 140

> Note If the elites of politics really meet face to face with American elites and needed to consult political decisions, then they dismounted at Villa La Collina, took the ferry to Belaggio, went to the Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni, where they were discreetly by a chauffeur Rockefeller Foundation picked up. The discrete procedure reminded me of the German Embassy in Tehran in Ferdowsi Street 324. Next door in Ferdowsi Street is the Turkish Embassy. both what is top secret, underground connected by a corridor to allow the ambassadors and their closest associates can take refuge in an emergency on the neighboring property. If the representative of the Federal Intelligence Service wanted to inject myself into the German Embassy that the German embassy staff did not catch this, then I had to go into the Turkish embassy and was picked up there via the underground passageway. Such underground passages there were many German embassies (especially in Arab and African countries, sometimes used American services them for the discharge of people, but this is not important). All this was exciting for me and mysterious, but rather err on closer inspection. Just as the secret meeting of top German politicians, who drove from Villa La Collina from the ferry to Belaggio in order to fetch instructions for their political behavior in the Rockefeller Foundation. It was only later I found out that the Rockefeller Foundation wins over subsidiary organizations such as the Trilateral Commission and German top journalists for themselves; she weaves like a predatory spider in a cocoon of favors, until there is no escape. But we'll get to in another chapter.

Lousy scam:

So advertisers are cheated

In the previously described type of journalism viewers and readers are being cheated. This is already clear to the reader. Forget but we still have those who place the ads and hope for a response for the money invested. But the advertisers who pay exorbitant prices for advertisements in newspapers are being cheated. The major publishing houses compete so long at the contact with each other. And the advertising rates are based on the actually paid circulation. The battle for this actually paid circulation was performed between the different publishers using methods that astonished me at the beginning of my journalistic work, but apparently in the industry at that time (and even today!) Were perfectly "normal". I have noticed in the industry soon:

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loaded trucks and for 24 hours driven across Germany via the motorway. The next day, when the "payee" (ie what was not sold commercially and was picked up again) came back, the remittances were transported together with the non-stop on the highway driven in a truck part to waste paper.

With advertising revenues of a single Saturday edition, as it was then called, could the salaries of employees of a publishing house for four weeks paid (which is now no more). These were financially successful times, only the background suspect there probably none. I remember roughly by how proud Managing Director of newspaper publishers, were it to have so cut the "stupid" advertisers you off because this advertising had paid in a "paid circulation", which indeed did not exist in reality. In the 1990s, a senior staff member of a South German publishing house moved to a publisher in the state of Hesse. And he presented the CEO evidence that the publisher of Bayern increased the allegedly paid circulation of a major daily newspaper in the manner described above - every day. The defectors expected that his new employer would praise him and make the fraud public. What did not suspect the man: The Hessian publisher did the same. And so the compromising evidence to date disappeared in a safe. I had all this still roughly in mind, wanted to brush up on this and asked on 9 June 2014 that former heads of marketing, who was then working at one of the publishers and all must have noticed. The written response: "Dear Udo, because I have always trusted you: That's right! 3 Years ago [X (name of a publishing manager)] received death that even a visit from a defector of [newspaper XY] who wanted to shoot his old employers with relevant evidence. [Managing X] has not agreed to it. The famous glass house just where you sat yourself ... Regardless I know from good authority that publisher XY still

can use about 20 000 daily copies on the way you described. "

Why am I in this chapter, which is indeed quite unusual for this book, not call names and company here? The answer is simple: I work with a retired insider on a book about the dirty tricks of the publishing industry. And since it does not make sense to make the persons concerned before the publication extensive attention and wasting valuable time by legal and court dates. The large advertisers are in any case already systematically cheated by famous publishers for years. And they will, after the release, can reclaim large amounts of money for many years.

But it's the fraud in the media not only to publishers. The fraud was lurking and lurking in the media business anywhere - as I had to learn again and again. At really every corner. And in unusual places. As I descended the first time in Namibia in a famous hotel in the capital Windhoek, as was the respect of my room one was not known woman in bed. She grinned cheekily at me somehow. I went after the long flight annoyed and tired immediately to the reception, on the assumption that the room had been awarded by mistake twice. And I got behaviourless another room. Only when my colleagues asked when journalists travel the next morning: "So? How was yours? "I knew that the woman in" my bed "was no accident. I was young. I was naive. And I had yet to learn, as journalists were bribed and bought and what tricks there was in the industry. It was a paid invitation journey that the FAZ had sent me. Financed it had any South African Tourism office as I remember. Looking back, the scheme was always kind of the same.

The spiral of silence:

What is not in the newspapers

It took a quarter of a century, until the truth came out and was officially confirmed. After more than 25 years, the trade association recognized

in June 2014, that I, as a former War correspondent of FAZ occupationally a poison gas victims have. I'm probably the last living well western witnessed a mass gassing, several hundred people with German poison gas were killed when in July 1988 in a few hours. It was probably a lot more lives. And certainly helped to the poison gas "sulfur Lost" no gas mask. Meanwhile, incidentally, the CIA has released internal documents to the referenced herein use of poison gas after 25 years. ¹⁴¹ > **Note** Why do I begin with this information, this chapter of a book on German media and the veracity of reporting? Because it is a typical example of how politics and media work in Germany. If you deep into the archives of the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* increases, for which I reported at the time, then one finds an article of mine entitled "In Zubaidat the traces of the battle to be eliminated." ¹⁴² > **Note** Another clue to what was happening on the Iraqi battlefield with German participation, yet is found in the recently released archives of the CIA. ¹⁴³ > **Note** And a small photo with a caption. That's it. When people are gasified in agony anywhere in the world with German poison gas, you would still think of well-informed citizens to learn about it than anything. The reality is, however, completely different. I still have a lot of color photos of the mass gassing that were previously never published. Rather, you should be down to a very small inclusion, not be published. My former boss, in charge of foreign policy FAZ publisher Fritz Ullrich Fack, did not want that anyway. He sent me on my return from the battlefield with the photos rather to the Federal Association of the Chemical Industry. A smaller, more casual report of a gas insert, a single small photo in the FAZ, that's it. I should the photos where I had the image rights, not even to pass on the instructions of FAZ publisher to other media houses. Of the *star* the Series wanted then. but that would have cost me my job. The public should, so my then subjective impression, as little as possible out.

I guessed when I was still struggling with the physical effects of poison gas and was still in Iraq. With difficulty I had described faithfully what had happened incomprehensible. Since people were on the battlefield, which the brain from the mouth, eyes and nose flowed after the use of poison gas in the blistering heat. Bulldozers, also from German production, the Iraqis pushed together the corpses and covered them with desert sand. At that time there were no mobile phones, no internet and I had

no satellite connection. I was health badly damaged. And the way back from the battlefield to Baghdad was an agony. Nevertheless, I still from there by telephone given my report with all the details. When I read what was then published them in Frankfurt at the FAZ today, then I take me to the head. after my return my former colleague Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger told me in the newsroom, he had edited the piece in the newsroom and pulled out all the gruesome details. Expiring brains of gassed people do not fit into the FAZ. The FAZ reader should obviously know no unsavory details. Only in the autumn of 1990, about two years after my report in the FAZ, those German backers have been arrested, 144 > Note



On December 19, 2013, some 25 years after the gassing, I have the long-retired former FAZ publisher Fack again contacted and asked for an explanation for its original behavior. In my letter states in part:

The time given by me in the gassings many shots I had to submit immediately after my return in Frankfurt the German Chemical Industry Association, by the member companies at your direction - so my memory - before the pre-components for mustard gas to the Iraqis for the gasification of Iranians had supplied. It was allowed to be published in the FAZ a single, harmless as possible photo of the gruesome photo series that I had made on the battlefield of the gassed Iranians at that time because the recording was not reasonable to readers from the perspective of the FAZ.

Former FAZ publisher has me all this can not explain to this day or want. Half a century after the gassing of Jews were gassed again people. To my knowledge, with German participation. And the whole issue has been largely displaced medially.

German Chancellor have asked Israel for forgiveness for it because Nazis gassed Jews for generations. German Chancellor is kneeling in Paris and Warsaw and our neighbors have asked for wars pardon, date back generations. How can there be that German politicians and media, ducking in the present, when Iranians are gasified with German poison gas? Or have you ever heard that Chancellor Kohl, Schröder or Merkel had asked the Iranian people for forgiveness? The flow-forming machines, with which the shell casings of gas grenades in Iraq were made, as were from German production and the chemical components for the production of poison gases Lost, Tabun and Sarin. We have supplied all this under the guise "pesticides" right into the war zone. We have done as if the Iraqis wanted to spray thousands of tons of pesticides in the desert. We are dishonest.

Certain things, my personal impression still should not experience the public as possible. I had this impression later with

Gruner + Jahr. In November 2005, I had written for the publisher's report "The underworld nobility of Berlin." The Berlin underworld king Steffen Jacob told in how his "career began," as Willy Brandt as time Ruling Mayor of Berlin, one of his first customers for "revealing ladies" was a particular industry. Steffen Jacob, who died many years later in August 2014 ¹⁴⁵ > Note . wanted to win for me as a ghostwriter wrote his memoirs me then. He was a fan of my non-fiction books and hoped to be able to also leave his "rise" for posterity next to my report at Gruner + Jahr in all facets in book form. The man who made good money with easy women, had a suitcase full of thank you letters. A treasure trove of embarrassment. One was from a defense minister. In it, the famous minister thanked for the "good evening". Steffen Jacob told me what was not in the letter: He claimed the minister stand on torturing women sexually with bottles. I did not know if I should believe it or not. The details sounded unbelievable to me. There were excesses to which I remembered, after years later, the red light escapades and rape allegations by Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the head of the International Monetary Fund, were public. It was clear that Steffen Jacob extremely many people had in your hand. Because the antics of the German minister was financed not by this itself or on the taxpayer but by the Berlin office of the lobbyists of a German arms company. Steffen Jacob showed me relevant bank statements. And he insisted that such "services" were often officially taxed. Steffen Jacob told by a secretary general of a party, the Berlin CIA station chief and a German defense minister who enjoyed themselves at him with such ladies. And he showed appropriate "thank you letters". Some people apparently was not too embarrassing. When I wrote my report, as Steffen Jacob powered by its own account the Foreign Office and the Federal and its guests. Another informant showed me a children's playground in the Berlin Fuggerstrasse, where men were allegedly pick children during slow driving by at the time, which were then delivered for child sex "free house". Berlin photographer Ali Kepenek got with some of the details because he was to illustrate the statements by Steffen Jacob and other Berlin underworld sizes. then "free for child sex house" were delivered. Berlin photographer Ali Kepenek got with some of the details because he was to illustrate the statements by Steffen Jacob and other Berlin underworld sizes. then "free for child sex house" were delivered. Berlin photographer Ali Kepenek got with some of the details because he was to illustrate the statements by Steffen Jacob and other Berlin underworld sizes. ¹⁴⁶ > Note I do not know which shots Ali Kepenek still has it today. A Polish importer of timber explained to readers how the business with illegal weapons works in Berlin and who are the customers. Also known as Frank Warneck, "bath", a member of the Hells Angels, unpacked in the report. His last words to our former meeting were: "conscience can only be where knowledge is. But want your readers really know all this? Let's see if it is actually printed. "



Well, all this was not printed until today. Research had cost a lot of money, but witnesses who reported Willy Brandt and prostitutes or famous politicians in the children's line - that would have a political

given earthquake. And so the story disappeared into the archives. My subjective impression, I may be wrong: Gruner + Jahr, the subjects did not really want. These few personal experiences showed me at least that media houses certain topics do not like to "tackle". The reasons may be different. What we see, hear or read, but it is just not a complete picture of reality.

The founder of the polling institute Allensbach, Elisabeth Noelle-Neumann, once told me during a visit to the editors *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*: "Reality" What do you find today in the minds of people, which is often no longer the reality but a constructed by the media, produced. In the 1990s, it was often with us in the FAZ editorial guest. She died in 2010 at the age of 94 years Professor of Communication Science and globally respected pollster had at that time in the German media not really a lot of friends. Many journalists they despised because they dared to express something that was considered taboo in Germany: the systematic manipulation and control of crowds by a small minority of journalists. Noelle-Neumann called it the "spiral of silence" when mass media such as television represented minority opinions in public as majority opinions and not aufmuckten people but for fear of social isolation easy to silent. formulated from the spiral of silence, as a scientific theory in communication research by Noelle-Neumann as early as the 1970s, in the since last decades, yet far more powerful and meaner demon has become, which today has us citizens around the clock under control. He manipulates us.

And this demon is lying. Especially in wars. Since the Lebanese civil war (1975 to 1990), as television viewers every evening wanted to see the latest pictures of the house fighting in Beirut, nationalized under television journalists of all nations a life-prolonging and pleasant kind of coverage a: Man befriended as a journalist with a civil war faction , gave this television camera and let the latest shots against payment issues delivered. Then some menacing looking fighters ensured with the rattle of a machine gun in the background that, against the backdrop of a burnt-out ruin that could quickly help a new lease, smoky life with a little petrol even the German-language correspondent "could be taken up in the midst of the war." So everyone was happy: The German stations received first-class pictures, spectators shivered at the sight of valor, the correspondents proved their horrendous war allowances worth and the extras the civil war militias again for one day have enough money to cigarettes and alcohol buy can.

The author of this book has many battlefields of the world visited - from Afghanistan to Angola and the Congo States to Iraq and Iran. Again and again he came across television crews that led to the hunt for record gasoline can with it, far from any combat action

long since burned military vehicles again inflamed and front of this crowd were performing a strange spectacle: Seasoned correspondents then ducked regularly worked frantically and twitched what looks plenty funny distance of several meters and is only understandable when you look at the ready-cut contribution. even Mörse clean punches were subsequently always mixed some shocks from machine guns on the soundtrack, in blatant cases. Such "heroes" also exist in German channels. They are now long risen due to their exceptional services in the transmission line, so it is not befitting to give their names. Others have suffered setbacks because they have been exposed as plagiarists.

I myself prefer not then written many experiences from such situations. Even if they concerned myself. It probably would not have looked good if I had reported to the readers in the FAZ truthfully that I drew heavily armed with a Kalashnikov and sufficient ammunition bandolier through Afghanistan when I reported from there. I still have them photos. The German-speaking readers, who sat in a peaceful world is a casual morning coffee would probably did not understand it, that as "infidel" foreigner was fair game in the Afghan war zone (long before the arrival of the first Western troops) to which the Mujahideen according have fired at will. With some targeted firing bursts but you could keep at bay such people quite well.

I then converted to the western Afghan city of Herat when mujahideen leader Ismail Khan even pro forma to Islam, which is in the combat zone under the Mujahideen relatively quickly word spread. Those who did not catch it and fired for fun at me, I then be able to keep at bay with the weapon. There were other journalists who had absolutely no understanding that we defended himself in an Islamic unrest area where you moved completely alone and without protection even with weapons. The US journalist Daniel Pearl as never understood it that I never dared belligerents in war zones. He has such people always fully trusted. Muslims have then cut him later in full consciousness the head and also filmed and posted on the Internet. 147

> Note The Swedish journalist Nils Horner never protected. He was always unarmed and wanted no armed escort. He was shot in Kabul by supporters of the Islamic ideology. 148

> Note> Note And also that
fared two French reporters in Mali. 149 the

German photographer Anja Niedringhaus, like me, comes from East Westphalia, was, like so many, simply shot in Afghanistan that way. 150 > Note This is the everyday reality in such countries. But our media prefer to spread a different picture. I myself have learned in 1987, to trust in war zones no other. At that time I was in the Angolan bush war in a camp of the pro-Western bush fighters of Jonas Savimbi. A German journalist of the magazine *Quick* gave me the fun of one of the hand grenades that were all around, to and had previously pulled the safety pin in the camp. He was

convinced that never real sharp hand grenades would simply lying around in a warehouse of bush fighters. The grenade, however, was sharp. And they detonated within seconds. I have previously just throw away and can crouch down behind sandbags on the floor. Of the *Quick* - journalist did just at that second a black and white photo, which I still have a deduction today. It will remember all my life it never to trust a stranger in a war zone.

Today up tomorrow below: Medial executions

As we will see, journalists and media manipulate us around the clock. And everywhere. Our brains can now handle it. We know that media lie to us often. Devastating it is, if tampering also move us emotionally and influence. When journalists are abused by the state to the background to spread rumors.

I myself have experienced in that moment than me those secret services, who fed me during my time at the FAZ with information, "abschalteten". End of 2003, I resigned from the FAZ. And in early 2004, I just kept in Dresden a lecture when I was informed that police and prosecutors in my many hundreds of kilometers away in apartment just performed a search. And because of the "suspicion of betrayal of secrets". The news ran from the *daily News* to

mirror all over. 151 > Note **The FAZ** reported, "rooms of a terrorist experts searched" and mentioned my name in connection with the search. At one stroke, I was not only from the perspective of my neighbors a criminal. I was surprised that what was still encouraged by the state yesterday (the receipt and evaluation of confidential documents), now should be a criminal offense suddenly. Very slowly the first time I understood that I should just publicly discredited and "off". The signal to all those who had provided me with material was: As of now, in the Ulfkotte Stop it. Looking back, I understood everything. Only one thing: have To date, neither the *daily News* still *mirror*

or the FAZ reported that the criminal proceedings were also discontinued. There was no disclosure of secrets nor any other offense. So you can execute a man in public, so I have certainly felt the reports at the time, and then it must no longer straighten later. Readers should just know that regardless of my insignificant case. I have now anyway always smile when I get notified revelations about politicians in the media or any media report on a search warrant on suspicion of something in a person. Sometimes that has then probably very different reasons, as I have experienced. And the journalists are not obliged to do so, then to report the truth and those who have executed to rehabilitate. I find it shameful that the FAZ, which 2004 (correct) reported on the search for me, but not me rehabilitated later with the dismissal of the charges, has apologized to this day for this behavior. Nevertheless, I have tried it to remain objective in terms of the FAZ in the embodiments of this book. But it did not surprise me that the media journalist Stefan Niggemeier in another case, writes the "FAZ conceals its readers relevant criticism". 152 > Note And he reported that a district chairman of the Junge Union had canceled his subscription for FAZ-sided reporting. 153 > Note I can well understand that today.



Oh yes, I used in those years when I was literally buried by the then elite with secret material also has a special closeness to Bernd Schmidbauer (CDU). That was until 1998, intelligence coordinator in the chancellor's office. I had already described elsewhere in articles, as he had to lock myself in the Chancellery in a room, so I evaluate and alone declared secret documents could write the most important points to me. Later I got such documents also handed or even delivered.

Many of the documents that had been seized during the house search were from Schmidbauer's office, carried his signature and could be directly attributed to him. The prosecution, the determined time against me on suspicion of "betrayal of secrets", did not care. Schmidbauer was probably considered legally a traitor.

I remember it well because when I took on a talk show on camera documents from my pilot case because it was drawn at a roundtable discussion in doubt that I really had statements from the intelligence community from there. I had randomly picked in the pilot case and held that pile documents into the camera. On top of it, which were later enlargements of the photographed television screen was a portfolio of Schmidbauer's office with his personal shortcuts. The chancellery frenzy reigned. It was feared that the opposition proceedings against Schmidbauer, recipient of the Order of Merit first class effort and then to waive his immunity

would come in the Bundestag.

Amazingly, did not happen so. One of my former top informers, Bernd Schmidbauer, was obviously immune. Today, he collects his pension and is an honorary president of the Federation for professional nature and species conservation (BNA), the nationwide umbrella organization of animal and plant holders. Remains the realization: Certain people can commit crimes and get the Order of Merit 1st class. Their accomplices are like pieces on a chessboard. Our "quality media" play with willingly. It is one of many documents that democracy and rule of law will only be simulated and are pure illusion.

In the chapter "In the Grip of the intelligence agencies' I will describe how I used as a student was recruited (at first without my knowledge) in the 1980s, the BND at a university a professor. From 1999, I was even a lecturer of a university. And in Lüneburg. There I have

I in the Department of Business Administration lots years long teaches security management. And I have here (as Rolf Wilhelm Dau, the ex-security chief of Philips) secretly selected at the University along with other speakers students who were due to their personality, their political beliefs and their skills for the BND of interest. That could be explored easily in the organized by my seminars. We talked a lot about politics. We made RPGs. And I have casually playful queried hobbies and personal preferences of the students in the seminars. many of my

Students will still remember that we looked at occasionally a James Bond film and I then asked who could imagine, also later to work for a secret service. Everyone then laughed. The students found the infinitely witty. No one knew the truth. The BND wanted it that way. And the University supported the All this was completed after many years suddenly out a clear signal. The described searches were evenly also held at the University of Lüneburg. The government spooks, the "switch off" should me appeared in the office of the president of the university and announced there that was determined against me because of "betrayal of state secrets." From the moment hit me on campus only contempt contrary. My teaching has been taken away. Long other university teachers will have taken over there my previous job to check students without their knowledge to their suitability for the BND. So running in Germany. One should not talk about it only.

Chapter 2

Our media: DC Switched, magisterial hearing and unwilling recherche

All persons named in this book deny a stickiness filzige proximity to elite organizations. They also deny to be lobbyists. They also deny themselves "corrupt by its proximity to the elite" to make. And they deny having lost as journalists with proximity to the aforementioned groups journalistic bite. They deny that the outlined near affects their reporting.

Thilo Sarrazin:

A folk hero is sentenced

One can expose in the known editors the evil demon of journalists along. Take, for example, only the theses of Thilo Sarrazin. More than two thirds (70 percent) of Germans agree Sarrazin for reputable surveys on principle. ^{154 > Note} Judging by his poll numbers Thilo Sarrazin is a kind of folk hero. In our media it is usually just the opposite - the epitome of a "villain". And that's just because he dares to say what the majority thinks. The *taz* Sarrazin called a "demagogue" ^{155 > Note} . as well as the *Kölnischer Stadt-Anzeiger* ^{156 > Note} ,

Germany Radio stamped him as "right-wing populists." ^{157 > Note} And the journalist Mely Kiyak characterized Sarrazin, whose right side of the face partially paralyzed

is as a "lisp, stuttering, twitching

People caricature " ^{158 > Note} , A person who openly states what the majority thinks is readied as "lisp, stammering, twitching human caricature" in our media. Are you crazy? A person with the polls, a folk hero was nationwide demonstrated in our mass media. The behind it malicious demon of manipulation sits today in almost every editorial. The weekly newspaper *Time* asked in all seriousness whether one may deal in the media with Thilo Sarrazin at all, as it was said: "Spread we not only by those thoughts that are so condemning almost all journalists and politicians these days? Yes, we do Thilo Sarrazin (...) a favor. (...) Thilo Sarrazin is on its way to becoming a folk hero ... ". ^{159 > Note} This must not be apparent that in Germany the majority opinion is pronounced from the people in the media and represents.

Supposedly we have in the German speaking across a wide range of newspapers, television stations and other media with different opinions. From the far left to the far right. The journalists are now reportedly completely independent of people and things about which they report. Supposedly they are only obliged to objective truth. As we shall soon see, however, this is only pure illusion.

An illusion denotes an illusion; a perception other than what actually exists in reality. Our "quality media" have mastered this art of illusion perfect. They simulate our diversity of opinion, independence and truthful reporting only. We citizens are manipulated by the media, in truth, misinform and directed as it just politics again wishes.

Propaganda:

The Prussians of the Balkans come

1 January 2014, the German labor market for immigrants from Bulgaria and Romania has been fully opened. It was a very controversial topic. And so there were warning voices, which warned of a "poverty immigration" into the German social systems. The Chancellor, however, was not very enthusiastic about this discussion. The media got the message. There was immediately a wave of reports that Romanians and Bulgarians are extremely hard-working people who certainly fill our social funds and would not as empty. The *today's Journal* outperformed all other courtiers of politically correct reporting and spoke with the Romanians and Bulgarians from the "Prussia of the Balkans". It was the amazed spectators to know: "Who looks at the labor market statistics, which will see confirmed. The unemployment rate of the immigrant Bulgarians and Romanians is even lower than in the general population." 160

> Note

It allegedly only unfounded fears stoked before a raid on the German welfare system by citizens from Bulgaria and Romania. To which it was called in *today's Journal* even: "Most of them fill in the German labor market gaps, where there is shortage of skilled workers." 161 > Note The state propaganda channel ZDF made himself a pioneer of disinformation and propaganda wave in which the German fear of the new citizens should be taken. There were posts in which the Romanians and Bulgarians has been shown to be extremely hardworking new population which is extremely rare unemployed compared to the total German population even. 162 > Note All - really all - leading German media took over and spread it unchecked. Finally came in the *today's Journal* popular numbers, which should prove the statements, even directly from the federal government. That was a few months before local and European elections in 2014. The citizens should be kept happy. In those days also renowned financial newspapers such as the alleged *Handelsblatt*: "Bulgarians and Romanians: The Great Migration falls out." 163 > Note And because it should only be no discussion on this subject, were equal even language barriers

built up:

"Poverty immigration" 164 > Note

and

"Social tourism" 165 > Note »Should be forbidden words of the Year". The language police declared in the *daily News* prime time, why do we not allowed to use such words:

This discriminates against people who are looking out of sheer necessity in Germany a better future, and conceals her principal legal purpose. The term "social tourism" joins According jury it into a network of other forbidden terms, which together serve to convey this sentiment: "poverty immigration" will initially defamatory within the meaning of "immigration into the social systems" and now increasingly undifferentiated as a supposedly factual -neutral expression uses. The expression

"Social tourism" exaggerating the insinuation of a malicious intention, however, to the extreme. 166 >

Note

No sooner had European and local elections in May 2014. exactly six days ago, because the truth was the citizens then presented: "Hartz IV recipients: More and more immigrants from Bulgaria and Romania 'headline in *Image*. The first two sentences of the article say it all: "The number of poor immigrants from Eastern European countries and euro-debt countries, relating in Germany Hartz IV, continues to rise significantly. End of February were given according to the latest figures from the Federal Labor Agency (BA) 290,760 people from the 10 Eastern and 4 countries debt support. That was 21 percent (50 226) more than in February

2013. After that, the number of Bulgarians and Romanians is with Hartz reference in February for the first time more than 50 000. The BA was one end of February 28,705 support recipients from Bulgaria and 24,098 from Romania. " 167 > Note

And in June 2014 reported German media: the number of Hartz IV recipients from Bulgaria and Romania has increased significantly over the previous year to about 60 percent. 168 > Note That was clear from the current data from the Institute for Employment Research. Accordingly, many of the need of basic security new citizens live in a few large cities, especially in Dortmund, Duisburg, Stuttgart and Hamburg. Again: *sixty* Percent more Hartz IV recipients from Bulgaria and Romania. And shortly before had just claimed the opposite. Since there were still the supposedly industrious "Prussia of the Balkans".

In other words: Those who had warned before important elections before development had been right. There were and are masses of poverty immigrants. But politics and the media they sold us before the election as "Prussians of the Balkans" and established the bold statement with statistics that were probably zurechtgefälscht specifically for this disinformation campaign. It was a typical simulation of truthful and independent coverage. A pure illusion.

Why did all this? An indication was years before Marco Arndt from the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Sofia, in an interview with the Germany-Radio. When asked whether Bulgaria was included in the EU too soon, Arndt replied: "If you put the formal criteria relating, then it is certainly true that Bulgaria and Romania also did not meet these criteria in full, that there from the European Union a political decision was to include both countries, "and further:" Bulgaria is situated on the borders of Europe. When I think of Russia's influence - would be much stronger in the country than it already is if Bulgaria would not be in the EU, I just would say keyword energy policy. " 169

> Note it was

So are purely power-political and geo-strategic considerations to led to welcome Bulgaria in 2007 in the EU. After Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Slovakia and Hungary joined in 2004 as a former Eastern Bloc countries under the influence of the former Soviet Union, the EU, in 2007 with the accession of Bulgaria and

isolated Romania Russia from Western Europe. In the background, it was all about power politics.

The verbal deception tricks of politics and media

Not only are our main news programs have become a permanent illusion. While the roads are daily ailing around us falls in the schools of the plaster from the walls, the crime is still widespread in neighborhoods, the gap between rich and poor infinitely apart gapes and Wutstau in the population reached unprecedented proportions, lull us » quality media "with detergent slogans a replaceable politicians. While there slowly but surely rotted and everything collapses, "quality media" every day present us with rallying the illusion of stability, prosperity and financial security.

We owe the constitutional lawyer Hans Herbert von Arnim the understanding that the established parties regard the state as booty and exclude us citizens as predators eager. The "quality media" are their submissive helper. Assist and seconding explode to the victim calm, and even then to keep in good humor, if you exclude them. With truth, objectivity and independence, has what most of the media as in German-speaking consistently produce today absolutely nothing in common. Rather, with a sort of equal circuit.

The verbal deception tricks of politics and media in this DC circuit are easy to see through a closer look: If they pretend us thinking, then they call the "education in citizenship." If immigrants lack any respect for locals, then we should respect that as "cultural identity". If all major media such as in a dictatorship on all channels and in all the newspapers around the clock to report much the same, then should we understand as "diversity" of the media world. It is no different in the Euro: If politicians of all parties jeopardizing our savings increasingly by "euro rescue packages," they speak of "stabilization" (about the stability pact). We can see the behind it lie in all these concepts at the first reflection. Everyone knows this lived daily fraud and the term distortions that will be dished out to us in an intimate unity of politics and media. If all the major parties and media houses almost represented on important issues such as climate change, quotas for women or euro rescue the same position, our media call today "democracy in action". In truth, we are of "quality journalists" led around by the nose. If our power through the "energy revolution" constantly is about to collapse now, the media call the uncertain energy supply simply "sustainable". No man protested against the conformist idiotic notion rotation. And at some point we believe it even though we know that the opposite is correct. We find the fraud, the journalist on us every day citizens perpetrate now completely normal. Many have resigned themselves to politics and their

compliant accomplices only to be lied to in the "quality media" and cheated. The consequence? We trust journalists rightly no longer on the road.

The loss of credibility

In German-speaking journalists are many reasons now to the population group with the lowest prestige. This is no coincidence, because they have this miserable reputation eventually worked hard for decades. In the fight for quotas and restrictions they have so often lied and twisted the truth is that you can hardly believe them.

Doctors, nurses and police officers are popular - but journalists of "quality media"? 170 >
Note Make no mistake about it: The reputation of quality journalists is in the cellar. 171 > **Note** On the prestige scale of the average citizen it ranks between politicians and prostitutes. Is it any wonder still that once respected media companies today increasingly referred as "media whore" on the web and about the former newsmagazine

mirror there now "Saliva" has gotten the infamous nickname?

TV presenters demonstrated in a study by the opinion research institute Allensbach 2013 together with bankers last place on the popularity scale. The TV presenters consider themselves but rather for the greatest. There's about Johannes B. Kerner. He excelled at in March 2014 *Image of woman* with the statement: "My IQ is somewhere around and at 130". And the narcissistic moderator Michel Friedman lifted after an affair with Ukrainian prostitutes seriously out: "I have enough even loved me." 172 > **Note**



No good opinion and foreign journalists your
German colleagues. Roger Boyle, Germany correspondent for the London *Times*,
said before two decades: "German
Newspaper journalists seem to be very dependent on news agencies. Many articles that
appear under their name, are identical to dpa German or AP reports from the previous day.
If there is a difference, then the that the journalist has added his opinion -. Without own
research " 173

> **Note** And Brandon Mitchener of the prestigious *International Herald Tribune* also criticized
German journalists with the words: "A great many newspaper articles do not include your
own research, but are largely unimportant. With few exceptions, I think the journalists too
passive and maybe a bit lazy. They are always well informed, but also authoritarian hearing.
" 174 > **Note** Lazy, magisterial hearing and unwilling recherche - so see fellow German
journalists. And the citizens? Dresdner communication scientist Professor Wolfgang
Donsbach has investigated in a study entitled "disenchantment of a profession." It says
about:

The majority of citizens attested to journalists a huge impact in many areas of their lives: what is being spoken in everyday life, what you think of politicians, which party is chosen and which goods to buy. For more than half of journalists are therefore more powerful than politicians. And almost all do not find the good. The policy coverage will also

criticized by almost two-thirds of citizens as too little objective, despite the fact that objectivity is expected also two thirds. Journalists are not honest broker for them. Nearly two-thirds believe journalists often oppressed comments from experts who disagree with them yourself. 175 > Note



Undercover truth: Alpha journalists in line with the elites

All persons named in this book deny a stickiness filzige proximity to elite organizations. They also deny to be lobbyists. They also deny themselves "corrupt by its proximity to the elite" to make. And they deny having lost as journalists with proximity to the aforementioned groups journalistic bite. They deny that the outlined near affects their reporting.

If one is working in the environment of many pro-American propaganda organizations that the former occupying power USA has left on German soil, then you can quickly come in bizarre conflicts as a politician and as a journalist. For instance, since, the *Time*- Author Jochen Bittner together with a colleague in 2014 wrote an article about German foreign policy. 176 > Note

[redacted] The article is about the Munich Security Conference and supported by a speech by German President Gauck, the German foreign missions. Gauck's speech in which *Time* praised products -. What the reader does not learn: Gauck's speech goes in part on a project of the transatlantic organization *German Marshall Fund* back what they had together with the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (funded by the Foreign Office) developed. And *Time* - Journalist Bittner was directly involved in the project paper, has worked on the project. 177

> Note Bittner himself calls it a "open concept paper" - a kind of thesis paper. 178 > Note In an article to states: [redacted]

but be correct, Bittner, that he had "taken part in a discussion group during the year 2013, which was organized by the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) and the GMF." The aim of the group had been to develop a thesis paper in view of a new German security strategy. It did, however, so only traded Bittner an "open concept paper". 179 > Note

[redacted]

A lawyer noted this:

Bittner has not only participated in a conference or discussion of GMF and SWP (...). Rather, it is a project that extended over a period of one year and resulted in a paper on German foreign and security policy. This project thus rather had the character of a think-tank should pronounce on various aspects of concrete recommendations. 180 > Note



So Bittner wrote in the time a in parts of the lobby organization *German Marshall Fund* and SWP together with Bittner developed speech, which was the occasion of a pro-American lobbyists event, the Munich Security Conference, held. And the reader had no idea that there Bittner in time obviously praising what he himself had previously miterarbeitet as "open concept paper" at least in parts. All this is so absurd that then the satire show *the Ward* adopted the theme. Only then published the *Time* under the article online the following notice:

Editor's note: In this article from the TIME No. 7/14, the authors mention, among others, a study project of the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik and German Marshall Fund about the building blocks of a German security strategy. One of the authors of the article, Jochen Bittner, was a participant in this project. 181 > Note



The show already mentioned *the Ward* from April 29, 2014 also went in detail on the propaganda one, with the German media praise Washington and Moscow denounce. A scene showed a chart with the names of five leading German journalists - Stefan Kornelius of the *Sueddeutsche Zeitung*, Josef Joffe and Jochen Bittner on the time and Günther Nonnenmacher and Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger of the *Frankfurter Allgemeine*. In addition there were the names of twelve transatlantic think tanks - among them the *Aspen Institute*, the Trilateral Commission, the German Society for Foreign Policy and the Federal College for Security Studies - where "the military, business leaders and politicians discuss foreign policy strategies in a discreet atmosphere," as it was called. Strokes marked the previous connections between the five journalists and pro-government think tanks. The result was a dense network. 182

> Note "Then all these newspapers are only something like the local editions of NATO's press office," it said in the broadcast. That sparked fierce protests by the aforementioned media. Media scholar Uwe Kruger commented later: "I assume that the pressure for a TV show with millions of viewers has become quite high. Visible "are certainly Shitstorms under online articles, and apparently there were cancellations of subscriptions. In the *New York Times* would such entanglements as they in *Time*

has been prohibited. With us it is different. We call it "quality journalism". And one might get the impression that those other German newspapers, which behave similarly to the many US lobby organizations are really just something like the local editions of NATO's press office.

but How did the *Time* the satirical program *The institution?* Josef Joffe, editor of *TIME*, complained to the chief editor of the ZDF, Peter Frey, over alleged misrepresentations in the satirical program. The "Institution" editorial staff could deal with cease and desist, her publisher and editor of the liberal newspaper have send. And Stefan Kornelius, editorial writer for the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, dismissed Zapp criticism of its proximity to the elite against the NDR media magazine. 183 > Note



The now highly controversial in circles colleagues Josef Joffe, who in my view with chutzpah the reputation of the once prestigious weekly newspaper *The time* ruined, just like the other places especially in the ZDF broadcast journalists called attention to the finding that those organizations to which they belong or have belonged, no lobby organizations are. Joffe is now claims to be no longer a member of *Aspen Institute*, ACG and Atlantic Bridge. Joffe says, the team of the ZDF had fallen for the thesis of the already frequently mentioned in this book scientist Uwe Kruger, who examined the network connections of the past, "" . 184

> Note Instead of Josef Joffe I would be careful with the word "fooled been." For Joffe, who thinks he's serious, has been certified by the media journalist Stefan Niggemeier 2014 recently to have spread nonsense in the form of a hoax because he's fallen in one of his articles on a "fictitious Shitstorm agency." 185 > Note



The *Time* - journalists, media reports even a restraining order obtains injunction against the satirical program, so that the quoted contribution of satire show *the Ward* is no longer broadcast. In a report to it says: "For a flagship like the *Time* the legal action by Joffe and Bittner against the ZDF amounts to a journalistic bankruptcy. Unfortunately report the major newspapers like SZ, FAZ or *mirror* about the dispute Joffe and Bittner with ZDF not. Evil to him who thinks evil of it. " 186

> Note

That's right: There goes a supposedly "independent" and supposedly "democratic" journalism newspaper against Satire ago. The "free" press against Satire! Who previously had no idea how it is with our quality media who got the answer here at the latest.

Strange: Even after Josef Joffe assured in writing on 2 May 2014 in a letter that he was not "a member of *Aspen Institute*, ACG and Atlantic Bridge, "he was also months later still called on his own homepage at the US Stanford University, where he teaches, especially in these organizations. It said (I have a screenshot of it stored) to Joffe's many features:

Boards: American Academy in Berlin, International University Bremen, Ben Gurion University, Israel; Goldman Sachs Foundation, New York; Aspen Institute Berlin, Leo Baeck Institute, New York; German Children And Youth

*Foundation, Berlin; European Advisory Board, HypoVereinsbank, Munich (2001-2005).
Editorial Board: The American Interest, (Washington);
International Security (Harvard) and Prospect (London), The National Interest, Washington
(1995-2000). Trustee: Atlantic Bridge (Berlin), Deutsches Museum (Munich), Abraham
Geiger College (Berlin). Member: American Council on Germany, Intl. Institute for Strategic
Studies. 187*

> Note

Someone has probably even lost track of all the confusing networks. Or the one who maintains the website quoted also looks stopped by. And only after reading the self-representation by Josef Joffe twice, I noticed what was there to be read alongside the many other statements: He sat on the advisory board of HypoVereinsbank. And he sat in the

Goldman Sachs Foundation.

What makes me a German journalist in the obscure *Goldman Sachs Foundation*? The *Handelsblatt* warned his readers against this with the following words:

(News agency) Reuters doubts the activities of the Goldman Sachs Foundation, a global, non-profit foundation, which was created by the Goldman Sachs Group to life. That the tax return of the Foundation encompasses more than 200 single-spaced pages described, show how strong Goldman invest even in one's own charity and NOT TRADE. , Was in the process strange that Goldman had indeed put 501 million US dollars since 1999 in the foundation, but have poured out only a fraction of around five percent, and plugged into projects - that is necessary for the non-profit status the minimum. Most of the activities of the Foundation benefit at the end of Goldman itself as an example Reuters called the Asia Society on Park Avenue in New York. A "talking shop" 188 > Note

Goldman Sachs is the embodiment of those greedy US financial elite, which made billions in profits as ordinary people at the height of the financial and economic crisis lost their homes and savings. And the obscure foundation of greedy bankers Goldman serves something burnish the battered reputation of the profiteers. So what made me a German journalist in the *Goldman Sachs Foundation*? Worse That's the Limit well! Or?

Picture you your opinion

Do you remember the Communist Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung? The man loved the personality cult. The media had to constantly pay homage to him. Had Mao must observe the sixtieth birthday of Angela Merkel, he would probably turn pale with envy. Mao forced the media his country still under threat of draconian penalties to the adulation. And today is something in German media obviously fully automatic. Everybody Loves 'Mummy'. The front near the modern cult of personality here: the *image* - newspaper. 189 > Note

The professor Brigitte Witzer claims that we live in a "dictatorship of the stupid"

in a "Idiokratie". 190 > Note Our society

stupid. Even when dementia forefront always there: the *image* - newspaper. Professor Gollwitzer has observed how our key media from the *image*

"Inform," she writes:

Of course, there are differences between image and other newspapers, we take our previous quality media FAZ or Süddeutsche Zeitung, which prepare nationally and with high standards information for their readers groups. They, too, are based on the image when it comes to the agenda of public debate. That tells me at least my personal experience at a coffee shop in Prenzlauer Berg, where I three years, the newspaper reading habits of a known FAZ editor

incarnate could follow. He with picture, I without words. It may be that this is an exception, but I'm surrounded by people who earn their bread in the media, and listen honestly nothing else. So I want to stick to it: image sets the agenda. Intellectualized and enriched with knowledge, even expanding it is in FAZ and Süddeutsche (...). So that the coverage has a different level. But she has another goal?

So what is the "goal" of *image* - newspaper? And what is there in the background on?

Former Chancellor Gerhard Schröder once said to govern all he needed " *Image*, BamS and telly ". Power over a few mass media - and it is easy to steer and crowds. The main thing, a few opinion leaders play willingly in the manipulation of the masses. If you have read the following chapters, you will media such as

Image, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Frankfurter Allgemeine, Time, ZDF and ARD probably see with completely different eyes.

Heinz Oskar Vetter, former DGB chairman, once said: "Who in *image goes*, comes in to. " But today *image* arrived in the middle of society. It is no longer disreputable to be associated with the blade. And also reputable journalists accept it as a source of information. Artists such as Marius Müller-Westernhagen or Veronica Ferres have advertised *image*. We still remember the large posters that even celebrities like Til Schweiger, Armin Rohde, Thomas

Gottschalk, David Garrett, Udo Lindenberg, Michelle Hunziker, Peter Scholl-Latour, Katharina Witt and Bill Kaulitz of *image* times really said the opinion. high-profile celebrities a stage "should be provided with the action", "share their open, honest and unvarnished opinion on the IMAGE".

Former German President Richard von Weizsacker promoted *image* exciting politics, style (kunter-) multicolor ": with these words:" 'picture'. On the poster with Alice Schwarzer, feminist and Steuerhinterzieherin, it said: "Every truth needs a brave, which they pronounce" Peter Scholl-Latour was quoted as saying. "The main concern for me 'image' to the . major trends in public opinion reflects - and sometimes set in motion "handball player Stefan Kretzschmar claimed brazenly," "image" may develop headlines, but "image" has never been an opinion, "former Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher:" If I 'picture'. have read - every day - I do not know what Germany thinks, what it feels, but already - in the opinion of 'image'. " 191

> Note

The *image* - newspaper is Germany's highest-circulation newspaper. It has a paid circulation of daily about 2.4 million. The target group of *image* is neither the professor nor the laborers, but the Average consumer. 63 percent of readers are men, 43 percent of readers have a lower secondary school with teaching, 35 percent of the average maturity and four percent for university entrance. Seven percent of readers are self-employed, 34 percent are employees or officers and 37 percent are skilled workers. total achieved *image* about 18 percent of Germans - nearly one in five. read 4.3 million women and 7.3 million men *image* daily average of 45 minutes.

was for the rebellious 68s students *image* nor the Hetzblatt on whose slogans of Dutschke bombers could invoke. After that, the trucks of Springer-Verlag burned. Heinrich Boll "The Lost Honor of Katharina Blum" the conflict set a literary monument with his novel. Today all this is long forgotten. Today is *image* hip. This is thanks to the sheet, especially one: Kai Diekmann. No later than the created by him entitled "We are the Pope" has catapulted him into the ranks of the language creators.

In the self-promotion is called *image* still "independent" and "non-partisan". But is *image* the real or ever been? Whenever I of *image* - editors was asked for texts, an interview or a collaboration,

always the answers were or "Research results" have at least given the direction. This is consistent with the data from a study of the Otto Brenner Foundation of 2011. The *image* - editors states:

The editors develop their stories less to reality than to their effectiveness. What does not fit into the pattern is made to fit. Editors ask boldly to potential interlocutors whether they were prepared to express the respective desired opinion - and many play the game with. 192 > Note



The same manipulative impression one gets when one analyzes the decades printed heading of "winner / loser". Right-wing politicians are seen there over the years statistically significantly more frequent winners as left-wing politicians. 193 > Note



Michael H. Spreng, a former editor of the *Bild am Sonntag*, has not yet completely different experience with this section:

Picture and I have a clear relationship since 1 January 2001: the Bild newspaper does not like me and I did not. Opposite me this is expressed in occasional vulgarities of millions of copies. 2002, when I worked for Edmund Stoiber, I was in the column by Oskar Lafontaine "IM Cohiba," because I had occasionally smoked good cigars with Gerhard Schröder. Finally, I was one of the "30 most annoying" talk show guests and 2004, when I advised Jürgen Rüttgers, I was "losers of the day." It happened like this: Rüttgers went on the campaign trail with his talk format "Rüttgers - personally" by North Rhine-Westphalia. In Bielefeld, the applause was limited, causing me to the two or three people - led remark, you know - certainly careless

yes low Westphalia

Enthusiasm. When a Bielefeld nod his head, which was already ecstatic applause. I did not know: Picture-chief Kai Diekmann grew up in Bielefeld and so I was the next day on page one for "loser of the day." 194 > Note



The 2007 published study entitled " *image* - independent · non-partisan? The election coverage of the most successful tabloid Germany "gives an unsightly appearance of *Image*, there it is about:

On election night of the 2005 election Gerhard Schroeder went to the discussion of the leaders of the parliamentary parties in the ZDF program "Berlin Round" with the media to task. to require the Registrar who shall one day have claimed to govern only "image BamS and telly" (...), complained in an aggressive tone about the machinations of the media. He claimed that he had to make campaign against the "what was written there and sent" (Schroeder in the show "Berlin Round", ZDF). Is there any truth to these accusations? the media wanted to induce write the change of government? Of particular interest is the question regarding the media from the Springer as these newspapers, and in particular the Bild newspaper, were increasingly exposed to the accusation during the reign Schroeder, to favor the Union parties (...). After the election, the closeness of the publishing house with the Union showed as Friede Springer, widow of the founding publisher Axel

Springer and

The majority shareholder of the company, was sitting in the election of Angela Merkel as chancellor in the public gallery of the Bundestag. So had to Schröder govern against the Bild newspaper or lead the election campaign rather than using this sheet? And Merkel has already set during the election campaign on the support of tabloid? 195 > Note



Many studies of communication scientists draw the same picture. In federal elections, there was a direct election advertising for the Union parties, although the *image* - newspaper but referred to as "non-partisan" and in the past an explicit choice recommendation *Financial Times Germany*

sentenced. Not just in 2002, also in the general election in 2005 196

> Note and

In 2009, the newspaper made canvassing for the Christian Democrats and Angela Merkel, who was once FDJ functionary for propaganda in the GDR. 197

> Note

target of *image* is, my subjective experience, not independent journalism. The aim is the highest possible profit for the Springer-Verlag. And it uses *image* without regard to rules of all methods of publication if this is journalism, public relations, advertising or classic public relations. Whether this is a true Published information about important news, is not decided by a democratic demand or a journalistic rule, but according to the company's balance sheet. Journalism is at *image* no respectable craft whose rules the shops sets limits. Journalism is cannon fodder for the return here. And *image* - Journalism is manipulating crowds. As a partner of the political elite. 198 > Note



Witnesses journalism image you your power

The most impressive example of not unsurpassable proximity between journalists and elites is when journalists are witnesses or politicians vice versa. When it was Helmut Kohl in 2008 his partner Maike Richter married because *image* very close to it. Daniel Biskup, Kohl's favorite photographer, took pictures. And *image* - chief editor Kai Diekmann has reported the wedding. Diekmann was next to Leo Kirch, a witness at Kohl's marriage. 199

> Note **Just** as carbon. 200 > Note 2002 also best man at
Diekmann wedding With the [redacted] Separation of politics and Stands *image*
Journalism is not about that for sure. 201 > Note [redacted] So for "image you
Your power"? The many positive *image* - Reports of the past on carbon
appear there in any case, looking back in a very different light.

In neighboring France groomsmen journalism is no unknown quantity. French journalist Augustin Scalbert wrote at a time when Sarkozy was French President yet, as a witnesses, belonging to the French media:

The billionaire Bernard Arnault, for example, owners of the most important published daily business newspaper in France (Les Echos) and the world's largest luxury goods group (LVMH) is easy with Sarkozy friends. Their friendship goes deep - he was best man at the wedding Sarkozy - and when he was "only" owner of La Tribune (competitor Les Echos), the sheet Sarkozy wholeheartedly endorsed, and from time to time to the detriment of Segolene Royal, running mate to president. 202

> Note

As these witnesses journalism works in France, has the *Southgerman newspaper* described in an impressive report 2010:

As last summer, appeared in the middle of swelling election campaign, on the front page of Paris Match, the French equivalent of the star, the photo of Sarkozy's wife with another man, the conservative politician picked up the phone. He called the publisher of Paris Match - a certain Arnaud Lagardère,

of the by the way about the greatest has magazine empire in the world. Immediately the responsible editor of Paris Match in search of a new job was. Conveniences that Lagardère has 1 one of the most listened to radio station in the country with Europe, where Sarkozy has often last loaded fast times on prime time for an interview when he was in distress. Also at the prestigious daily Le Monde of entrepreneurs and heritage is a minority interest, which becomes hardly noticeable. He also has magazines (Elle), the Sunday newspaper Journal du Dimanche and several regional newspapers. (...) The privatized former public program includes one of Sarkozy's best man,

Martin Bouygues. The same also has the third-largest French mobile operator. Bouygues was godfather to a son of Sarkozy. (...) The fact is that Sarkozy's second best man Bernard Arnault is having not only such illustrious brands like Louis Vuitton, Kenzo and Givenchy, but also the business newspapers La Tribune and Investir about the luxury group LVMH. 203 >

Note



But there are not only witnesses journalism. *image* binds politicians also very different one. Quite adept. It says about over the SPD politician Rudolf Scharping:

A special closeness there was between the SPD politician Rudi Scharping and "Bild am Sonntag". In BamS he introduced his new girlfriend, for BamS he shaved his beard exclusively from. And for BamS he wrote as SPD parliamentary leader of his - in addition to the policy - greatest passion, about the Tour de France. Always on Saturday afternoon "reporter Rudi," as he said in the editorial, its report was carried, which was brought by sporting director Bodo Müller in a journalistic pleasing shape. For Scharping also got a decent fee usually in cash. 204 > Note



How ticking Kai Diekmann?

The recipe for success *image* is simple - the newspaper presses every day all facets of human life into a few pages. And in a narrative style that is like a dime novel no great demands on the reader. Love and hate, loyalty and betrayal, happiness and despair, deadly diseases, crime and politics as a power struggle and of strength - emotive and all, personalized, presents simplistic and extremely confronting. For *image* - Reader's not important, what is objectively important, but what also still moved emotionally. The classic journalistic message has *image* most still an alibi function. When already reported by boring political events like party congresses or government statements, then looks for emotional elements and complex messages are personalized. The reader's attention is drawn from objectively important and diverted approximately by pseudo-revelations of secondary importance. The reader is thus diverted from the real problems of politics and society. The *image* - newspaper is like a grab bag, from the day - falling all over the world - in easy appetizers. if the *mirror* sober through a military coup in Thailand, the resignation of the Spanish king and NATO planning games against Russia reported then asks *image* readers in huge letters: "Who actually still Angela Merkel's cell phone number?" 205 > Note And then clarifies *image* on, so that each reader the future knows who Merkel's mobile number:



directly accessible it is for office manager Beate Baumann (50), consultant Eva Christiansen

(44) government spokesman Steffen Seibert (53)

Chancellery Minister Peter Altmaier (55) and some consultants as Christoph Heusgen (59, foreign policy), Lars-Hendrik Röller (55, economy) and Nikolaus Meyer-Landrut

(54, Europe) that you in important negotiations

can send information via SMS. Important: The chancellor is not estimated when the number is passed or if confidante brag that they have Merkel's number. On May 7, they even changed the number, sent a bilingual message (German and English) with the new extension ("I have a new mobile number" ...) - also because they wanted to draw the circle of mobile friends again close.

Of course, also has *image* a number of the Chancellor. Of course, the editor could reach them quickly. but the reader does not learn. Since January 2001, Kai Diekmann is editor in chief of *image* and editor of *image* and *Bild am Sonntag*. In my research for this book, I found an interesting caption. Under a photo showing the *image* - Chief and Angela Merkel shows, it says: *Image means power. And that means that (the summer festival of the newspaper here*

2008) just sometimes Angela Merkel is coming ... 206 > Note



Diekmann and Merkel know each other well. Very good. Both are members of the Atlantic Bridge, Diekmann is even a board member.

The German Association of Journalists has clearly spoken on such activities. In the summer of 2014, the Association announced:

The German Association of Journalists has emphasized in the current debate about the membership of journalists in lobbying organizations, the role of journalists as observers. "The independence and credibility of journalism areas it that journalists engage in any active role in organizations, they report," said DJV chairman Michael Konken Federal. 207 > Note



Diekmann estimates Merkel. Merkel and estimates Diekmann. And the *image* - written an Diekmann about Angela Merkel, just anything negative. About the fact that Angela Merkel is Germany's most powerful Nägelkauerin. Yes, the Chancellor chewing on her fingernails. Just as has also made the former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown. Or the 2014 deceased FAZ publisher

Frank Schirrmacher in the big

Editorial meetings. It would be the ideal subject for *image* been Newspapers -. but said nothing. 208 > Note



Merkel probably learned from the men of power, Helmut Kohl, the importance of *image* - is a newspaper for Chancellor. Kohl, who was chancellor from 1982 to 1998, learned Diekmann know when that in the second half of the 1980s, parliamentary correspondent for *image* was in the former German capital Bonn. Kohl did not like Diekmann at first because he had long hair and wore a pigtail. If carbon then an interview in the

image - newspaper wanted, then he let this allusion to align Diekmann: "Send mer but net long-haired"! 209 > Note Michael H. Spreng, a media consultant and editor of the talk show *People and Politics*, writes in his blog, what's become of it:

Diekmann has entered over the years deep into the confidence Kohl's and is the former Chancellor now closer than his sons - at least in terms of participation in family celebrations. And Diekmann is so tactful, or only discreetly to address the lack of carbon-sons at weddings or birthdays. 210 > Note



Under Kai Diekmann many politicians have made large - and been shot down again.

An example was it of the at times

Defense Minister Theodor zu Guttenberg. He posed in Top Gun pose for the first page of *image* - newspaper. His wife was an ambassador for the *image* - Action "A Heart for Children". There was hardly a *image* - day without Gutti. Even arose in a trip his wife to Afghanistan as criticism, wrote *Image*:

"We find good". An editor of *Bild am Sonntag*, Anna of Bavaria, wrote a loving Guttenberg biography. Guttenberg presented the new book *image* - Parliament office heads Nikolaus Blome ago. One of Guttenberg's relatives, Karl Ludwig von Guttenberg was deputy at that time

Managing editor of the *image* - federal spending. Many readers will not know that Guttenberg (at Springer-Verlag *World*) an internship completed. No doubt: Guttenberg had an extreme proximity to Springer *image* - and *image*

an extreme close zu Guttenberg. One could only speculate as an outsider who it actually directed. It was a give and take: Guttenberg delighted *image* with a multi-million dollar ad campaign in which the Department of Defense for volunteers recruited for the German Army

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> Note

- although *image* not very many young reader. Such Exclusive contracts where the tax money flowed, it was only with Springer. showered on the other side *image* Guttenberg with praise. Guttenberg was of *image* pushed the star of the policy. The proximity between *image* and Guttenberg was hard to describe. An example was the Gorch Fock affair, when it came to shortcomings in the German sail training ship. Guttenberg warned only before a "prejudice" - and suspended the commander after calling a *image* - editor on duty. The journalist Michael H. Spreng has 2013 about the "slightly different corruption" between politics and *image* reports:

Also in the relationship between politicians and journalists, there are forms of corruption, but none that have to do with money. And none that are punishable by law. Since the opposite is true: the politicians can and proximity to confidential information or turns out to be a figurehead for projects of a newspaper or a publishing house are available. The newspaper gives him positive coverage in return, gives it meaning, importance. Normally such business remain secret, the public are watching only the consequences. but sometimes tears an ill action such relationships - in this case the embarrassing photo of IMAGE-chief Kai Diekmann and FDP Economics Minister Philipp Rösler. It shows an exuberant embrace, a politician and a journalist like two lovers, which after a long separation finally found. Also in this case: a picture is worth a thousand words. And prompt a critical public dealt with the history behind it. IMAGE praises for weeks the four-percent party leader as "Mr. Cool "or" Minister Cool, "Rösler turn makes the advertising Kasper and strikes for Springer's attempts to prevent the start-up scene close to the publisher. A win-win situation, you might say. but the photo makes a lose-lose situation from it. Two men would face each other in critical professional detachment, fall into each other arms. With the photo of both professional credibility falls. The photo will pursue both long and seek again and again. At the next PICTURE cheering report on Rösler or the next gig Roesler at or for the benefit of Springer-Verlag. Just as Karl Theodor zu Guttenberg was overtaken by his overbearing Times Square photo. He also had IMAGE used as a career accelerator - and BILD had used him. The end is known. 212 > Note

The *Frankfurter Rundschau* tried in 2011 to clarify the question of how this close working. And reduced everything after many attempts to explain to a few

Sentences:

Unlike other newspapers in which editors let their editors and department heads freedoms image works on the bottle neck principle: Everything must go through the office of the chief editor, image is the product of Kai Diekmann. image is Diekmann. 213 > Note



So how is ticking this Kai Diekmann? I myself have him in personal discussions in the *image* - Editor always know as sympathetic and absolutely reliable people. But as men of power. And as a thoroughly conservative. Diekmann is a member of the batting fraternity Franconia in Münster 214

> Note , Diekmann in 1983

Frankone, came out in 1985 and later again. 215

> Note Even if he

wanted Diekmann therefore could not enter the SPD. Because there is an incompatibility decision: Who's fraternity can not be member of the SPD. 216 > Note Who Burschenschafter



is is automatically part of a

gigantic network. Many politicians and business leaders are or were in such fraternities: The CSU politician Markus Söder is at the Nuremberg Teutons, the CDU politician Bernhard Vogel at Arminia in Mainz, the Austrian FPÖ politician Heinz-Christian Strache in Vandalia Vienna, the CSU politicians Hans-Peter Uhl at Arminia Rhenania in Munich, the Green Rezzo Schlauch at Saxo-Silesia in Freiburg, CSU politician Peter Ramsauer with Franco-Bavaria in Munich, the CSU politician Edmund Stoiber is with the Catholic fraternity KDST , V. Trifels Munich, former BND chief and Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel

is a member of the Catholic

Fraternity AV Guestfalia Tübingen,

of the earlier Baden-

Wuerttemberg Prime Minister and current EU politician Günther Oettinger is in

Landsmannschaft Ulmia Tübingen and the former Alliance Chairman Henning

Schulte-Noelle has his big scar on his face, the scar from a beating fraternity. The elite

researchers Stephan Peters says none come into the public peddling the fact that he was in

a fraternity. But there is now even a well-functioning network - with tens of thousands of

members. 217 > Note



Connections are important. But what does the journalist Diekmann still next to his old frat? Since 2004, he sits on the advisory board of the Turkish daily *Hurriyet*. 218 > Note You have to know its Turkey-love to know why the *image* - Newspapers occasionally publish entire articles in Turkish. Diekmann wants that Turkey is an EU member. And he says:

I spend my vacation regularly in Turkey with Turkish friends. My personal assistant has Turkish roots. (...) I would smooth say that I the turquoise logical editor in the history of

image am. 219 > Note

Springer, so Diekmanns employer has financial interests in Turkey.

All that is information you somewhere and somehow can nachrecherchieren. Much more interesting but that information should be showing how drawn threads of an elite network in the background and are often concealed us. Let's read an article from the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* February 24, 2011 with the headline:

Zu Guttenberg, "image" and the Atlantic Bridge 220 > Note

The Head of the FAZ foreign policy, Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger, reported there by the confusion over an appeal to the "Young Leaders" alumni of the elite network of the Atlantic Bridge. (The Atlantic Bridge advertises the way with Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger what these readers in his FAZ

Self-expression does not communicate 221 > Note) A previous manager of the association, Beate Lindemann, had prompted the call to the action *image* - to participate newspaper and for the whereabouts of the "Young Leader" - pronounce alumnus Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg at the Department of Defense. *image* had previously called on the front page to "Guttenberg decision!". The Management Board of Atlantic Bridge then distanced itself again from this call. The practices outlined here news is of no interest for us and for the story. is really interesting that the reader in the article an interesting information was concealed: Kai Diekmann himself is a member of Atlantic Bridge. Like Guttenberg he was a participant in the "Young Leaders" utility - and the 1995th 222 > Note

This Atlantic Bridge, Diekmann is a member of, is also called "secret society". 223 > Note And it is regarded as "CIA at hand". In a report by Markus Kompa states:

The proximity to the CIA is not even conceal the Atlantic Bridge gives quite officially Vernon Walters Award - dedicated to a deputy CIA director who (in feasible dirty coups as in Iran (1954), Brazil (1964) and Chile in 1973) was involved and had operated in the 1960s, subversion against trade unions in Italy. The Eastern intelligence services was the sworn Communists haters Walters as the mastermind par. 224 > Note

The same report also discussed whether the proximity to the Atlantic Bridge could have influence on the reporting of certain journalists. It says:

Who wonders of motive Bild-Zeitung and Spiegel write so eagerly against Russia and identify from the US perspective dissent reflexively as "anti-Americanism" is likely to find answers when looking at the list of members. As prominent journalists give glory, it is hardly surprising that critical press reports over the Atlantic Bridge almost inevitable. 225 > Note

Is it a pure conspiracy theory, if you believe that people like

Kai Diekmann are caught in a given network of elites, which they influenced in reporting?
Let's look at the network of the elite, to meet in the journalist, politics and economics
discreet and often closed to the public, but even closer to. Is there a "corruption by close"?
Not conceal I want at this point that I have heard parts of this network even earlier - and was
corrupted by this.

The Atlantic Bridge

Tina Hassel, head of ARD Studios in Washington, was nominated in 2014 to mid-2015 successor to Ulrich Depp village to be and to direct the first woman to chief editor of ARD Berlin Studios. 226

> Note

The ARD chairman said: "Tina Hassel has exactly the profile that should be the head of the ARD Capital Studio". 227

> Note He

named many reasons For the Decision, your previous Correspondent items and their leadership skills. Other known journalist commented, pointing to the qualifications of Tina Hassel. Strange: Your connections to the Atlantic Bridge were never mentioned it. There, it emerges, at least in the official documents on at a meeting of the regional group Rhein / Ruhr in the annual report of the Atlantic Bridge 2011/2012 and the Working Group USA in the annual report 2010/2011. 228

> Note

Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg, Kai Diekmann, Tina Hassel - many names of celebrities associated with an organization that is virtually unknown to the public. An organization that is also referred to as a "secret society" and "CIAnah". 229

> Note

[redacted] The more you look, the greater the Astonishment: Claus Kleber, from 2003-2009 Head, since 2003 moderator of ZDF *heute-journals*, is a board member of the foundation Atlantic Bridge. 230

[redacted] The journalist Stefan Kornelius, head of the SZ foreign policy, admitted in an interview NDR to be a member of the Atlantic Bridge. 231

> Note

The newspaper has an interest that he had in the organization and pay there even his membership. Such close he calls a "part of my business." 232

> Note Communication scientist Uwe Krüger had

People like Cornelius accused the proximity to the Atlantic Bridge, claiming that journalists who were there members who would take over their mindset. Cornelius rejects. US correspondent *Sueddeutsche Zeitung*,

Christian Wernicke, was in 2012 when members of the organization in travel

[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] 236 > Note as the ZDF man Theo Koll 237 > Note , [redacted]

So, who is behind this strange club? And who exercises > Note immersed in the Atlantic Bridge on well Influence on who from? One could thus far under the previous bullet be the name of the opinion that it was just an association of or for journalists. Not even close. Because this is Chernobyl story is listed there. 234 > Note The influential journalist Constanze Stelzenmüller 235 about power and opinion. It's all about opinion figures.

1970, the English-language leaflet Washington it. 233 > Note Even the famous ZDF presenter The "Atlantic Bridge e. V.," was in the *mirror* - issue of January 29, 1958

as "Society former occupation officials in the called post-war Germany. " So it is not surprising that the "Atlantic Bridge" from 1957 to

"Meet Germany" had issued for stationed in Germany US soldiers. It is Finally, a propaganda organization of the earlier Occupying power. Why are there people like the *image* - Chief Kai Diekmann Member?

The Atlantic Bridge is a club. 238 > Note In Germany there are about 600,000 organizations. 239 > Note That the Atlantic Bridge there is something very special between rifle and rabbit breeders, rowing and allotment associations, have a glance at the list of those who are close to the organization or belong to it at all.

The board of the illustrious club sits as honorary chairman, former CDU federal treasurer Walther Leisler Kiep. He was also Volkswagen's Supervisory Board and from 1984 to 2000 CEO of Atlantic Bridge. Chairman of the Atlantic Bridge is the CDU politician Friedrich Merz, who is also a member of the Trilateral Commission 240 > Note

[redacted], is one of David Rockefeller founded lobbying organization. Deputy Chairman is the Vice President of the German Bundestag, Edelgard Bulmahn (SPD), which is also based at the same time in Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission, a private interest Grouping of the Finance. Also of the Business consultant Schwenker is vice chairman of the Atlantic Bridge. treasurer Andreas R. Dombret, a German-

American bank manager, partner at Rothschild and a leading position in the *Bank of America* was and is a board member of the Deutsche Bundesbank today. 241 > Note Richard von Weizsacker, President of 1984 to 1994, is an honorary member. As other board members the Atlantiker- called club's website: Kai Diekmann, Axel Springer SE, Berlin; Jürgen Fitschen, German Bank AG, Frankfurt am Main; Angelika Gifford, Hewlett-Packard GmbH, Boeblingen; Dr.-Ing. Jürgen R. Grossmann, Georgsmarienhütte Holding GmbH, Hamburg; Dr. Ingrid Hengster, KfW Bankengruppe, Frankfurt am Main; Professor Dr. Michael Huether, Institut der deutschen Wirtschaft, Cologne; Wolfgang Ischinger, Allianz SE, Munich; Eckart von Klaeden, Daimler AG, Berlin; Alexander Graf Lambsdorff MEP (ALDE), European Parliament, Brussels; Secretary of State Christian Lange, MP (SPD), Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Berlin; Philipp Missfelder, MP (CDU / CSU), German Bundestag, Berlin; Omid Nouripour, MP (Alliance 90 / The Greens), German Bundestag, Berlin; Lawrence A. Rosen, German Post AG, Bonn; Karsten Uhlmann, Frankfurter Brauhaus GmbH, Frankfurt (Oder); Michael Vassiliadis Zissis, IG Bergbau, Chemie, Energie, Hanover and Max

M. Warburg, MM Warburg & CO, Hamburg. 242 > Note [redacted]

Before we go further into the illustrious members, aims to encourage it to think what is happening there is a brief overview of the Atlantic Bridge: The Atlantic Bridge was founded in 1952 at the suggestion of the former World Bank president John McCloy as a private organization. McCloy was at that time chairman of Rockefeller *Chase Manhattan Bank*. McCloy was previously High Commissioner for Germany, so leading head of the American occupation forces in (West) Germany. The journalist Marion Dönhoff,

Co-editor of the weekly newspaper *The time*, belonged to the Founding members of the Atlantic Bridge, which saw it as a matter of course to influence with all the media options available to public opinion. Officially, the club pursued to pursue the goal of "educational, scientific, cultural and charitable purposes and the promotion of international understanding," according to the statute. But in truth it was from the beginning a personal network of executives, which commemorated opinion-forming influence on public opinion. The

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung called the Atlantic Bridge 1981 "elitist group participation," and called her work for democracy from the perspective of purists concern. 243 > Note

With the elite group FAZ seems to have no fear of contact today. The head of the FAZ foreign policy, Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger is mentioned in this context in the annual report 2009/2010 the Atlantic Bridge on page 129 of 10 June of 2010. It says:

79th meeting of the Working Group USA, "security partnership with the United States: implications and consequences for Germany and the EU," Introductions: Hans-Ulrich Klose, MP, coordinator for German-American Cooperation

at the Foreign Office, Berlin, Stéphane Beemelmans, Head of EU Policy Issues and International Affairs; New federal states, the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Berlin, and Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger, head of foreign policy, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Frankfurt am Main; "Report from Washington," former ambassador. D. John C. Kornblum, Magnus-Haus, Berlin 244 > Note

The annual report 2006/2007 Frankenbergers photo of an event is on page 98 ²⁴⁵ > Note , And the Atlantic Bridge advertises Klaus-Dieter

Frankenberger what this does not tell the reader in his FAZ self-expression ²⁴⁶ > Note , The proximity of renowned journalists to this controversial institution is not alone: in the years 2006 to 2012 alone, 88 journalists are mentioned in the annual reports, of which 26 in the field of public service media. In other words, distance does not seem to feel the need journalists. The pro-American and certainly not neutral organization creeping more and more into the media reporting. is now "pro-American" is not necessarily an insult. But it's also not good or bad, but in the background, especially to a system of values. With whom Germany has and have German media a community of values? Certainly with countries such as the Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland and Spain. With NATO very unsure. With Turkey Erdogan Germany but certainly not a community of values. And with the US? Also, because the answer is clear. German and Americans share many values, such as democracy, freedom of speech. But even with questions about the rule of law and international law, there are big differences. The war against Iraq, Guantanamo or drone killings are absolutely incompatible with the German legal understanding. The fact that we no

have common values with the United States and certainly not on par with Washington, nothing is as clear as the restriction of our freedom by American espionage, which violates the privacy of our citizens every day. So when German journalists familiar with pro-American organizations such as the Atlantic Bridge in common, occur there or even encourage this, then they are no longer in the midst of our German value system. They are then sometimes into advocates and / or lobbyists of another system of values.

On 12 March 2010, in cooperation with the television *Phoenix* first broadcast an event of the Atlantic Bridge on public television. The Atlantic Bridge held on 10 March 2010 a conversation in the Bundeswehr University in Hamburg with German Chancellor.

D., Helmut Schmidt, and the then Minister of Defense, Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg, on the topic "Bundeswehr in action: trouble spot Afghanistan." The discussion was moderated by the Chairman of the Atlantic Bridge Friedrich Merz. One has to know that Helmut Schmidt is a member of Atlantic Bridge and Guttenberg a "young leader" of the Atlantic Bridge. A nice discussion in the club circuit - and in public television. 247 > Note And the *image* - newspaper whose chief Diekmann is also at the Atlantic Bridge,



provided the headline, "former Chancellor and

Defense Minister discuss in Hamburg - which can learn from Guttenberg Schmidt ". 248 > Note Let us recall that, also Diekmann and Guttenberg were close friends at the time. Whether it was all so aware of television viewers and newspaper readers? Probably not. And just as influencing public opinion works. Some opinion-makers who think similarly, meet, "discuss" - and the media joined them report it.

The proximity of the Atlantic bridge to politics is purely coincidental conspicuous by their current seat: located next door to the private apartment of Chancellor Angela Merkel. This was confirmed by a managing director of Atlantic Bridge, in an interview - and that Angela Merkel is also a member. 249 > Note Is it any wonder that Angela Merkel continues to express praise to the Atlantic Bridge?

So what the club wants? A former club chairman, Arend Oetker, has put it this way: "The United States is ruled by 200 families and we want to have good contacts." 250 > Note Is that in addition to the already mentioned influence of the media, everything?

The Atlantic Bridge awards - as mentioned - the Vernon A. Walters-Award. This prize is awarded to personalities who have rendered outstanding services to German-American relations. " The award is named after former US Ambassador to Germany (1989-1991) Vernon A. Walters named, who accompanied the German reunification from the American side. Previous winners: Liz Mohn (Bertelsmann Foundation, 2008), Dr. Jürgen R. Grossmann (Georgsmarienhütte Holding GmbH, 2007), Dr. Dieter Zetsche (Daimler Chrysler AG, 2006), Dr. Michael Otto (Otto Group, 2005),

Wolfgang Mayrhuber (Lufthansa AG, 2004), Dr. Bernd Pischetsrieder (Volkswagen AG, 2002), Dr. Manfred Schneider (Bayer AG, 2000), Dr. Henning Schulte-Noelle (Allianz AG, 1999), Dr. Thomas Middelhoff (Bertelsmann AG, 1998), Dr. Rolf-E. Breuer (German Bank AG, 1997), Jürgen E. Schrempp (Daimler Benz AG, 1996), Jürgen Dormann (Aventis Hoechst AG, 1995), Eberhard von Kuenheim (BMW AG, 1994), Louis R. Hughes (General Motors, 1993). " 251 > **Note**

The Atlantic Bridge forgets in this illustration a tiny little thing: Vernon A. Walters (1917 to 2002) was intelligence coordinator of the United States abroad and operational head of the CIA. He described the Vietnam War to the end, despite its millions of victims as "one of the most noble and selfless war", which the United States has ever had. 252 > **Note** And it was precisely this CIA man Vernon A. Walters, who had set up the basics for the secret Gladio network in Europe. Vernon Walters served in the armed forces of the USA, from the beginning in **service positions** of the intelligence services since the 1941st He was involved in all political focal points in the second half of the 20th century, largely with subversive actions, as in the Korean War (1950-1953), the coup against the democratically elected president Mohammad Mossadegh in Iran (1953), in intelligence operations to prevent electoral successes the Communists in Italy (1960-1962) and the bloody military coup in Brazil (1964). He was operational head of the CIA and in this function responsible for the CIA operation "Centaurus" provides comprehensive support for the military coup in Chile (1973) and in activities for stalling the Carnation Revolution in Portugal (1974). Its traces are found in so many sacrifices actions against democratic developments in Angola, Guatemala, Nicaragua and in the years of human rights violations by the military regimes in South America (Operation "Condor"), in which hundreds of thousands of people murdered, abducted or tortured. And after this CIA man names the Atlantic Bridge, which conceals all, today a price. Nicaragua and in the years of human rights violations by the military regimes in South America (Operation "Condor"), which killed hundreds of thousands of people were abducted or tortured. And after this CIA man names the Atlantic Bridge, which conceals all, today a price. 253 > **Note** And people like the German Chancellor Angela Merkel or *image* - Chief Kai Diekmann are a member there. And the FAZ also seems to feel comfortable there.



You have in terms of mentioned transatlantic organizations where journalists are members, know that the many transatlantic meeting again and the same solutions are reissued: The most important thing is that the supposedly common values of the transatlantic community of values, on the common values of those values that you no longer need to discuss because they are self-evident. This assertion has developed through constant repetition has long been a life of its own. It's like a brainwashing. Only the German participants do not realize is usually that they are subjected to a pro-American brainwashing. Because of course on closer inspection we have many different values; ranging from the death penalty in the United States on extrajudicial executions by drones in distant lands to foreign military deployments who reject the majority of Germans. But all those pro-American quality media

we present in this book, to support foreign military missions alongside US and extrajudicial executions by drones. About when they speak of the Munich Security Conference at the side of the defense lobby. This alone shows the effect of brainwashing. In the background, always present: intelligence.

The real issue at all transatlantic organizations only support for NATO. And led by the United States. German are there only vassals. The historian and NATO expert Daniele Ganser is certainly of the opinion that Germany due to its integration into the military alliance is nothing but a "vassal state of the United States." And he says:

NATO has in all NATO member countries, NATO ambassadors. These are the ambassadors who sends each country in order to be informed about what NATO wants next. The channels operate so that NATO - and primarily the United States - says. So it is, and now you have to make the (...) The Europeans then often obey just. 254 > Note



Now you have to know that the Atlantic Bridge organized confidential annual expert meetings with the US European Command. 255

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The aim is to provide a confidential environment in which the commanders stationed in Europe American Armed Forces (!) - Army, Air Force, navy and Marines - and the Inspector General of the Bundeswehr with his generals and admirals with other experts on current security issues exchange. "The talks with the USEUCOM (US European Command) bring high-level representatives from the US European Command and the Armed Forces with defense experts from government, industry and the media together." 256

> Note This is a quote

in the Annual Report 2013/2014 of Atlantic Bridge.

Transparent is there nothing. There are walled off events to which ordinary citizens are not allowed. Or try yet again to get to the Atlantic Bridge intake to such an event where our alpha journalists take place naturally. All of this is a scandal of the first order because the USEUCOM (US European Command) is planning wars in Europe and the media should support these warfare propaganda. You could see the well after the crash of a Malaysian aircraft in the summer of 2014 in Ukraine. The *US European Command*

planned a large NATO exercise in Ukraine for September, 2014. In a newspaper article to read:

The US Army Europe and the Ukrainian army conduct the maneuvers are attended by roughly 1,300 soldiers from 16 nations. It will take place on the nearly 400-square-kilometer training area at Javoriv far from Lviv. Besides Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Canada, Georgia, Great Britain, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Norway, Poland, Romania, Spain, Ukraine and the United States and Germany should send military. 257 > Note



Do you now understand why our "quality media", which together with the US European Command in "expert talks" to discuss war (this is called playing down there "security architecture"), on closer inspection, are probably nothing but influenced NATO propagandists? With journalistic "independence" it probably has nothing to do when visiting a journalist "expert talks" of US European Command and then writes in the spirit of NATO.

Stranglehold of the intelligence

At least since the revelations of the whistleblower Edward Snowden we know: Out there with the United States a big brother who knows everything about us. About all of us. As long as we always do a good boy what he wants, it is a rather big brother. But if we're not, in his opinion, then things happen that were formerly

For

Conspiracy would have thought. Professor Werner Weidenfeld knows this big brother better than many others. He was, after many years of co-ordinator of the Federal government For the German-American Collaboration. In the talk show *Beckmann* he told us how this "friendship" between Germany and the United States works practically:

I can tell you, in my 12 years as America coordinator I experienced three behaviors of the American government. The moment where you are agree with them, we are best friends, we hug, you fear for his ribs, because the hugs are so intense. If we disagree in secondary issues, the US government says literally, and that happens to us, where is the gratitude in history, we have taken the liberty and security of the Germans and preserved. When we are in a serious question of a different opinion, then comes intelligence material on the table, the burden Germany and either you do with or it's your turn. (...) The Americans have a very clear idea of their interests. (...) And according to which will be implemented. 258 > Note



is clear: Since the 1950s, American intelligence agencies have set up in Germany a number of private charitable foundations and funds that had one main goal: to establish secret outposts under a legend, there enforcement officers accommodate as alleged employees of foundations and future German elite pro-American to influence and to always possible to make blackmail where.

The proximity of American foundations with US intelligence we want to take a closer look once. It could be that the CIA or other US services at

any large gathering of journalists, politicians and

Business leaders sit under the sponsorship of the US think tanks at the table. I took part in events such organizations as Fellow. And I have approximately a six-week journey of invitation

German Marshall Fund (she was officially approved by the FAZ) naturally get invitations from the BND resident and was in these trips also presented employees of American services. It's no secret that the *German Marshall Fund* excellent relations with intelligence agencies maintains: When in June 2014, the former head of the Saudi and the former head of Israeli military intelligence met since this happened

naturally in *German Marshall Fund*.

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Donfried that the at the top *Marshall Funds* stands, was previously in Obama

National Security for Europe in charge. 260 > Note Even former senior staff of the organization are presented as geheimdienstnah. 261

> Note Suzanne Woolsey, wife of former CIA director James Woolsey is, Board member / director at *German Marshall Fund*. 262 > Note Oh yes: the contact with her husband, the CIA boss James Woolsey, I had the *German Marshall Fund* to get.

This *German Marshall Fund* behaved towards us like the Sultan already some chapters described above of Oman - the billionaire. Of the *German Marshall Fund* gave each of us an envelope with cash for the stay in the US. I was allowed to pick an air-conditioned car, the fuel was of course paid. Similarly, hotels, laundries, the meals. And it was, as the reader already known from the nice billionaire from Oman, gifts. The Sultan had me, you may remember, financed a private instructor and training for PADI rescue diver. In the transatlantic journey of Elite *German Marshall Fund's* I got to my surprise, when visiting an American company presents the most important parts of a diving equipment. The Americans knew clearly exactly which bribes because I had previously thought some time in Oman. And then I was allowed to test with a US Seals team the new equipment near San Diego to almost 60 meters. It was that journey in which the me *German Marshall Fund* (I have already described) surprised with the honorary citizen certificate of the US state of Oklahoma. I looked at some point on the trip in the United States no longer who really only from *German Marshall Fund* was and who was attributable more to US intelligence. One thing is clear, and you made there also no secret that there were close links. I suspect that for many transatlantic organizations it is today, of which so many were established with or using US intelligence.

If I in the Middle East in operations for the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* was on the way, I told in the light of previously taken in by chance made "secret talks near " agreements' in special situations first for intelligence and only last for the FAZ. First, an important new information went with my trips abroad to the "military attaché" the German embassy (usually a BND agent) and to the local Americans and only then also to the FAZ.

I do not know if at the edge of invitations the Atlantic Bridge, about as "young leader" who have a similar concept to me befell invitations, also such agreements are made or were (perhaps without the knowledge of Atlantic Bridge?) , How but in general young in the US German politicians tried to exploit for its own purposes, the Dittfurth describes on page 145 of her book *War, nuclear, poverty. What they are talking about what they do: The Greens*. It says:

Although the evening ended in open conflict, our host was from American Institute for Contemporary German Studies left amazing and asked me if I was ready to submit a study on my party. I

refused. In order to persuade me, he called me names of Greens, who were willing to cooperate. One was called Lukas Beckmann, another Otto Schily. Petra Kelly was well known. It remained at No. I learned a lot these days about what "additional training" German politicians are offered, which are regarded as viable leaders. That's what I was thinking when I read eleven years later, you know fishermen well. This is the usual language rules, as they are today, for example on Defense

Guttenberg

in the Wikileaks documents

finds. 263 > Note



Similar experiences as described by Ditfurth from the US, I have done both in the US and in Germany. Therefore I can say from personal experience that you not felt at first especially the intelligence hug on for years. I would like to outline the in between with a flashback to my experience with the first tender initiation attempt by the BND - at that time I had no idea that I would become a journalist:

Early eighties I studied in Freiburg law and policy. The winter semester 1979/80 was almost over, approached the semester break. A trip to Italy was planned. And because the next semester would be financed, were after the holiday work on in construction or as an assistant waiter. Money-making was one of the semester break this, I wanted to hold this time. At this time I had the BND so much about like everyone else. In my studies, he did not matter, and I had no great interest in the operation of his agents. That changed until much later. At that time professors were elders, which one should not refuse prematurely as a student a wish. So it was, of course, I listened to the words of one of these elders attentive and polite when they handed me shortly before the semester break after a lecture a leaflet. On the surface, it looked at least like a leaflet. It was an invitation. "By this you should definitely attend. And you tell me how you like it has," the lawyer said. A respected man. A well-known man. And a man with a double life. Whether he has invited other students or addressed, is beyond my knowledge, it is conceivable. At an invitation to the training itself was nothing unusual initially. The professors know their students, who noticed was promoted. So it is today. So there was no reason to be surprised for me. than this after a lecture gave me just before the semester break a leaflet. On the surface, it looked at least like a leaflet. It was an invitation. "By this you should definitely attend. And you tell me how you like it has," the lawyer said. A respected man. A well-known man. And a man with a double life. Whether he has invited other students or addressed, is beyond my knowledge, it is conceivable. At an invitation to the training itself was nothing unusual initially. The professors know their students, who noticed was promoted. So it is today. So there was no reason to be surprised for me. than this after a lecture gave me just before the semester break a leaflet. On the surface, it looked at least like a leaflet. It was an invitation. "By this you should definitely attend. And you tell me how you like it has," the lawyer said. A respected man. A well-known man. And a man with a double life. Whether he has invited other students or addressed, is beyond my knowledge, it is conceivable. At an invitation to the training itself was nothing unusual initially. The professors know their students, who noticed was promoted. So it is today. So there was no reason to be surprised for me. On the surface, it looked at least like a leaflet. It was an invitation. "By this you should definitely attend. And you tell me how you like it has," the lawyer said. A respected man.

Looking back, I know that the honorable professor was a Anbahner the BND. As far as he was himself entangled in the net, I can not say. I can not remember to have had with him later discussions on this initiation meeting me. His pamphlet was an invitation for a "Seminar on Conflict Research," Topic: "Introduction to the problems of the East-West conflict." Something boring I would have in

truly can not imagine those days. I wondered even how not could explain the interest shown plausible the professor, as melodious words reached my ears: "There are 20 Mark daily allowance, the train journey to the venue Bonn will be refunded. And of course there is waiting a hotel room for you. To conclude with 150 marks money for books. "The professor had suddenly aroused tremendous interest. Eight hours of work on the building brought a maximum of 50 marks. By contrast, the prospect of a hotel room, hot meals and to the financial Bonbon - why I had actually never been this strong

inner felt desire, a "Seminar to to visit conflict research"? Now this desire I could not just suppress. the professor rejoiced my commitment clearly. The "Research Association for timing issues" - now it no longer exists - had its headquarters in Bad Godesberg, an exclusive suburb of the former capital of Bonn, there in Ubierstraße 88. It was from

Defense funded. And today is no longer news that she was in contact with the BND. The BND critic Erich Schmidt-Eenboom has many years later published in his 1998 book *Undercover - The BND and the German journalists* such seminars and Anwerbungspraxis of students described. On February 25, 1980 I first met at the Ubierstraße 88 in a two-story old house bourgeois to about 20 other students. They were freshmen like me and come from all provinces to finally be able to investigate the true backgrounds of the East-West conflict. In yawn boring lectures we learned a lot about the Soviet Union and East Germany. We did role playing and defended or criticized it communism. In conversations I learned that other participants had found their way to the former German capital Bonn in a similar way - they had been recommended for a training meeting. A bit strange as it may have been that we were never allowed to go to the first floor of the old building. The stairs to the mysterious upstairs was taboo. At that time we had no idea that we were being watched. On the first floor, a man we though now and then met in the house, but we did not know its role in the game sat. He called himself Schulte - if that was his real name, I do not know. As it later turned out, Mr. Schulte knew pretty much about every one of us know. The role plays and endless discussions were nothing more than a well-disguised attitude test by German intelligence. We have seen nothing of it. And the then managing director of the German Research Association, Rudolf Rothe, were, according to Schmidt-Eenboom later also claims to have known nothing of Mr. Schultes work. Although we now and then met in the house, but we did not know its role in the game. He called himself Schulte - if that was his real name, I do not know. As it later turned out, Mr. Schulte knew pretty much about every one of us know. The role plays and endless discussions were nothing more than a well-disguised attitude test by German intelligence. We have seen nothing of it. And the then managing director of the German Research Association, Rudolf Rothe, were, according to Schmidt-Eenboom later also claims to have known nothing of Mr. Schultes work. Although we now and then met in the house, but we did not know its role in the game. He called himself Schulte - if that was his real name, I do not know. As it later turned out, Mr. Schulte knew pretty much about every one of us know. The role plays and endless discussions were nothing more than a well-disguised attitude test by German intelligence. We have seen nothing of it. And the then managing director of the German Research Association, Rudolf Rothe, were, according to Schmidt-Eenboom later also claims to have known nothing of Mr. Schultes work. The role plays and endless discussions were nothing more than a well-disguised attitude test by German intelligence. We have seen nothing of it. And the then managing director of the German Research Association, Rudolf Rothe, were, according to Schmidt-Eenboom later also claims to have known nothing of Mr. Schultes work. The role plays and endless discussions were nothing more than a well-disguised attitude test by German intelligence. We have seen nothing of it. And the then managing director of the German Research Association, Rudolf Rothe, were, according to Schmidt-Eenboom later also claims to have known nothing of Mr. Schultes work.

I have always experienced just that later in my travels to the United States again, if large and spendable organizations financed the trip - and our participants have very closely watched every second in different situations. If Ditfurth, reports a "additional training" that has been offered in such USA- Travel - then I can attest to that. And that's why you should not go near such organizations. there you can easily lose his spine.

Why the Atlantic Bridge is considered so close CIA? Is there also things that happen in secret? So, as I have experienced it in a different form from the Student Society for Contemporary Problems? There are people who have changed their minds and the Atlantic Bridge again turned their backs. These include the Green Katrin Göring-Eckardt. She was initially rather naive and said:

I am, like some other GREEN, member of the association Atlantic bridge. The Atlantic Bridge is a club that - as enshrined in its Constitution - is to promote international understanding. It is a registered association which operates on the basis of the club right (so is as democratic as a sports club o. Ä.) And conferences and background discussions on foreign policy issues, particularly on transatlantic relations, offering. These are issues that are important to us GREEN and to which we should keep talking with journalists, people from the business and political contestants, in this or in other fora. 264 > Note

She was there even 2009/2010 board member. Meanwhile, it is said that they had withdrawn there. 265 > Note Claudia Roth, who from 2005 to 2010 the Atlantic Bridge, declared their withdrawal now. 266 > Note Also Cem Ozdemir says he has nothing more to do. 267

> Note In a recent brochure of the Atlantic Bridge is Cem Özdemir but as one of the most prominent graduates of the "young leaders" utility called. 268

> Note Özdemir told an interviewer who asked him to Atlantic Bridge and the "young leaders", a conspiracy theorist, which you must deal with. 269 > Note Ozdemir says in the interview in all seriousness: "Conspiracy theories are something that should be treated medically, since I'm from the policy of the wrong person. (...) I would be more interested in what her therapist says. "On page 47 of the annual report 2010/2011 the Atlantic Bridge Cem Özdemir, however, with a picture and name in connection with the "young leaders" program reproduced and discussed. Maybe Cem Özdemir sued indeed the Atlantic Bridge that these lists him as one of the most prominent young talents in the "young leaders" program. 270 > Note

The Berlin newspaper wrote one of the oddities and the secrecy of the Atlantic Bridge:

"That is little known about the activities of the Atlantic bridge to the public, is intentional. It is not a club that wants to work out. Rather, operates quietly, giving the club sometimes the image of a secret society - and the reputation of an elite club. To become a member of the Atlantic Bridge is not bidding, you will prompted. Their impact is considered significant. The Atlantic Bridge is supported by all major German companies. The name list of the Management Board (...) reads like a who's who of politics and business. And on the other side of the Atlantic does not engage less influential

Interlocutor. "271 > Note



Today, the Atlantic Bridge has about 500 members, of which about half of the economy, some 100 out of politics, the rest from science, associations, trade unions and especially the media.

The names: controversial contacts

Journalists tell us the world affect our opinion, make policy. But who explains to journalists the world, influences their opinion, thus making policy? This includes quite possibly the Atlantic Bridge. Its members ensure that public opinion is influenced quite the pro-American sense of the association. And that's why also always top journalists, particularly fond invited by the public broadcasters ARD and ZDF, to meetings and travel the Atlantic Bridge or talk with members. in the years 2006 to 2012 alone, 88 journalists are mentioned by name in the annual reports, of which 26 in the field of public broadcasters. Below the list of these journalists. Here is not claimed that they are members or "young leader" of the organization or were. Only alleged by the Atlantic bridge contact is documented on the basis of annual reports 2006/2007 to 2011/2012 the Atlantic Bridge and other related documents of the Atlantic Bridge with this list: 272 > Note



Surname	first given name	function
<u>Schönborn</u> , Jörg		ARD - Chief Editor WDR television
Deiß	Matthias	ARD - Capital Studio
Roth	Thomas	ARD - Correspondent New York
Mikich	Sonia	ARD - Head of the program group domestic WDR - Monitor
Wabnitz, Dr.	<u>Bernhard</u> ARD	- Host W eltspiegel
Hassel	Tina	ARD - Studio Washington since 01/07/2012
Zamperoni	Ingo	ARD - day issues Nachtmagazin
Ehni	Ellen	ARD - WDR television - Head of the Program Group Economics and Law
Jahn	Frank	ARD correspondent London
Wilhelm	Ulrich	Bayerischer Rundfunk - Director
Schoeller	Olivia	Berliner Zeitung, Frankfurter Rundschau - Head of department Panorama earlier US Correspondent
Diekmann	quay	Bild newspaper - editor
Kallen, Dr.	Paul- <u>Bernhard</u> Burda	Media - CEO
Pleitgen	Frederik	CNN, before ZDF, RTL, n-tv
Feo de Dr.	Marika	Corriere della Sera - Germany correspondent
Aslan	Ali	German Welle TV
Meurer	<u>Friedbert</u>	Germany Radio - Head of editorial time radio
Forward, Prof. Dr.	Michael	The world - Chief Correspondent, Germany Funk, Germany Kultur - author
summer	Theo	The time - editor, since 2000 editor-at-large

Joffe	Joseph	The time - Publisher
Wet	Matthias	The time - International Correspondent
Brost	Marc	The time - Head of Liaison Office
Horse	Jan	The time - editor
Stelzenmüller, Dr.	Constanze Time	- Editor, Head of the Berlin office of the German Marshall Fund, since 2009 Senior Transatlantic Fellow
Klingst	Martin	The time - US correspondent
McLaughlin	Catriona The time	officer of the Board, now online
Heckel	Margaret	Former World - Welt am Sonntag - Financial Times Germany policy chief, since 2009 freelance journalist and author
Dr. Busse	Nikolas	Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung
Klaus Frankenberger	Dieter	Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung - Editor
<u>W rangel, of Cornelia</u>		Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung - Editor
Kammerer	Steffi	Freelance journalist, writes for Stern, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Spiegel, Spiegel Online, Park Avenue
Seligmann	Rafael	Freelance journalist - published in Spiegel, BZ, World, image, Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung, Jewish General, Atlantic Times
<u>Schulte-Hillen Gerd</u>		Gruener und Jahr - Bertelsmann to 2003
Inacker, Dr.	<u>Michael J. Har</u>	Handelsblatt - Deputy. editor in chief
Steingart	Gabor	Handelsblatt Group - Management
Klasen-Bouvatier	Korinna	Jungle World
marohn	Ann	NDR - Personal Assistant of Director General Lutz Marmor
Diehl	Julia	NDR - Editor
Bremer	Heiner	n-tv - Moderator "The Duel," Stern editor
Kolz	Michael	Phoenix - Head of Editorial Event 2 - Deputy. program Manager
Augter, Dr.	Stefanie	Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the European Union, Brussels, spokeswoman for Family Affairs, Wirtschaftswoche, Handelsblatt
Arnold	Tim	ProSiebenSat.1 - Senior Vice President Political Strategy of the ProSiebenSat.1 Group
Schremper, Dr.	Ralf	ProSiebenSat.1 - CFO Digital & Adjacent
Ebeling	Thomas	ProSiebenSat1- CEO
<u>Procházková Bára</u>		Respect Magazine Czech Republic
Krauel	Thorsten Wilhelm Rhein	scher Merkur - Head of Domestic Policy
Ridder Busch Katja		writes from Atlanta for the world, Handelsblatt, Spiegel online, Germany radio, WDR, The European
Hoffmann	<u>Christiane Mirrors</u>	- Head of Liaison Office, FAZ
Hujer	Marc	Mirror online
Trautmann,	Clemens Springer	Verlag - office manager Döpfner

Dr.		
Klaeden of Dr.	Dietrich	Springer Verlag - Head of Government Relations
Döpfner, Dr.	Mathias	Springer Verlag - CEO
Gloger	Katja	Star - Correspondent Washington - wife of Georg Mascolo, former editor in chief of the mirror.
Wernicke	<u>Christian</u>	Süddeutsche Zeitung - US Correspondent
jib	Reymer	Süddeutsche Zeitung - US Correspondent
Kornelius	Stefan	Süddeutsche Zeitung Head of unit foreign policy
Dewitz of	Ariane	Tagesspiegel
Schäuble	Juliane	Tagesspiegel
Marschall, Christoph	Tagesspiegel	Correspondent Washington - Commentator Germany Funk, Germany radio, Cicero, Atlantic Times
Rohwedder	Cecilie	Tagesspiegel - Editor
<u>Rimscha from Robert</u>		Tagesspiegel to 2004, FDP, 2011 Ambassador Laos
Karnitschnig Matthew	Wall Street Journal	Office Manager Germany Hombach
	Bodo	WAZ Media Group - Managing Director, Bonner Academy for Research and Teaching Practical Policy (BAPP)
Koll	Theo	ZDF - main editorial exterior, interior, social and education policy
Burgard, Dr.	<u>Jan Philipp</u>	ZDF - Capital Studio, Morgenmagazin
<u>Kampen van Udo</u>		ZDF - Head of Studio Brussels
Kleber, Dr.	Claus Detlev	ZDF - Host Today Journal
<u>Schmiese, Dr. Wulf</u>		ZDF - Host Morning Show
Jobatey	Cherno	ZDF - Morgenmagazin
Theveßen	Elmar	ZDF - Deputy Editor - Director general editorial office

Each reader can make your own judgments and decide whether the aforementioned journalists actually report on transatlantic issues independent and non-partisan, or whether perhaps the one or other report convey a particular point of view, especially pro-American. The Atlantic Bridge would certainly welcome that and probably find quite normal.

But let's look at these contacts to the Atlantic Bridge on one very specific example Simply pay more closely. As about the FAZ journalist Nikolas Busse appears in the printed above table. Readers already know his name from the embarrassing story in the chapter "Well lubricated The disreputable system behind journalism awards," where uranium munitions have been washed clean for the Defense Department.

In the self-representation journalist writes buses in the FAZ about himself: "In November 1998, entry into the political editors of the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. 2007 posting to Brussels as a correspondent for NATO and the EU. Since September 2014 Deputy editor responsible for

Foreign policy in the Frankfurt headquarters. " 273 > Note So the journalist has a responsible job and should scrupulously careful to appear completely neutral.

But far from it. Journalist has buses, which conceals its official FAZ resume in February 2003 in one of the Atlantic Bridge *New York Times* connected large display made an oath of allegiance to the United States; I read in any case the contents of a huge display "A Message to the People of the United States of America" by friends and members of the Atlantic Bridge, under which his name is. 274 > Note

Before we get to the bridge details of the call of buses and the Atlantic, here to remind you: The newspaper ad called was switched few days before the illegal invasion of American troops in March 2003 in Iraq. The then US Secretary of Defense Colin Powell had presented the UN Security Council just fake "evidence" that Iraq allegedly possessed weapons of mass destruction. And not only the German government was against the Iraq war of the Americans. Million demonstrators took to the streets to demonstrate together with German politicians across party lines against the impending war of aggression. And in exactly this situation, in charge of security policy FAZ staff sent buses over the Atlantic Bridge in *New York Times* a "message" to the American people. If you read the display completely, it is, in my subjective view nothing more than a declaration of commitment to faithfulness to the transatlantic partnership. And for the foreseeable event that the US would lead to international law, a war of aggression against Iraq (which they then also did). At precisely the March 2003 also the last article of mine, incidentally, appeared in the FAZ after 17 years. I found the pro-American warmongering FAZ considering the many foreseeable dead at that time as monstrous. And because I already had a serious accident in which the nerves of my right leg had been severed, they presented me with a termination agreement. But we'll get to later on personal experience. Back to the "message" of the display, So the message to the American people. She was clearly Nikolas Busse expressed there before the Iraq war as one of several signatories by name, he would "spare no effort" to make the "bond between Germany and America for future generations is preserved." The man says his "solidarity with the United States." And he announced his will, the community of values with the United States "to defend". I do not know if buses with the "community of values" means the well-known for many years excessive spy of the Americans in Germany, on the orders of the US president without trial carried out extrajudicial killings of people or cruel executions in US jails. I am convinced as the author of this book which, that this alleged "community of values" is just a propaganda product of the Americans in large parts. Like millions of protesters witnessed it on the roads in 2003, not everyone shares the warmongering of the US when it comes to

enforce raw material and power interests. I find it shameful against this background that a FAZ staff Nato correspondent was after he had made such a pledge of allegiance before an illegal war of aggression. Which was in February 2003 at the instigation of the Atlantic Bridge next to the *New York Times* yes also printed in German mainstream media such as the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung and the world was so well known not only in the US but also bus Frankfurt employer. 275 > Note At that time buses in the FAZ was responsible even for "security policy". Of course, one must sign a journalist calls. But I have checked with the press department of the Russian and the Chinese Embassy in Berlin, whether buses has similar views signed (for example in the Annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation) in favor of Moscow or in Asian conflicts in favor of Beijing. He does not have. He has thus unilaterally set only for Washington. And the FAZ readers should know all about the NATO Rapporteur buses. the described Atlantic oath of allegiance to the US war of aggression against Iraq to the United States is known, then finally read bus NATO reports since then with different eyes. I look at coaches in any case personally since then as an extension of the NATO press office.

One must also know about buses: discussed at the origin of the lot and controversial study "New Power - New Responsibility", a joint initiative of the US lobby group *German Marshall Fund of the United States* and the Science and Politics Foundation, promoted by the Planning Staff of the Federal Foreign Office, appeared at the end of 2013, also leading media journalist Nikolas Busse took part. 276 > Note Critics see the study as a support for the return of German militarism - under pressure from Washington. 277

> Note> Buses writes from this point of view as it would be the Americans. 278 Note

Devastating it is when such a public still shows up as a supposedly neutral on TV or moderated events. And that's what makes buses, whether What reforms need at the German National Foundation on the topic "Europe?" Or ARD. There, incidentally, like the ARD Press Club along with Tina Hassel, known to readers of this book also heard of the Atlantic Bridge forth. 279 > Note Since then discuss on television two friends of the lobby association Atlantic bridge, which, as we have just seen above on the basis of the display, even Washington's war propaganda support - and the viewer does not know that.

By the way, before I forget it. The oath of allegiance to the United States made in the above-mentioned display of friends and members of the Atlantic Bridge next FAZ NATO-man buses and ZDF man Theo Koll So if you are once again the *auslandsjournal* see, or any other moderated by Theo Koll broadcast, then you know what he stands for. He "defended", according to Atlantic Bridge the alleged community of values with the USA. Even if the United States pull out of power and raw material reasons in an illegal war. With the second one so maybe looks

something one-sided, right? The Turk Akif Pirinçci formulated the here indicated possible bias of the public broadcaster ZDF once far more drastic. He said in 2014 on ZDF live into the camera: "With the asshole you can see better." ZDF has the politically incorrect interview course immediately censored and cut. 280 > Note



ZDF man Theo Koll and FAZ-man Nikolas Busse, the expressions of deep loyalty to the transatlantic relationship was not about a one-time mistake: Both journalists have engaged in a on 17 April 2002 in the daily newspaper *The world* on page 6 connected large display explicitly in the Atlantic Bridge for "the great opportunities and possibilities that it has opened us for our professional and personal career," Thanks. In the same display of the Atlantic Bridge Also at that time based in Tehran FAZ correspondent Christiane Hoffmann also Katja Gloger thanked for the aforementioned professional assistance (then *Star*), Malte Lehming (*Tagesspiegel* US correspondent), Rüdiger Leo (Bayerischer Rundfunk), Eckart Stuff (training director of the CRC), Christian Wernicke (Europe correspondent *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* (In Brussels), Sabine Ulbrich correspondent N24 and SAT1 in Washington), Margaret Heckel

(Financial Times Germany) Matthias Nass (Deputy Editor of *Time*) and Anke Plättner (journalist, Cologne). The support of the Atlantic bridge "the great opportunities and possibilities that it ... has opened professional and personal career [the aforementioned journalists for their] 'sounds to me somehow to them as owed if their positions and the Atlantic Bridge to have. Or, as a neutral third party understands how you as a reader? Help transatlantic organizations ie the "career" of journalists? What's going really in the background?

Back to Atlantic Bridge. Perhaps the journalists further named here in the table above have simply no idea with whom they appeared there. For there is, after all journalists who hold the "news agency" UPI for a normal news agency. Here, yes, this is part of the Moon sect. 281 > Note Many journalists simply do not know. One can therefore easily deceived and lured Atlantic Bridge "People with good-sounding names like".

The *faz* overwrote a report with the words facing such organizations as the Atlantic Bridge 2013: "Journalists under the influence - Evil contacts". It says: "Germany's letter alpha journalists on one side because they make common cause with the political elite? A study now claims: Yes. " 282 > Note The doctoral thesis of Uwe Krüger listed there examined the influence of elites on reporting and shows the networks of important people in business, politics and journalism. just heard the Atlantic bridge to this network organizations. reflect on ideas instead of an open marketplace, represented journalists after the study of the networks often the positions of the rulers. And after Uwe Krüger, the conflict "elite against the people," pointed anywhere in Europe and throughout the world. The journalists too often stand on the side of the elites.

embarrassing adulation

Now we want on the basis of *image* - show newspaper again, as a report on the Atlantic Bridge, of course, purely coincidental, looks in reality. we only accept the winner Heading / losers. The completely unimportant for ordinary citizens elite organization Atlantic Bridge was at in the past *image* smuggled over again while the "winner". Some examples from the past.

image April 12, 2002:

winner

A symbol of German-American friendship celebrates 50th anniversary: the Atlantic Bridge. to promote dialogue between the two countries to deepen the political and cultural understanding: merit of the association. The chairman Arend Oetker (63, photo): "It's a bridge that it is always to repair" PICTURE says. What matters is friendship. image April 18, 2002:

winner

A man who builds bridges: Former US President George Bush (77) received yesterday in Berlin's Charlottenburg Palace the Eric M. Warburg Prize. The presentation speech was Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer. With the price of Atlantik Bridge Bush distinguished merits of the relations between Germany and the United States. IMAGE thinks: Transatlantic! image 5 May 2003:

winner

Who talks about the German-American relationship, comes Dr. Beate Lindemann (60) from over. She gets in Washington any interlocutor to the stripper. The manager of the association Atlantic bridge endeavors, especially in these days a good relationship with America. An important task she copes with a lot of wisdom and charm. IMAGE thinks: Transatlantic! image February 3, 2004:

winner

A captain who builds bridges: Lufthansa CEO Wolfgang Mayrhuber (56) is in New York today to Vernon A. Walters-Award for his services to the German-American partnership. the price of the renowned association Atlantic bridge is awarded. BILD says: Above the clouds the friendship must be boundless. image June 11, 2004:

winner

CDU politician Walther Leisler Kiep (78) is the new head of the association honor Atlantic Bridge. The General Assembly (including Otto Graf Lambsdorff, Hilmar Kopper, Rudolf Scharping) praised so unanimously Kiep contributions to German-American understanding. IMAGE thinks: Earned honor! image June 16, 2005:

winner

Now the Atlantic Bridge gets wings: Dr. Thomas Enders (45), Chief Executive at the European aerospace group EADS, is the new chairman of the association. America friend Enders studied in Los Angeles, Succeeds Dr. Arend Oetker after five years. The nonpartisan Atlantic Bridge e. V. is made since 1952 for the friendship between Germany and the USA. BILD says: Good luck! image October 1, 2005:

winner

Three high honors in two months for Michael Otto (62): Only the Bertelsmann Prize of Youth Development, the Environmental Award in 2005 and now in New York, the Vernon A. Walters Award-the "Atlantic Bridge". 54,000 employees of the largest shipping company in the world can be proud of their boss. IMAGE thinks: Otto - I find good! image 10 October 2005:

winner

It builds bridges between Germany and America. For that gets Dr. Beate Lindemann today the Order of Merit First Class in Berlin. The vice chairman of the association "Atlantic Bridge" has called, among other things, an exchange program in place that allowed a one-year stay in the US since 1990, more than 3,000 East German high school students. IMAGE thinks: Credit where credit is due. image of 15 May 2007:

winner

In the negotiations on German unity between the victorious powers of World War II and the two German states Condoleezza Rice played (52) 1990 a crucial role. For that gets the current US Secretary of State on May 31, the Eric M. Warburg Award from the Atlantic Bridge e. V. awarded. The laudation will be former Chancellor Helmut Kohl. IMAGE thinks: Price is Rice! image from 1 July 2009:

winner

Honorable task for Friedrich Merz (53): The pugnacious politician is the new chairman of the prestigious Atlantic Bridge. Merz takes over the office of Airbus CEO Enders. The Atlantic Bridge is a coalition of business leaders, including promoting politicians in Germany and the US with the aim of the German-American friendship. IMAGE thinks: top man for a top job!
image June 30, 2010:

winner

The old and new chairman of the Atlantik-Brücke's Friedrich Merz (54). Of the lawyer and economist was yesterday on of the Meeting of the Association re-elected with a large majority. The Atlantic Bridge is since its foundation in 1952 for the German-American friendship one. IMAGE thinks: Bridge Builders!

One could go on and continue the listing. Even more interesting is when you look at photos.

27 February 2009 reported *image* about on page 2, with photos on a statement of the Atlantic Bridge from Mumbai. These were printed from a photo. But it was not the entire group photo. The man on the far left on the original photo is Kai Diekmann, editor in chief *image* - Newspapers, member of the Atlantic Bridge. But that was for *image* cut out. 283

> Note

As

see you as readers such "coincidences"? By the way, Kai Diekmann is by no means

the only Atlanticist in the executive suite of *Image*. And today's Deputy *image* - Chief Editor Bela Anda, formerly sometimes even head of the Federal Press Office, once known in an interview that he was a member of the Atlantic Bridge. 284

> Note

But how did the *Berlin newspaper* one

Report on the power of the Atlantic Bridge under the heading "The contacts date back to the White House ":

Government spokesman Bela Anda duzt she and *image* editor in chief Kai Diekmann also. Former Chancellor Helmut Kohl likes to be photographed with her and the former US President George Bush, the elder, calls them binding "Dear Beate." Beate Lindemann is not a politician, she does not have a business enterprise and is not a publisher, and yet it is often at the side of the powerful: Beate Lindemann is the managing deputy chairman of one of the most influential networks of the Republic, the Atlantic Bridge. Founded in 1952, it is the top priority of Atlantic Bridge to maintain the German-American friendship and consolidate. 285 > Note



At the end of this chapter you can hardly help but still the impression that octopus-like organizations with questionable intelligence close as the Atlantic Bridge, in its Management Board *image* - Chief Kai Diekmann sitting 286

> Note . to put it mildly, have an impact on our media.

"Quality journalism None: Journalists as lobbyists" - That's what the journal *Meedia* the activities of the organization. And asks: "Journalists opinion can not be prescribed by the readers - but perhaps organizations"? 287 > **Note** From journalists to propagandists, it is obviously not far away.

Undercover power: Classic propaganda techniques

Previously mentioned scientist Uwe Krüger wrote his doctoral dissertation on the influence of elites on German journalists. Krüger indicates the networks of the important people in business, politics and journalism. map instead of an open marketplace of ideas, represented certain journalists therefore often the positions of the rulers. Krüger says in an interview with Michael Voregger:

I myself was a journalist and was fed at the university with lofty ideals - independence, criticism and control. When I was medienjournalistisch worked then might therefore reports on journalism and journalists, I came across a secret conference - the annual Bilderberg conference. There, politicians, the military, business leaders and journalists from North America and Western Europe meet. About this conference very little was known, the journalists present did not report it. For me, a search for clues to what is actually running in the background began. 288 > Note



When asked how close journalists are the elites of our society and which media have particularly good contacts, the scientist replies:

I have recorded across the board Elite contacts of journalists. There were 64 journalists who were involved in 82 organizations, where elites from politics or economics involved. Particularly stood out the networks of four foreign policy journalists: the foreign policy department head of the Süddeutsche Zeitung, Stefan Kornelius, the editor of

Foreign policy of the FAZ, Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger, the Chief correspondent in the world, Michael Stürmer, and the co-editor of Time, Joseph Joffe. The clubs were involved and confidential rounds in foreign policy and security think tanks, US and NATO affinity in which they partially always met the same people. 289 > Note



Krüger confirmed statements that might have been previously well-thought conspiracy theories, says about:

There is obviously a high individual benefit for journalists: Background information, orientation, exclusive contacts, high-level interviewees. but I see only a limited benefit for readers and viewers. Who do not get the knowledge so in the form of reports and reports from this background circles conveys, but the knowledge and the perspective of the elites. The flows in the comments and editorials, which are believed that they were written by independent and critical journalists. This can also be absolutely counterproductive if journalists

integral part of confidential policy planning processes are over which they mention to undertake. Because elites create tensions in the world in the confidential setting and reach a consensus before the public debate can even begin. but the journalist's lawyer to the public. 290 > Note



Scientists Kruger says that certain journalists and media have moved away from their control function:

The closer they get to those in power and decision-makers, the further they move away from criticism and supervision. The proximity is usually bought with conformity. So you have to discuss how big should be the distance between journalists and elites. we want our largest and most influential media have a heavy list towards the elites, or do we want more neutral observer, critic and checkers - but may not always have the hottest indiscretions and latest insider information from the elite milieu? 291 > Note



Kruger speaks in the interview of a "partisanship" of which he investigated journalists and points out that such a reputable newspaper *New York Times* have a paragraph in their code of ethics, according to which journalists are allowed to engage in organizations not unfold even news worthy activities or related to politics and business. Kruger says: "You can not sit on advisory boards or boards of trustees. You may only engage in journalistic training. This is a purity that I would like to see enshrined in Germany. "

Albrecht Müller, former head of planning at the Federal Chancellery, has studied the above statements of Kruger carefully and analyzed. He speaks of the "US-nah organized Gleichschaltung important key media" in Germany. 292

> Note The influential Müller asks:

It is important to clarify the organized direct connection of many media. It is important to shake in this way the credibility of these media. (...) Therefore, the heartfelt plea: Clarify over the dependence of many German media by the rulers and a military-oriented ruling ideology, which in fact always has a domestic political and socio-political side. Provide the name. For the current agitation is not nameless. It is organized by people and carried. The credibility of these persons must be shaken in Mark. 293 > Note



The following is a table of names of influential German journalists who were involved in transatlantic oriented foreign and security policy elite organizations or are. This table is an excerpt from the book by Uwe Krüger (see there the pages 119-122):

medium	Surname	Organization in which the journalist between n 2002 and 2009 involvied was
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TIME	Josef Joffe	American Academy in Berlin American Council on Germany American Institute for Contemporary German Studies Aspen Institute Germany Atlantic Bridge Bilderberg Europe's World Goldman Sachs Foundation HypoVereinsbank International Institute for Strategic Studies' International Politics "Munich Security Conference" The American Interest "Trilateral Commission
TIME	Matthias wet	Atlantic Bridge Bilderberg
TIME	Marc Brost	Atlantic Bridge
Southgerman newspaper	Stefan Kornelius	American Institute for Contemporary German Studies Federal College for Security Studies German Atlantic Society German Council on Foreign Relations 'International Relations' Körber Foundation Munich Security Conference
ZDF	Claus Kleber	Aspen Institute Germany
ZDF	Peter Frey	Federal Academy for Security Policy Körber Foundation
IMAGE	Kai Diekmann	Atlantic Bridge
FAZ	Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger	Atlantic initiative Federal College for Security Studies Institute for European Politics Munich Security Conference Trilateral Commission
FAZ	Günther Nonnenmacher	Center for Applied Policy Research German Council on Foreign Relations International Institute for Strategic Studies International Politics Valdai Discussion Club Walter Rathenau Institute
FAZ	Frank Schirrmacher (d. June 2014)	Herbert Quandt Foundation M100 Sanssouci Colloquium
WORLD	Michael Stürmer	German Council on Foreign Relations European Council on Foreign Relations German British Forum conference Valdai Discussion Club Munich Security

The persons named were woven according to the revised version of the doctoral thesis of Uwe Kruger ("controlling influence") in recent years in several ways with the above institutions, such as membership in associations, advisory board or board of trustees or, for example by taking part in conferences, press conferences or confidential conversations.

Basically, the media scientist Kruger noticed that the FAZ

Journalists are among the most wired opinion leaders in Germany. Co-editor Nonnenmacher (politics) is number 3 in the list, FAZ foreign policy chief Frankenberg at No. 5 and who died in June 2014 FAZ co-publisher Schirmmacher (feature) at No. 9, while ex-Chancellor and time co-editor Helmut Schmidt only in 15th place can be found. 294 > Note

FAZ publisher Günther Nonnenmacher is about in the official lobbyists Parliamentary Register ("Lobby list" 295 > Note) up guide the Organization »German Council on Foreign Relations" (DGAP). According Lobbypedia and in the self-representation of this organization is part of the Lobby network of *Transatlantic Policy Network*. 296

Lobbypedia writes: "The *Transatlantic Policy Network* (TPN) is a lobbying organization of major European and American companies as well as business-oriented networks that affected by the integration of European and US politicians transatlantic policy in terms of their economic interests. There is a network of its network members. " 297

Both federal perspective as well from the perspective of Lobbypedia the FAZ publisher Nonnenmacher is active (DGAP himself denies being a lobbying organization) So, in my view, in a lobbying organization. 298

Because it can not surprising that the FAZ and lobby organization DGAP as of course, common events perform. On the homepage it says: "The DGAP Forum Frankfurt in 2010 at the initiative of our board members Herbert J. Scheidt and Prof. Dr. Günther Nonnenmacher founded. Under the name > DGAP dialog < Forum organized in close cooperation with the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* and Bank Vontobel high-profile events in the premises of the FAZ. " 299 > Note

Among the lobbyists in the house FAZ also includes foreign policy chief Klaus-Dieter Frankenberg, who in 2008 was rewarded for his transatlantic coverage with the media award of Steuben-Schurz-Gesellschaft (on the website states that he "had encouraged the German-American understanding" 300

Frankenberg also sits on the advisory board of the Atlantic Initiative of the journalistic profession role, only to be an observer. 302 > Note

The organization is itself also performed by the Bundestag in the "lobby list". 303 > Note FAZ foreign policy publishers Nonnenmacher and FAZ foreign policy department head Frankenberg are therefore in my view lobbyists. One could draw the conclusion from this information that they pursue certain interests of an elite network. And now read once, bringing the FAZ advertises in the self-portrait: "Since its inception in 1949, the FAZ attaches great importance to their independence." 304 > Note More and more readers turn this kind of "independence" back. The once renowned FAZ loses any case rapidly in popularity, and long-time readers order the tendentious sheet just starting. Fewer and fewer people want to spend on this kind of "journalistic quality" nor money. 305 > Note The proximity to

influenced the networks of the elite

yes possibly the

Reporting.

One of the most important questions in the investigation of Kruger is: the connectedness Flips with the elites of the top journalists Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger (FAZ), Stefan Kornelius (*Süddeutsche*) Josef Joffe (*Time*) and Michael Stürmer (*World*) also reflected in the coverage? Kruger says:

Yes, with this thesis of the "cognitive collection" of journalists by elites, I also started working. And as I of the four examined the article, I realized actually: The journalists were all in line with the elites and even used classic propaganda techniques. 306

> Note

Journalists from FAZ, *Süddeutsche time* and *world* So use according to the findings of the scientist "classic propaganda techniques". Hide does that fit with freedom of the press? And Kruger still calls all other juicy details for the past:

There was a foreign policy department head, who was sitting in the presidium of the German Atlantic Association, a lobbying organization for NATO in my investigation. And there were foreign policy department head and a ZDF Capital Studio Head,

the the advisory board the Federal Academy For sat security policy and there advised the federal government on security issues. When that no longer would if such honorary positions for journalists would be declared taboo, then much would be gained. 307 > Note

As one would still like to know who it ignored the ethical offered safe distance between journalism and elites. So who is the foreign policy department head, who was sitting in a lobbying organization of NATO? It was, according to Kruger Stefan Kornelius, foreign policy chief of the *Southern Germany*. 308

> Note

And who is the foreign policy department head who sat on the advisory board of the Federal College for Security Studies and there advised the federal government on security issues? According to Kruger FAZ-man Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger was the thus-incurred foreign policy department head.

An opinion wanted the journalists concerned over the scientist Kruger, who had just listed once basically how the journalists mentioned are intertwined with those groups not initially give, Kruger writes:

The four journalists, the study was made known, together with the invitation to present their point of view in separate contributions to the book release. All four have denied. 309 > Note

Kallmorgen and beans - Dubious PR experts and renowned newspapers

FAZ-man Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger was after the same information by Uwe Kruger and Advisory Board of the Atlantic Initiative, a member of the Board of the Institute for European Politics ³¹⁰ > Note and a member of the Trilateral Commission. ³¹¹ > Note I've looked at all this even more accurate. [redacted]

As lobby the lobby of Parliament is called, as originally representatives of various groups (lobbyists) reminded the deputies to the possibility of deselection and so exercised a form of control and provided benefits for certain behavior in prospect. The President of the Bundestag performs a public list, in which want to represent their interests before the Bundestag or the Federal Government all associations, can be registered. The list is publicly available as the "lobby list". ³¹² > Note

[redacted] And on this lobby list is the Institute for entered European politics. ³¹³ > Note The journalist was Frankenberger thus active in an officially conducted by the German Bundestag as lobbyists organization grouping. ³¹⁴ > Note Also plotted on the official lobby list: the Atlantic Initiative. ³¹⁵ > Note There

[redacted] the FAZ Foreign policy chief Frankenberger yes today even represented on the advisory board. ³¹⁶ > Note [redacted]

Let us look again more closely. The Institute for European Politics is in my view an advocacy of the EU, because it has a "strategic partnership" with the EU Commission. On the homepage it says: "The Institute for European Politics (IEP) is a strategic partner of the European Commission and is supported financially by it." ³¹⁷

And it is a lobbying organization that German government circles that the European "integration" - that is, the EU enlargement ³¹⁸ > Note . the yes

Population likely is not popular, will further strengthen under the guise of research and integration projects.

Which also referred to in connection with Frankenberger Trilateral Commission, which we will discuss in a separate chapter, is a private interest group finance. And the Atlantic Initiative is a controversial pro-US lobby group ³¹⁹

[redacted] > Note . co-founded by the owners of the PR agency and consulting beans Kallmorgen & Partner. ³²⁰ > Note [redacted]

Let's look at the two founders of the Atlantic Initiative, a little closer to. Dear Mr. Kallmorgen headed in the self-representation "by the end of 2007, the Transatlantic Relations Program at the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP). After graduating in history and political science, he completed a master's program in international relations at the *Georgetown University* in Washington, DC. During this time he has worked for various consulting firms and the World Bank. From 2000 to early 2003, Sachs & Co. He was at Bankhaus Goldman, active. Kallmorgen is a member of the Young Leaders Program of the Atlantic

Bridge e. V. ". 321 > Note

The former Goldman Sachs investment manager Kallmorgen is, according to *LobbyControl* Also lobbyist "a lobbying platform for financial investors and hedge funds," the "at the same office address as beans Kallmorgen and partners trades". 322 > Note

Also love Mr. Bean "is the founder and honorary board of the Atlantic Initiative. He studied at the *Georgetown University* in Washington, DC (Master of Science), and received his doctorate at Oxford in international politics. After working among others for the American think tank CSIS, the German Bundestag and the Bertelsmann Foundation, he worked as a press secretary of provincial party and speechwriter for the Federal Minister of Education and Research. " 323 > Note

According to data from *LobbyControl* operates another of Kallmorgen and beans founded lobbying organization "a dirty form of lobbying (...), in which it sells itself as something it is not: It sells itself as a mainly supported by scientists and members of civil society non-profit initiative, but is in fact the invention of a lobby agency; it deceives the public about its true objectives and its members; and "ultimately remains unclear how it is financed. 324

> Note

To summarize: The Atlantic Initiative was therefore established leader of people who certainly - expressed extremely polite and careful

- controversial are: There are, according to *LobbyControl* unclean working lobbyists who have misled the public in the past in their lobbying on their true goals. And by using media.

The Swiss magazine *balance* In 2011, reported under the heading "journalists in the service of PR agencies" about how the prominent newspapers FAZ and *Southgerman newspaper* - independent of the Atlantic Initiative - from Kallmorgen and beans from their PR carts have had tension. 325

> Note As it is, a new study put the conclusion that article of FAZ and *South German* "The doctored message of a public relations firm widespread." He was referring Kallmorgen, beans and their lobby networks. It continues to uncritical copying renowned media from the PR agency: "The Posse shows how easy it is to journalists of PR firms harness for their own purposes," Kallmorgen and beans have been warned already in 2011 because of their misleading appearance from PR advice. , 326 > Note And present "dubious" organizations as a "charitable initiatives" to generate consulting assignments. Equity rather than the common good. A disreputable business model. 327 > Note

And the FAZ foreign policy chief Frankenberger sits at a set up by such lobbyists organization that is listed in the lobby register of the Bundestag of the Atlantic Initiative, the advisory board. 328 > Note He feels obvious (as well as his colleagues called to other clubs) in the environment of lobbyists organizations well. Albrecht Müller, former head of planning at the Federal Chancellery says about such journalists: "The proximity to the elites and

to their political orientation pays off for the career of these journalists. "They were" successful career "thanks to their ideological orientation and its links with the powerful circles of the elite. 329 > Note



Reminder: The former head of planning at the Federal Chancellery speaks with such journalists of the "US-nah organized Gleichschaltung important key media" in Germany. 330

> Note

So if you are once again the *Frankfurter Allgemeine* or other supposedly reputable media ahead of them - then you know what may be thought of some reports: Classic propaganda techniques in line with the elites. Since journalists are mentally apparently co-opted by the elites.

A serious company would probably dismiss journalists, where here shown linkages would known and detectable without notice. Why this does not happen, is understandable easy: The person responsible for this in the executive suite to sit even in the obscure networks and would also need to be equal to itself sign the dismissal. They applaud the felt so yet. As for "information" paying citizens to get up there in front of more than kidding.

Obama Trolls:

The fifth column of the USA

Supposedly we have in Germany so a wide range of newspapers, television stations and other media with different opinions. From far right to far left. The journalists are independent of the objects and the people they report. Only the objective truth committed. And the reality? The truth is that freedom of expression is apparently only simulated.

Since the end of World War II, the US lobby organizations have metastasized masse on German soil. As a result, more and more frequently ministers owe their careers to the protection by US-rope teams in the German governments. And the journalists are from the US lobbying organizations, as we have seen and will see recognized mentally.

In 2014, I read in the prestigious *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* following passage of alleged evil people who lie to the public every day and cheat:

An article critical of the government Russian newspaper "Novaya Gazeta" reported six months ago about having an "agency for Internet Studies" in St. Petersburg offers 650 francs per month and free food for persons on the Internet regularly comments in the sense of the Kremlin write. The operators of the agency would come from the environment Kremlin youth organizations loyal ... 331 > Note



This moves. That's close. The evil Russians in the Kremlin to pay young people that this propaganda for the Russian government on the Internet. A scandal. Since poor Russians free meal and a few euros get in return for propaganda. Something is spreading as a message like wildfire around the supposedly free world. This meanness. But wait: What about

those countless German journalists who - willingly make propaganda for pro-American organizations, for companies or for politicians - against favors? Why is this not a scandal, but "of course"? Almost all pro-American or intelligence-related organizations mentioned in this book have blogs on which German journalists write regularly. And the same journalists find themselves then often with pictures in invitations organizations feast - that is something other than the mentioned above for the Russians "free meal"? And this Party line journalists often get invitations to travel to the United States. And there they are allowed to hold (paid) talks. As we come full circle. There is not the slightest difference to that message from the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, about which one so easily turns up his nose at the first reading. So it is with purchased coverage - they are available in East and West. Only she is with us now so "normal" and widespread that we no longer perceive and take for granted.

But the *Süddeutsche* offers us there's a special treat: You wrote an article about "Putin's trolls" in June 2014 over alleged propaganda from Russia in the German media. It says: "Hundreds paid manipulators try the world's opinion in social networks and in comment areas as well as in *sweet ddeutsche.de* influence within the meaning of the Kremlin. " 332 > Note when reading the article, one gets the impression among the commentators on the online portals German quality media are for the most part loyal to Moscow and Moscow controlled agents of influence. So when an Article is an unwanted comment, that was supposed to be the fifth column of Moscow. Uh - like now? The extended press office of NATO writes in the form of German journalists. And also spread in the *Sueddeutsche* tendentious pro-American articles. 333

> Note The latter has been scientifically proven in a Munich and Leipzig a study. And the fifth column of Moscow then countered in the comment column among items? No, this is not scientifically proven, because the *Süddeutsche* cites in this quirky assessment mainly on rather anonymous sources. To the mentioned article presented the

Süddeutsche then also just as an illustration of a propaganda photo of the organization "Reporters without borders" on the Russian President Putin was shown with a raised "middle finger". should be suggested to the unbiased reader of *Sueddeutsche* well that Putin give a damn about freedom of the press scissors. was forgetting to point out who is funding these "Reporters without Borders" and for whom they are working: Behind were in the past, for example, the US State Department and the US billionaire George Soros. 334 > Note The mission of Reporters Without Borders, the newspaper said *Junge Welt*, is probably mainly pro-American disinformation. 335 > Note

All this is from the *Sueddeutsche* concealed. It reminded me reading to the already mentioned in this chapter "classic propaganda techniques". You feel there as ordinary citizens like being on the playground. or else fooled. Before we forget: According to information of the whistleblower Edward Snowden British intelligence can manipulate the content on the Internet at will. So that do not hackers, but the state, a European "democracy". The even changed survey results on the Internet. Earlier it was considered something of a conspiracy theory. And today it is reality. The programs can change votes and number of clicks on the network, but also censor videos. The journalist Glenn Greenwald describes the programs as "some of the most amazing methods of propaganda and deception on the Internet". 336 > Note Now the British Secret Service is a partner of the US services. And what the British in this area can 337

> Note . the Americans can do better. Not only can it make it too. 338 > Note They censor and manipulate especially comments on the Internet. 339 > Note And has this mass surveillance, as always in history, only one goal: eliminate political opponents. 340

> Note Uh, what? called the *Süddeutsche* Americans which such

perform manipulations on the Internet, now the future "Obama trolls"? Or to rush just more than a fifth column of US unilaterally against "Putin trolls"?

The spirit Rockefellers - the Trilateral Commission

The membership of elite private associations for private citizens basically legitimate. Even when it comes to organizations that belong to them exclusively influential, very influential people. Remarkable

is in only that in the Public is so little known about the existence of such compounds. This gives conspiracy boost. And you then also wonders what's journalists have to look in certain organizations the power elites.

Among the most important organizations of the Western power elite is next to the Bilderbergers undoubtedly the Trilateral Commission. Founded in 1973 under the aegis of David Rockefeller, they may be considered another mysterious offshoot of the Bilderberg Group. ³⁴¹ > Note



The Trilateral Commission, according to the Belgrade international law expert Smilja Avramov, who has written a book about the organization, "nothing more than a world government in waiting. At their meetings, the current global problems are negotiated and taken to the appropriate decisions ...". ³⁴² > Note A few years ago, the destruction of Yugoslavia should have been decided on the sidelines of a meeting of the Trilateral according to information. It could be that for a conspiracy theory hold, but many experts report in the context of the Trilateral similar. For example, that the elite from the ranks of the Trilateral Commission decided to impose the financial consequences of European economic and financial crisis for European citizens. Writes, for example, the Argentine economist Adrian Salbuchi in a readable piece "Socializing losses: Trilateral takeover of Europe?". ³⁴³ > Note It is therefore in the background for many years with the Trilateral primarily about saving the super rich of this world their assets. And the mainstream media should provide with Orwellian "Newspeak" that the citizens swallow the good. The media, which then write in their senses or report would be from this perspective, nothing more than puppets of the Trilateral Commission. The Leipzig media scientist Uwe Krüger describes the Trilateral Commission as an organization in which elites their "interests" negotiate "before coming to the public." ³⁴⁴

> Note

The exclusion of the press and the public, at the meetings of Trilateral is usually explained by the fact that the members can share their ideas and insights open and free only under this condition. It's like the Mafia. Reliable information on the presentations and discussions so do not penetrate in principle to the outside. As a logical consequence precisely this secrecy leads to a myriad of speculation where appropriate skepticism, however, is contrary to spend. The aforementioned Belgrade international law expert Smilja Avramov says, for example about the Trilateral Commission:

Global Governance, incidentally, means for the Trilateral Commission

Governance without Governments, world domination without governments. So the world is engaged in the destruction of government functions and create more than so-called non-governmental instruments to the by directing existing governments the destinies of nations. 345

> Note

After all, one might come to the conclusion: The current crises are not random, they are deliberate. And they also be caused by obscure organizations such as the Trilateral Commission and serve the goal of the New World Order, a dictatorship of the elite.

The importance of their meeting are evidence not least the venues: 1977, the annual meeting of the Trilateral Commission was nevertheless in Germany right in the chancellor's office instead. Then-Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was still fetch chairs so those in power had all the space in the Chancellery. 346

> Note Since then, not much has changed. The annual general meeting 2013, the Trilateral Commission was held in March in Berlin. In vorderster series here in Bonn was just as it did in 1977 founder David Rockefeller. 347

> Note

2010, at the Trilateral Commission Meeting in Brussels decided that EU citizens should give more decision-making powers to Brussels. The sovereignty dismantling of nation states should lead to "economic union", so it made us later Reuters tasty. 348 > Note More decision-making power should be transferred to Brussels. Whether citizens, taxpayers, voters agree? How should they, when they are not even informed about what is being decided behind closed doors? If they do not even know what a secret, meeting organizations like the Trilateral Conference as agreed over their heads? The Lobbypedia, a project of *Lobby Control*, the Trilateral Commission calls a "lobbying organization of the business elite." 349

> Note Always

like this: FAZ foreign policy chief Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger The journalist, who noticed already in my time at the FAZ by American cowboy boots with a suit and thick cigars, is obvious even proud of

350 > Note:

on its membership at this mysterious Lobby organization of high finance. He writes in his official resume of *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*: "Since the beginning of 2001 in charge of foreign policy. Member of the Trilateral Commission." 351

> Note

FAZ journalist Frankenberger sits together in an organization with billionaire David Rockefeller, the Bilderbergers Mario Monti and Jean-Claude Trichet, the former president of the European Central Bank, next to the German- Bank chief Juergen Fitschen and the former US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, next to the former US Secretary of Defense John Deutch, next to the EX-USGeheimdienschef John Negroponte and Henry Kissinger. 352 > Note Is this the right place for a journalist who was supposed to have mainly a supervisory role after the former understanding of functioning media?

A leading German journalist at the same time be in a conspiratorial acting lobby organization of the business elite and the US billionaire David Rockefeller, how can it? And then this journalist also writes about about the occasion of Berlin's annual meeting in 2013 the organization. 353

> Note In the bottom line of the heading reads "A lighthouse there is not - or maybe" And the piece begins with the words: "shouted 40 years ago, David Rockefeller, the Trilateral Commission into being" Whether the reader suspects that this is a club member. writes about his own club?

If one looks into the FAZ archive, then there is, in my view, much reminiscent of obsequious and uncritical reporting reports from Frankenger for the Trilateral Commission and David Rockefeller. In April 2003, some began Frankenger text ("America's new playmate") with the words: "Thirty years ago, David Rockefeller had a good idea: Was it not high time to create a forum ...". And in March 2013 Frankenger began the FAZ article "troubled world" with the words: "40 years ago called David Rockefeller, the Trilateral Commission into being. She was the response of the New York bankers, patron ... ". The good billionaire Rockefeller with the good ideas, good Trilateral Commission? Do you still remember what I (and at the very beginning of this book through another billionaire Frankengers mean!) Obsequious and uncritical reporting wrote in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung: the other billionaire called Sultan Qaboos and paid Frankenger and my wonderful luxury travel, which we raved about both still long to colleagues. We had willingly "smear for obsequious and uncritical reporting in the FAZ can." The sticky proximity to elites remained evident in Frankenger. How much proximity to money and power elites, how much involvement awareness in Lobby organizations journalists allowed?

I mentioned the name of my former colleague Klaus-Dieter Frankenger in this book many times before. Not because I do not like him. On the contrary. But just because I have known him for years at close range, I realized that alpha journalists as he like a Russian matryoshka are. Meant that plug dolls, where you can always find new levels. It is believed to have finally found the last level in the hidden underground. And then comes out the next. In Frankenger it used the advisory board of the Atlantic Initiative, then the Board of the Institute for European Policy, taking part in the Munich Security Conference and a member of the controversial Trilateral Commission. but journalists should be no Matroschkas in which we no longer know, which interests they might when, where and how could affect. The Trilateral Commission is and will remain an offshoot of the Bilderberg Group. And there have just nothing to look after my personal opinion journalists.

The German sociologist Rudolf Stumberger speaks of a trend towards re feudalization in the sense of an increasingly significant expanding world of self-appointed elites and their structures, which arose in parallel alongside the official structures - other words for the phenomenon of shadow government and its aim of a comprehensive, global possible power and

exercise total control.

It is time that the public of such structures and their goals experiences. However, this must not intentionally so far to rethink having set public. And it has given the new perspectives able and willing, that "to accept the reality of these hidden organs Kraken". The Trilateral Commission is just one of many elite organizations that German executives wraps like an octopus.

Who is surprised that statements of various politicians from the industry and the press are almost identical at about the German foreign policy, which was advised to look again into the world of other elite associations for German foreign policy. There, in recent years a network has been created that is geared solely to the transatlantic relationship and NATO. The meshes of this pro-American network are now so tightly linked that no other opinion more penetrating. Differing opinions quickly as irresponsible musings and slandered as allegedly dangerous. Who deals with the networks, which is often dismissed as conspiracy theorists and insulted. *American Academy, the American Jewish Committee, the Aspen Institute, Atlantik-Brücke, the Atlantic Initiative, the German Atlantic Association, the German Society for Foreign Policy (DGAP) and the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)* of billionaire George Soros.

among the networkers in this and similar organizations and their environment or included, in particular:

Surname	first given name	organization	Beruf position.
Baring, Prof. Dr.	Arnulf	Atlantic initiative	historian
Berger, Prof. Dr. hc	Roland	Atlantic Bridge German Council on Foreign Relations DGAP European Council on Foreign Relations ECFR	Roland Berger Strategy Consultants
Brok	Elmar	German Council on Foreign Relations DGAP	MEP
<u>Brzezinski, Dr. mark</u>		Atlantic initiative	McGuireWoods
Bütikofer	Reinhard	American Jewish Committee Aspen Institute Atlantic Bridge German Council on Foreign Relations DGAP	MEP
Chrobog	Jürgen	Atlantic initiative	<u>BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt</u>
Cromme, Dr.	Gerhard	European Council on Foreign Relations ECFR Aspen Institute	Chairman, Siemens AG
Diekmann	quay	Atlantic Bridge	bild newspaper

Dohnanyi, Ph.D., of	Klaus	German Council on Foreign Relations DGAP	ehem. Ruling Mayor of Hamburg, SPD
Dombret Dr.	Andreas	Atlantic Bridge	Board Bundesbank
Döpfner, Dr.	Mathias	American Academy Aspen Institute American Jewish Committee	Springer Verlag
Enders	Thomas	Atlantic Bridge German Council on Foreign Relations DGAP	EADS
fisherman	Joschka	Atlantic Bridge European Council on Foreign Relations ECFR	ehem. Foreign Minister
Fitschen	Jürgen	Atlantic Bridge	German Bank
Frey, Dr.	Peter	American Jewish Committee	ZDF
Gauck	Joachim	Atlantic Bridge	Federal President
Genscher, Prof. Dr. hc	Hans-Dietrich	German Council on Foreign Relations DGAP	ehem. Foreign Minister
earl Lambsdorff	Alexander	American Jewish Committee Atlantic Bridge European Council on Foreign Relations ECFR Atlantic Initiative	MEP
earl Lambsdorff	Hagen	German Council on Foreign Relations DGAP	diplomat
<u>Dr. Grossmann</u>	<u>Jürgen R.</u>	Atlantic Bridge	Georgsmarienhütte
Guttenberg to Karl-	Theodor	Atlantic Bridge European Council on Foreign Relations ECFR	ehem. Defense
Holbrooke	Richard C.	American Academy	US ambassador in 1993, reinforced. 2010
Inacker, Dr.	Michael	American Academy German Council on Foreign Relations DGAP	Handelsblatt
Ischinger	Wolfgang	American Academy American Jewish Committee Atlantic Bridge European Council on Foreign Relations ECFR	Allianz SE, Chairman of Munich Security Conference
Joffe Dr.	Joseph	American Academy Aspen Institute	The time editors
Kempe Dr.	Frederick	Atlantic Bridge	The Atlantic Council of the United States
Kiep	Walther Leisler	Atlantic Bridge Atlantic Initiative	Politician
Kissinger	Henry A.	American Academy	ehem. US Secretary of State
Klaeden of	Eckart	Aspen Institute German Council on Foreign Relations DGAP Atlantic Bridge Atlantic Initiative	Daimler

Klose	Hans-Ulrich	American Jewish Committee Atlantic Bridge Atlantic Initiative German Council on Foreign Relations DGAP	Politicians, SPD
Koch-Weser	Caio	Atlantic Bridge European Council on Foreign Relations ECFR	German Bank
Kornblum	John C.	American Academy Atlantic Initiative	US Ambassador 1997 - 2001, Chairman Lazard Germany
Long	Christian	Atlantic Bridge	MP, SPD
Lindemann	Beate	American Jewish Committee Atlantic Bridge Atlantic Initiative	Executive Vice President, Atlantic Forum
Maltzahn Baron	Paul	German Council on Foreign Relations DGAP	diplomat
Maltzahn by Nina		American Academy	
Mißfelder	Philipp	Atlantic Bridge Atlantic Initiative German Council on Foreign Relations DGAP	MP, CDU
miller	Kerstin	German Council on Foreign Relations DGAP	
Murphy	Philip D.	Atlantic Bridge	US Ambassador
<u>Naumann, Dr. Michael</u>		American Jewish Committee	former. Minister of State
Nouripour	Omid	Atlantic Bridge German Atlantic Association	MP, Green
Nowak	Wolfgang	American Jewish Committee	Alfred Herrhausen Society
Oetker, Dr.	Arend	American Jewish Committee Atlantic Bridge German Council on Foreign Relations DGAP	Dr. Arend Oetker Holding GmbH & Co. KG
Oppenheim, Baron	Christopher	German Society for Foreign Relations DGAP	Oppenheim bank
Tiller, Prof. Dr.	Friedbert	Atlantic Bridge German Council on Foreign Relations DGAP	State Secretary. D.
Polenz	Ruprecht	Atlantic European Council on Foreign Relations ECFR Initiative	MP, CDU
Primor	avi	Atlantic initiative	Ambassador a. D. the State of Israel
seal	Reinhold	American Jewish Committee German Atlantic Association	ehem. MP, SPD
Sandy Schneider, Prof. Dr.	Eberhard	Atlantic Initiative German Council on Foreign Relations DGAP	Otto Wolff Director of the Research Institute of the DGAP
Summer, Dr.	Theo	German society for	former. The time

		Foreign Relations DGAP	
Teltschik, Prof. Dr. hc	Horst M.	Aspen Institute Initiative Atlantic German Council on Foreign Relations DGAP	ehem. Chairman Munich Security Conference, cabbage consultants
Vassiliadis	Michael Zissis	Atlantic Bridge	Mining, Chemical and Energy
Voigt	Karsten D. Aspen Institute	Atlantic Initiative German Council on Foreign Relations DGAP	ehem. MP, SPD
Warburg	Max M.	Atlantic Bridge	MM Warburg & Co. Privatbank
W eizsäcker of	Richard	American Academy	ehem. President
W enning	Werner	Atlantic Bridge	Bayer AG
W owereit	Klaus	American Academy	Governing Mayor of Berlin former.

When one sees such as the billionaires Rockefeller and Soros pull strings with such organizations in the background, then a much clearer. For example, the well-known left-liberal British weekly founded in 1913, *New Statesman* revealed in 2003 in a long report who the billionaire George Soros financed by him supposedly non-profit organizations entrusted with executive functions: There are often ex-employees

American secret or intelligence near Organizations or military. 354 > Note "George Soros" wrote the *New Statesman*, "One can perhaps not be called directly as fully paid CIA agents, have done as some that. But there can be no doubt that his companies and NGOs are closely involved in the US expansion. " 355 > Note Soros, Rockefeller and transatlantic think tanks have accompanied upheavals in the former Eastern bloc countries and the Middle East and North Africa mainly from making strategic and economic considerations, sometimes even kindled itself.

At the *European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)* of billionaire George Soros, the procedure is always the same: An event such as a disagreeable for its own economic interests election result is publicly denounced as manipulation or an incident such as in Tunisia - the alleged self-immolation of a vegetable vendor - be the occasion ongoing protests and demonstrations taken, organized via the new media, to the current government gives up and resigns. It is intended that such a the US sympathetic to government that meets the neoliberal economic interests Soros, comes to power.

The newspaper *Friday* wrote to Soros overthrow Machine:

However, Soros is known that he only admits his involvement in "regime changes" and revolutions when it is safe for him. If the facts created have become history, as in the case of

Solidarnosc in Poland of the eighties and its funded with hundreds of millions of dollars and long-needed overthrow of the Milosevic government in Serbia, he is then like its authorship to and boasts even so. In the case of the Rose Revolution in Georgia, where the Soros machine has just slammed and Sakashwilli brought to power with the blessing of billionaire Soros has already become a bit more cautious. In the confusion of the Egyptian power struggle and the Jasmine Revolution however, there is not a "claim of responsibility" of the self-proclaimed philanthropist with the pleasure in destruction of states and societies. 356 >

Note



And our media play in the underlying controlled press campaigns, perhaps out of pure ignorance? Let's just take a report from the journalist Peter Ries Beck, who in July 2013 about allegedly pro-European riots in Bulgaria in the *Frankfurter Rundschau* and also the *Berlin newspaper* appeared. 357 > Note It begins with the words: "Dimitar Bechev knows the situation in Sofia." And then the reader learns "Bechev works in Sofia for the *European Council on Foreign Relations* (ECFR), a European research institute with offices in Sofia, Berlin and London. "

ECFR of billionaire George Soros is so sold to the average reader as a scientific "research institute". No mention of George Soros and the demonstrations that he can rekindle his interest over ECFR. And so Bechev who works not only for the ECFR as Riessbeck claims, but the office in Sofia even forwards 358

> Note . only "from

"Sometimes even went naked interest as social scientists" on the road ". but the motives of the demonstrators in Sofia are as noble. "We are talking about real democracy," he wrote in the piece. As with the protests in the Arab world, the image of young, well-educated and supposedly totally Western-oriented demonstrators is drawn. And are required to intervene in Europe in favor of the protesters. It sounds like controlled press campaigns.

Supposedly spontaneous outbursts of indignation and popular anger are the vehicle again and again to revamp not only all States but also regions within the meaning of the US and a few billionaires. So already the previous "revolutions" in other former Eastern Bloc countries rather than the people, but an effort to former Soviet states were break out from the sphere of influence of Russia and the West (NATO) to connect. financed the revolutions of the foundations of Western billionaires such as the Rockefellers or George Soros. Soros admitted frankly one: "My foundations contributed to the regime change in Slovakia (1998), Croatia (1999) and Yugoslavia (2000) with and mobilized civil society to expel Vladimir Meciar, Franjo Tudman and Slobodan Milosevic from office." Soros' *Open Society Foundations* are among the leading players when it comes to foreign governments using popular uprisings to overthrow. The intellectual breeding ground is created in transatlantic think tanks. And alpha journalists accompany in the mainstream media, the coups and military actions from Afghanistan to Egypt, Syria and Iraq to

with Ukraine never quite sure who the people of the affected countries, but only the Washington power interests and which served some billionaires. 359

> Note

In memory of FAZ boss Schirmmacher:

Zivildienstleistender tank driver

How do you become Alpha journalist? You can get away as alpha-journalist in the German speaking just about anything - you have to lie just bold enough.

You want to succeed in life? You also want to be elite networker? Then analyze Just have life actually successful. You must then, however temporarily leave the path of utter sincerity well. Especially as a truly successful journalist. A tip in advance: Keep first of all - as needed - changing CVs ready: Where appropriate, since you claim to have done community service. And on another occasion, you were just a tank driver. They will then maybe see: At the end of it all no longer interested. Rather, they can still end up at the top and be awarded prizes.

Suppose a person of contemporary history whose name was mentioned to the fatal heart attack in June 2014 almost daily in the media and appears raised from the perspective of the average citizen now has any doubts: the longtime editor of the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* Frank Schirmmacher. I have watched its beginnings up close. We talked as a young editors lot, especially on the edge of the great editorial meetings.

If the powers of our country came together in the Chancellery, then Frank Schirmmacher was there. So how about the 60th anniversary of German Bank chief Josef Ackermann in 2009. ³⁶⁰ > **Note** What are those people who **have the** really powerful brought to the very top as Schirmmacher in a circle and seem to be exalted at first glance beyond doubt? Here we can not list all its prices, but a few from the long list: Ludwig Boerne Prize, Jacob Grimm Prize, Golden Feather - whether those who have given the awards have mitgewürdigt also the man's past it?

the bright side is mentioned in Schirmmacher today, amazingly, just yet. But the diversified rich Vita of Feuilleton- publisher in 1996 in *mirror* circumscribed about the following words:

The boundaries between truth, decorations and free invention are kongenialisch fluent in the highly gifted man. Some details are so bizarre that the FAZ editors themselves sometimes wonder if their boss may have lost at the speed of career all scales. ³⁶¹ > **Note**



I will never forget how we looked to colleagues join each other in the FAZ editorial policy, than it was then quoted here articles in

mirror appeared. It was immensely embarrassing to have a colleague over which the *mirror* continued:

So he surprised even close associates with the story that he was kidnapped as a child in Ethiopia and grew up under the eyes of men who had always been ready to kill him. And has its editor now, puzzle editors, abgeleitet community service, as he initially claimed, or he was a tank driver, as he brought in the meantime in circulation? 362

> Note

You just bring a deep breath and feel reminiscent of April 1? Please do not give up, and something more, because it is in this style continues unabated. also Schirmmacher it says:

Some fibs seem to stem from a whim of the moment. There is no other explain why Schirmmacher suddenly shows the leaves in a book with stately villas of the turn of the century on a particularly beautiful photo and this explains, in such a house he grew up. In fact, the little Frank is in a terraced house in Wiesbaden grown. However, some failures also follow clear calculus. Apparently, to curry favor with the then incumbent chief festival, he reported that one day, he had been asked by the Society of Fellows at Harvard University, to give a lecture about his Hitler book. (...) In the office of the Society of Fellows at Harvard, no one can recall that the speech was ever held in public. The prestigious club of PhD students and supporters deals mainly with the granting of scholarships. "We organize food, but no talks," explained the secretary in charge. 363

> Note

These are just some of the many bizarre statements of *mirror* - Article on the life of a man who has not taken it with the truth in his life apparently so accurate. Despite the embarrassment was that of himself

convinced Schirmmacher example, Deputy

Chairman of the Trustees of the Herbert Quandt Foundation. 364 > Note People honor the man.

It also estimated a formerly bizarre Munchausen successor at a time in which our elites are in rows on suspicion now to have falsified or plagiarized their CVs or theses. Also since Schirmmacher found incidentally in good company. The details on how to Schirmmacher at plagiarized his doctoral thesis itself and again submitted his thesis in many parts of the university as a doctoral thesis, also found in the above-cited

mirror - Items. To clarify: His behavior is also Schirmmacher environment today obviously completely normal. So that's just in our marked by a decline in values world: where our ancestors had probably brought out the red or yellow card because we repress unsightly stains on alleged crisp white west of Sauber men applaud and award prizes. Is this really the kind of journalism that we want to have? Already evident.

In the monthly magazine *Mercury* pointed Joachim Rohloff occasion of

Appearance of the book-Schirmmacher *Ego: The game of life* based grammatical numerous examples, style and content errors in
Payback gradually Schirmmacher put the words in his mouth: "Dear reader, I am damn, what a shit I set it before you, for I know that you're going to eat him." 365 > Note

[redacted]
The *Wirtschaftswoche* 2013 has overwritten a report on FAZ publisher Schirmmacher with the words: "Schirmmacher between infantilism and megalomania." 366 > Note

[redacted]
And Berlin *taz* white to report on Schirmmacher:

The Company believes reading the biographical artist whose entry about himself in the online encyclopedia Wikipedia temporarily beautified itself - about awards that were later deleted. 367 > Note [redacted]

In the many years that cited at the beginning since *mirror* - Article have passed through the civil service paid tank driver, seems at this journalist does not change anything to have. He auditioned elite networks. 368

> Note When was the evening invited with him, then it was called "Dr. Frank Schirmmacher is co-editor of the "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung <since 1994th In this position, Frank Schirmmacher established as one of the most influential opinion leaders in Germany ... ". 369 >
Note A reminiscent of Munchausen influencers who was intertwined with the elites. So you can afford as the alpha journalist just about everything. You must be able to lie only bold enough.

Buy big-name contacts? Adel destroyed

If you work at a major newspaper, then you are surrounded by interests which took a ruthless. It's often leaders of obsequious and uncritical reporting. Who writes off the statements of EU politicians who operates such obsequious and uncritical reporting as well as those that take on the press reports of political parties, associations and foundations copy & paste or ask for complacency interviews. Earlier, in the Middle Ages, was obsequious and uncritical reporting that the subjects were taught, through public events to the noble courts (weddings, births, agreements and peace treaties that have been closed). Obsequious and uncritical reporting is always benevolent. And it is selective. Times have obviously hardly changed since the Middle Ages. For example, the *Dresden News / Dresden General* reported on May 19, 1914 in typical form of obsequious and uncritical reporting:

"His Royal Highness Prince Johann Georg committed suicide on Saturday the celebration of his feast day. For this occasion, "1:00 found at HRH noon family dinner held at the Princes and Princesses of the Royal House took part.

Exactly 100 years later, it says in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* on 18 May 2014 in the policy in the short messages:

"Anton Andreas Graf von Faber-Castell celebrated on Saturday in the Franconian family castle wedding with the Australian Kate steel. About 300 guests gathered for the wedding ceremony in the Lutheran Church in Stein near Nuremberg. "

So the FAZ operates today classic "obsequious and uncritical reporting", so the publication of announcements about events of the nobility.

Nobility and journalism, do they go together? Sometimes journalists are "shopped mainly because of their good contacts." I experienced with Alexander Graf von Schönburg-Glauchau. He is the brother of billionaire 370

> Note Gloria von Thurn und Taxis and (Maya Flick allegedly 20 million after a divorce could not get along 371

> Note). When I was in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* was Schoenburg, who grew up by its own account in rather modest circumstances had a job there at the Berlin sites. Frank Schirrmacher described in the previous section, then feuilleton editor of the FAZ, once told me proudly that he had Schoenburg purchased for the Berlin side of the FAZ "". Later worked Schoenburg and I at the prestigious publishing house Gruner + Jahr. There were former FAZ man Holger Christmann and I the noble Magazine *Park Avenue* prepared. And then took a Gruner + Jahr Count Alexander on board. The media service Kress reported this:

Of Schoenburg, which was purchased by G + J, not least because of its excellent contacts (he is the brother of Princess Gloria von Thurn und Taxis) ...

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> Note

There it was again: the word "bought". a person you can buy. And its because of contacts. It is not primarily about the skills. Scientists Stephan Weichert and Christian Zabel have to Alexander Graf von Schönburg-Glauchau and its interaction with *Park Avenue* following sentences written:

The Bussi-Bussi Society, explains the social opportunism to the highest virtue, it flushes even a long overcome in journalism believed origin elite back to the surface of the media company. As the brother of Gloria von Thurn und Taxis was appointed chief editor of Society-sheet, because it seems to send back to lead prominent titles of nobility in the imprint, for example - even if the person concerned has the sheet making little idea. Too late, the publisher admitted that the designated Park Avenue boss is good most as journalistic staffage, but not as an intellectual spokesmen - which is why you fire him later ... 373

> Note



That sounds like a bit summarized: destroyed nobility. Graf Schönburg time was probably rich in ideas. The fell on to others. The media journalist Stefan Niggemeier wrote in 2011:

Six years ago, Alexander von Schoenburg was for a moment the laughing stock of the media industry. Schoenburg was then editor of a noble-intentioned new Gruner + Jahr magazine called "Park Avenue". Looking for themes and ideas he asked in the online community "A Small World" for references and offered in return fifty three-month free subscriptions. When that came out, Thomas Knüwer commented in the "Handelsblatt" -Blog (...) In our school of journalism, it was one of the top rules: "The poorest man under the sun is a journalist without a theme" Thus, "Park Avenue" is editor in chief Alexander. of Schoenburg a journalistic beggar. Literally. 374 > Note



Alexander Graf von Schönburg-Glauchau who loved reporting from the nobility, landed later in the *image* - newspaper. In 2007 he was expert at Adel *Image*. 375 > Note His attempt to outdo with alleged knowledge of the aristocracy, failed once miserably. As he described as the end of the Christmas Eve at the Windsor with the words:

The British Royals have gathered in Sandringham Castle. Its present day: morning walk or ride. At 15 o'clock all watch television, listen to the Christmas message of the Queen. 376 >

Note



That was embarrassing. Graf Schönburg did not even know that the

Christmas address the queen was not transferred on Christmas Eve, but only on 25 December. 377 > Note The noble obsequious and uncritical reporting, formerly sought to free subscriptions for ideas, knew the world of the nobility probably not really good. He also wrote about Otto von Habsburg in *image* a piece ("The man who would be emperor today" 378 > Note) with a little historical summary, which states:

Franz Joseph's son, the young Emperor Charles I, reigned for only two years, the Habsburgs were deposed.

However, Emperor Karl I was not the son of Emperor Franz Joseph. Karl was rather the son of Archduke Otto and Princess Maria Josepha of Saxony. He was heir to the throne because of Franz Joseph's only son, Crown Prince Rudolf, had committed suicide in 1889, after Franz Joseph's nephew Franz Ferdinand heir to the throne was. And who was shot in 1914 by the Serbian nationalist Gavrilo Princip in Sarajevo. And so the throne then passed to his nephew Charles I. But can this knowledge about the nobility of a noble experts *image* expect the "get brain-sore" when reading challenging books by its own account? 379 > Note

Unforgotten me his non-fiction *The cheerful Non smoking. How to stop a good mood with smoking*. Schoenburg had no problem with smoking in my presence cigarettes. He had experienced social decline. He bummed cigarettes. 380 > Note And when *image* - newspaper writes today headlines such as "change of rulers in Spain - Can Letizia Queen"? 381

> Note At the same time writes Schoenburg, head of the earlier civil magnificent house Schoenburg as *image* - author today phrases like: "Germany, the land of poets and thinkers? Ridiculous! How many times have YOU today already looked a> cow in the ass"? Or literally> your golden cock can blow "? " 382 > Note The smell of the Noble is certainly not.

The *taz* once wrote about him: "Social descend without basis to go is his secret ...". 383 > Note His sisters have married into billions and millions - and Count Alexander Schönburg may attend the *image* - write newspaper about the "golden cock" and sometimes about "Can Letizia Queen?". The *image* - newspaper had in 1995 a headline on the front page "The greedy woman flick" with a photo of Maya Flick, a sister of

image - Newspaper count. He is now even with the *image* - newspaper. The in industry jargon "all-purpose nobles" 384 > Note called Schoenburg writes in *image* today: "I was fired once at the FAZ. Compassionate and unctuous. nevertheless felt sch ... on. " 385 > Note

Whether the "general purpose nobles" Alexander von Schoenburg probably knows what he once said of his readers: "Perverse is that we will ultimately use exactly the audience we despise. Therefore we are in a closed circuit of prostitution, of course, makes such as the Happy Hooker, a lot of fun. " 386 > Note So you have to despise his audience as a writer?

Gern says Graf Schönburg that he was related to the British Queen. Which then sounded when he told me that, as I remember, as if it is switched on there and go out. Truth: The grandmother of his wife was Princess Sophia of Greece. And this is Schoenburg a grandnephew of Prince Consort Philip of Great Britain. So it's a very expansive - by marriage - relationship. As a fan of the "general purpose nobles" Schoenburg one would wish that he even writes down the secrets of the Royals.

The now retired Spanish King Juan Carlos allegedly shot his then 14-year-old brother, Alfonso, aged 18 1,956th And the police could not investigate the family drama to date. Why Alexander von Schoenburg therefore reveals not the truth when he knows the aristocracy so good? Finally, the wife of Juan Carlos, Queen Sofia, as well as the grandmother of Schoenberg Burg's wife is a native princess of Greece and also speaks fluent German. I would willingly from his in-laws relationship, Elizabeth II, also read once in German media that the lady has learned profession: it was designed for car mechanic and can fix the engines of classic cars. That's not libelous. The screwing queen, *image* read. And the Norwegian Queen Sonja made earlier dressmaking to draw beer, before she met Crown Prince Harald and married. Silvia of Sweden to work as a hostess. And Holland's Queen Maxima was born in Latin America as an illegitimate child. The gunman King Carlos to pubs expert Sonja Schoenburg could yet reveal many exciting stories, because if he actually knows the backgrounds. I wait in any case always on the *image* - headline »Adel expert reveals: So killed King Juan Carlos his brother." Or to the revelations about the true background to the many paternity suits by King Carlos. 387 > Note



One of the books of Count Alexander begins with the sentence "Je suis superflue corn irremplaçable." I am redundant, but irreplaceable. That showed us Alexander von Schoenburg 2012 with an ingenious masterpiece as he, *image* Friedrich interviewed the Great. 226 years after his death. The headline read: *image* - Interview with the "Old Fritz". 388 > Note That's what happens when you buy big-name contacts. The really important contacts you make, meanwhile, probably somewhere else.

Circles of power Bilderbergers:

Conspiracy theory or reality?

Hardly a name stands so for alleged conspiracy as the "Bilderbergers". For some, the Bilderberg meetings are informal, private meeting of influential people from the political, business, military, media and nobility. For others it is a conspiratorial group which intends to take over the world in itself. In the Bilderbergers, of which WikiLeaks has published many documents 389

> Note . applies as in

similarly oriented and discrete operating *Council on Foreign Relations*:

One should not report specific about what exactly happens there and who said what. And that's what makes it difficult for outsiders to form a neutral opinion on the group - and easy for conspiracy theorists.

there but speak the media themselves from a conspiratorial group, if they report the Bilderbergers. The BBC had the headline "Inside the secretive Bilderberg Group," "Bilderberg: The ultimate conspiracy theory" and "elite power brokers meet in secret." The *Asia Times* described the group in 2003 in the same article as the "Masters of the Universe". 390 >

Note Of the *Münchener Merkur*

reported in 2005 in the same article about a "secret meeting Mächtigen-". Of the *Ottawa Citizen* reported in 2006 "the Worlds Elite Slipe into town for secret meetings." And *CBC News* asked in 2006 whether the Bilderberg meeting an "Informal Forums or Global Conspiracy?" was.

Are the Bilderbergers so the "Masters of the Universe" - the masters of the world - such as the *Asia Times* it claimed? Anyone who even mentioned the conference in previous years, was regarded as wild conspiracy theorists. It's different today. Today, one can at least talk about the fact that they exist.

For the first time the conference was held in May 1954 at the invitation of Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands in the Hotel Bilderberg in the Netherlands. The name Bilderbergers was therefore taken over by the first meeting. The fact is that the Bilderbergers from the outset considerable financial support from both the US government and the CIA as well as from private sources over the *American Committee on United Europe* (have received ACUE) and other institutions. It is by no means a neutral organization

but a

interest-led pro-American device, which is to work behind the scenes for Washington and American interests.

The Bilderberg group is an elite circle that brings together since 1954 Topeliten from Europe and the US - business leaders and strategists meet handpicked politicians and journalists. Bilderberg is not simply about personal careers of politicians, but on the structural proximity of the elite networks. As representatives of the "people's parties" CDU and the SPD regularly at Bilderberg are. Usually take about 130 people at a

Bilderberg conference in part, with two thirds from Western Europe and one-third from North America come from. About two-thirds of the invited participants come from the financial sector, industry, universities and the media and about a third from governments or political institutions.

The organization *LobbyControl* writes to the Bilderberg meeting in 2014 in Copenhagen:

For many years, in addition to Deutsche Bank, the weekly newspaper "Die Zeit" represent the second traditional pillar of the Bilderberg Group in Germany and in the "Steering Committee" of the meeting. This year was now Mathias Döpfner of Axel Springer instead of one-time representatives there. According to the media journalist Stefan Niggemeier the time has given up her place at Bilderberg permanent. In an article on the code of ethics of the time, he wrote in March, "is allegedly

it while actually increasing

Raising awareness of issues of transparency and distance in the newsroom. One consequence is that the "time" has given up its place in the infamous Bilderberg conference, which she held for many decades had

- > Irrevocable, "as they say. This seat is now occupied by Springer CEO Mathias Döpfner. "That gets off the time

is

gratifying. That Axel Springer does not. It remains the case, the issue of Bilderberg, the media stain not in Germany with glory. We need more critical public and coverage of these conferences. For those secretive, high-level meetings play an important role in order to promote common perspectives within the elites. They stand for the problem that democratic structures are overlaid by non-transparent, informal connections. 391 > Note



2007 The media scientist Uwe Krüger wrote one of the few reports that have appeared over the Bilderbergers in Germany, with "embedded alpha journalists". Krueger writes in:

Journalistic curiosity or even educational zeal can not be felt in the mainstream media. There is evidence that does not come from nowhere. So a memorandum in 1967 known in England, where the head of the Newspaper Proprietors Association, Cecil King, his publishers colleagues to "remember" that "under no circumstances a report or even a speculation about the content of the conference" in St. Johns College, Cambridge should be printed (...) When the US activist and filmmaker Alex Jones flew to Ottawa in 2006 to document the local Bilderberg conference, he was 16 hours detained by officers from the Canadian immigration authorities at the airport (...) from a ten-hour interrogation by the German secret service at Munich airport Bilderberg author Daniel Estulin reported in Spain, when he was on his way to Rottach-Egern of 2005. Even a small hotel in Rottach-Egern, where he then stayed, had been full of intelligence.

Kruger continues:

While some journalists break down their heads to the ramparts of Bilderberg, others sit right in the middle at the five-star hotel, in a room with Government ministers and corporate executives. Questions arise: what they are doing, if they do not report it, are even sworn to secrecy? As it is not related to Hajo Friedrichs requirement to always keep a critical distance and not to make public, with a good thing? The motto "Be everywhere here, without belonging" not for Bilderberg journalists? (...) Josef Joffe, co-editor of the time, the responses to the interview request succinctly in an email: "Sorry, confidentiality is agreed and adhered to."

But not only the controversial Josef Joffe, a suit joyful party pooper 392

> Note . sat in the past with the Bilderbergers at the table. Also

Time - Chef Theo Sommer and journalists Matthias Nass (*Time*) and Christoph Bertram or publisher Hubert Burda and Springer CEO Mathias Döpfner had no fear of contact with the Bilderbergers.

Munich media sociologist and writer Rudolf Stumberger expressed about the Bilderberg conference in 2010, he had no understanding "that responsible editors about the weekly newspaper *The time* are closely already for many years with the Bilderbergers, yet like all other participating journalists never a single line on the conference report. "

It is clear that important political or economic decisions are made at the Bilderberg conferences in which democratic institutions are either not or only partially involved. So the already mentioned in this book Trilateral Commission (another pro-American lobbying organization) on the advice of Rockefeller founded at a Bilderberg conference. The introduction of the euro is, according to the Belgian entrepreneur and honorary chairman Étienne Davignon back at a Bilderberg conference. 393 > Note And in shaping the Treaty of Rome establishing the EEC the Bilderberg meetings was, according to the former US ambassador in Berlin, John McGhee to an "important role".

But the Bilderbergers are, after all, only one of many similar elite circles. In the book *The super class. The world of international power elite* David Rothkopf has with the world around 6000 global top executives from government,

international corporations,

Financial conglomerates and media busy

the by virtue of of their

highly concentrated power "basically to the planet in her hand," the key. His research is characterized by the fact that he had as a former deputy assistant secretary for international trade in the Clinton administration itself insight into these circles. In his view is clearly expressed that the Bilderberg meetings are only one of many forums, where they come together. David Rothkopf believes:

While it is very unlikely that the people who have access to these institutions ... forge secret plans to conquer the world domination; but it is highly likely that they have common interests. Both their objectives and in many cases their views on the world and how it should evolve, are similar. If they get in touch with each other, not to conspire as a group but to expand their own power through advantageous compounds.

Media expert Uwe Krüger clearly says what he thinks of close to some journalists to the Bilderbergers and the confidentiality of the conspiratorial meetings:

can be explained that a combination of factors. First, the most ordinary journalists should never have heard of Bilderberg until recently. Second, the alpha journalists with good contacts in the highest circles may have known about it, but do not feel probably confidential Elite meeting as scandalous, but as normal, and will also not risk their contacts. Third divorce journalists from the publishers Springer, Burda and Holtzbrinck than whistleblower because Mathias Döpfner, Hubert Burda and Matthias wet are (The time appears in the Holtzbrinck publishing house) Bilderbergers and no one against his own donor rolls researched. Fourth, for a good story, you need good sources. In the case Bilderberg there are no good sources: All participants have promised to remain silent, all non-participants know nothing concrete. Normative considered but Bilderberg should come into the public eye more. Because from here going "soft power", and here global elites are socialized and networked. 394 > Note



Powerful decision-makers from around the world meet every year with a few selected journalists and spend three days together foreclosed. The importance of this meeting for us citizens results from its power and decisions made and agreements that are made at such conferences. The confidentiality requirement reason to deny that it is there is only an exchange of pleasantries. All participants are persons of contemporary history, in which the public has a legitimate interest. Why their actions are therefore still deliberately concealed, is unclear.

If the meeting of the Bilderbergers therefore a meeting of the "Masters of the Universe"

- the masters of the world - as the *Asia Times* wrote? The French intellectual Thierry Meyssan, president and founder of the Réseau Voltaire and the conference **Axis for Peace**, Has more than any other deals before with the Bilderbergers and their history. He comes to a very different conclusion: The Bilderbergers are a lobby group on NATO Course, which is to influence public opinion in the pro-American sense. 395

> Note And there would then probably no business journalists.

Buy yourself a journalist - lubricated reporting

All persons named in this book deny a stickiness filzige proximity to elite organizations. They also deny to be lobbyists. They also deny themselves "corrupt by its proximity to the elite" to make. And they deny having lost as journalists with proximity to the aforementioned groups journalistic bite. They deny that the outlined near affects their reporting.

Hasso Mansfeld, a German public relations consultant, advertises on its website: "We supplement your media relations at the highest level - interviews through the mediation of placement of authored articles ... ". 396

> Note negotiating

interviews makes Mansfeld, originally trained as a gardener 397

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probably not in vain. And he is not alone. Since sitting out therefore many journalists and PR consultants who find it obvious "normal" when we report is presented in the media, which seems purchased for a neutral third party on closer inspection anyway. To me, the set of the homepage of the PR man Mansfeld that there are similar with other PR agencies acting as the invitation: "Buy yourself" What we will see a journalist, there are many Mansfeld to us citizens want to clutter up with felt-like-sticky PR. And obviously even more journalists who join the willingly. Or those PR people gain a stage. Because from the perspective of the average citizen should journalists to PR agencies, which "have written the arranging interviews" in the media on their banners, probably a wide berth. If a simple 398

Journalist as Stefan Laurin, the time for *world*

On Sunday, For Cicero > Note and also for the financially-struggling

Blog Ruhr barons 399 > Note writes in the summer of 2014 is interviewing PR Mann Hasso Mansfeld on the future of media 400

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can thus harness the PR-carts and the agency so appreciates, then you should just be careful as vigilant citizens. But you can forget the basically because it does not matter. Really devastating it is only when the important and influential mainstream media can be harnessed to carts. If politics, high finance and media makers from public

making channels and our renowned newspapers PR.

Two thirds of the media are corruptible

The publisher Axel Springer has previously paid not only good salaries its editors but gave them at Christmas: Every editor received in addition to the bonuses or a gift (a TV or the like) and a large box full of delicacies of the Hamburg delicatessen business Michelsen. And for the anniversary there was a gold coin for all employees. What did the journalists do for such gifts? An example: In February 1983, launched the *Bild am Sonntag* a smear campaign against the former SPD chancellor candidate Hans-Jochen Vogel. The newspaper "revealed" on page 1, the "Nazi past of the candidates for chancellor Dr. Bird". He was "a former Nazi cultural representative." It quickly became apparent that the alleged Nazi past of the SPD politician was the fact that he was 16 squad leader of the Hitler Youth. the so-called revelation directly from the office of Axel Springer in Berlin was controlled. Many a journalist with the Axel Springer was very happy, also got a car key to a new car. Today, the days are gone. Today, many journalists and their publishers are fighting for survival. Today, all blurred.

The German Federal Court of Justice has clarified in a decision in 2014: Purchased reports must be clearly marked with the word "advertisement" and for the reader stand formally recognized. 401

> Note In reality, this is not the case. The Business Magazine *brandeins* wrote in 2014 in huge letters on the title what it is today only "purchase, you ass." 402 > Note Journalists discuss how far should one can be bought as an editorial. 403 > Note And carry on. Quite boldly are sometimes "dossiers" and "specials". For example, from

Capital in January 2014. The theme: "Your personal pension plan." The only Advertiser: The ERGO Insurance Group. Motive: "ERGO pension guarantee" and "We advise you." The goal: to attract customers. This is more than unappetizing.

Wolfram Weimer, from 1990 to 1998, my colleague in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, dominated business with the purchased coverage today obviously perfect, according to industry experts. In 2012 he founded out the business publications Weimer Media Group and are. 404

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One of them is *Exchange on Sunday*. There is "guest posts". Advertising specialist Dr. Thomas Lever man writes ugly things about my former FAZ colleague and his product *Exchange on Sunday*, Over there:

... the "guest posts" of Wolfram Weimer medium "*Börse am Sonntag*". These are notable for particularly critical interviewing. Quote: "*BaS: ActivTrades is a successful CFD brokers. What do you think are the main reasons for the strong growth of the company, "This works in three ways: First, such contributions are paid directly (example again by the stock exchange on Sunday here 405*

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in that is the very tough number. Second, the contributions are

indirectly paid because in identical or next issue is an ad (Sorry Exchange on Sunday, again your 406 > Note the example Wikifolio) or thirdly, the contribution is not marked as "advertisement", rather than "in cooperation with".

Maybe this is even legalistic fine - ethically clean it is, in my view certainly not.

Markus Wiegand, editor of *Business journalist*, has made bad experiences with the Alpha Wolfram Weimer journalists. He writes about the authorization of a *business journalist* - title Interviews with Weimer 2014:

The conversation with the publisher and longtime top journalists Wolfram Weimer in a restaurant in the English Garden in Munich ran reasonably normally. (...) With difficulty than ever before, however, was the subsequent authorization. Weimer prolonged the conversation by one third (...), relativized several statements and grind of many formulations with the ambition of self-promotion. That was all right on the border of what is acceptable. In addition, however, the award-winning journalist went when he put hand to the exactly questions of the conversation. Question in the original: "In your last stop, the "Focus", "You have failed after a public reading type. Has your change and do on the publisher side of it, "question of the authorization Weimer"? In your last stop, the "Focus", it did not go as successful as usual for you. Has your change and do on the publisher side of it? "Weimer wanted to be out of favor in the printed version, why the sale of his publishing" "be and that the impression arises from the outside, he was now" hardly noticed in the third division " on road. Weimer found these passages "outrageously to demeaning" and changed it. This, in turn, I did not want to accept. 407 > Note



Media companies and their employees are primarily companies with business interests. In plain English: You have the aim of maximizing profits. The objective of publishers and journalists is to make money. And has the interest of making money, as elsewhere, a significant influence on the business. Whoever does so as if journalists and publishers were good Samaritans, which are primarily committed to the common good and the pure truth, which lies to himself. The also does not understand why journalists are becoming commercially available in an increasingly difficult financial time for the industry ,

Officials who accept a few euros are considered corrupt. They are prosecuted and fired. For journalists, however Bribery is, of course, so is good form. Because the more a journalist can be corrupt, the greater his chances of promotion. Who is ready to cheer the detergent slogans from the marketing departments of politics or business as a supposed "news" among the people, which can be governmental or corporate spokesman. We will get to know many examples of corrupt journalists.

Two out of three journalists in German-speaking countries are corrupt - and find it quite normal. Of 45,000 permanent employees and another 40,000 freelancers around 73 000 regularly press rebates to complete. In plain English: They demand a benefits for themselves. Another verifiable numbers: 74 percent of all German journalists can be bought willingly. 408

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On the home page of a large German journalists portal visitors are welcomed with the words: "Up to 50 percent Press off in it: The largest press Use online database to help journalists to save money: Over 1700 press rebates of airline tickets, fitness equipment, coffee machines, teddy bears up ensure market transparency for lube. Along with 10,000 tips from colleagues, Germany's largest press Use database the best advice to all press conditions. " 409

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Journalists call for such discounts active and energetic one of companies. Dominik Stawski has written about his thesis and made some astonishing statements. 410 > Note He said something like: "Me have made the accounts of the company stunned. Some spokesman told that the journalists they put pressure on literally to get a discount. This goes so far that are threatened with negative reports. " 411 > Note

The EU pays example journalists that this report positively about Brussels. Almost one million euros alone German journalists have not received secretly for it. 412 > Note To get the money, they even signed a statement of commitment, which states, among other things: "I declare that damage the image of the European Union, its policies and institutions directly or indirectly" In plain language. Critical reporting is undesirable , And the journalists report linientreu. Of course, for a fee. We live in a big theater. The piece played is called "democracy". And as we see, even the "free press" in this theater is just a well-played illusion.

It's not just about pay. Every week I get emails from PR agencies, which discretely and unobtrusively connect journalists and PR departments together. This is not forbidden, but I think it's morally wrong. I answer then never, therefore, be found by action on their part in any such database. Why am I not doing? The reader would not find it so, what PR agency me there, "helps my reports in the background." So that the reader can get an idea of such offers, I quote below just once a typical mail that I received in July 2014:

Subject: Request for inclusion in the Cision media database Ladies and

Gentlemen,

my name is ... and I work as a media researcher in the editorial board of Cision Germany GmbH, a leading provider of services for the PR industry. We currently expand our journalists database in the

Areas daily news and health and would like to include members of the (...) Editorial us. The aim of our database is to provide a thematic dialog and information exchange between to allow media representatives and PR professionals based specifically on the topics of the listed in our media, journalists and bloggers. From our customers - PR agencies, as well as small and large businesses - would receive press releases and invitations to press events and more information about your journalism. Of course, the entry is at no cost and we guarantee that the data will be made public in any way. (...) Thank you very much. Sincerely, (...) Media Researcher DACH, CISION Germany GmbH, Hanauer Landstrasse 287-289, 60314 Frankfurt / Main

When one is in such databases, so my previous experience, you get a lot of beautiful invitations. It is then courted as a journalist. And at some point you no longer remembers how to be cleverly manipulated.

Delight in favors: How to make media to heel

More and more money is no object, if journalists are to be purchased. About thirty German automotive journalists had traveled at the invitation of Volkswagen in 2008 for four days to the Olympic Games to Beijing - for up to 25,000 euros per person. The goal of VW was from my perspective bribery. "To ensure positive coverage from the media," would be invited selected journalists in August for the Olympic Games to Beijing, explained a PR man of the car company in July 2008, the in-house tax audit. The games were sponsored by VW. And the journalists were needed to recognize the duly. So corrupt, about the then deputy editor of the left *Auto Zeitung*, Walter Eschment. "" I find it very silly if you researched among journalists across Here too, the Head of goods Auto Springer-sheet: He was in Beijing this, said later to the corresponding publications about it. *World*, Stefan Anker and, not surprisingly, an employee of the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. 413 > Note

This coverage is purchased primarily to find where the citizens they certainly did not expect: in the most prestigious media. And far ahead while marching especially once regarded as the gazettes

Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. The author of this book has worked so long for the FAZ. Part of his business trips, which he on behalf of various departments FAZ

had to complete were paid

Invitation Travel by companies, governments or factions. In the Frankfurt headquarters, it was suggested to me as FAZ journalist at that time that it was, of course, to assume, for example, paid invitation travel and then to compose paeans to the inviter. In my 17 years at the FAZ those were - in retrospect - dubious methods everyday. I've seen it with many colleagues that.

It seems since my resignation changed to have nothing. 2012 about the headline *Focus*: "FAZ had himself invited ThyssenKrupp to travel more expensive." The report states: "The steel group ThyssenKrupp has apparently journalists invited to luxury trips with a rich leisure program. Embarrassing, embarrassing: The renowned FAZ did invite himself - a little later a well-meaning article appeared." 414 > Note Thus flew the FAZ editor in ThyssenKrupp corporate jet from Dusseldorf to Munich, then in the Lufthansa **First Class** to Beijing. There, the reporter will be housed at the expense of ThyssenKrupp in 5 star hotels. Cost of the trip, which ThyssenKrupp has taken for the FAZ man: reportedly about 15 000 euros. Of the *Germany radio* later reported that it was not just been about to get a complacency article in the FAZ, but to bind the FAZ journalists permanently and to make docile. In a report of the *Germany Radio* is the *world* - Journalist Jörg own village to the venality of the FAZ by ThyssenKrupp quoted as saying: "Honestly

said: It's impossible to report it. Is not that, do what it takes. The aim here is to create a close connection to create an accessible and to bring journalists in a boat from which the journalists can not get out themselves. It creates this certain dependencies and bringing the journalists who work in a position that makes him difficult to act unpleasantly behind and unpleasant to report. " 415

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The FAZ was later accordingly announced, she found all perfectly normal. The FAZ stated therefore that the independence of the newspaper is preserved, regardless of whether the editors now annahmen invitations or not. 416

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Statement did not surprise me. Finally, I have not seen it there in the house FAZ different. One of my first trips abroad on behalf of the FAZ I had made in the 1980er Jahren to Namibia and South Africa - funded for the FAZ by the then apartheid regime. One of the next luxury travel to southern Africa on behalf of the FAZ editorial policy was funded by the Association of the South African gold industry, so it went at short intervals. Even by Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, the FAZ was inviting in the summer of 1988 and sent me as proirakischen rapporteur to the battlefield to the Iraqi-Iranian border exactly where in July 1988 Iranians were gassed with German poison gas. I mean: from luxury travel in five-star hotels to gassings on the battlefield ranged paid invitations, where my superiors had no qualms strike. Just so there are in some readers no doubt that there were actually invitations for consideration of a gassing on a battlefield: you can not just go there as a tourist to the war regions. They were already well organized invitations.

Media professionals are clear a especially greedy Population. The intrinsic value seems to be an integral part of one's thought. A Daimler-Chrysler employees reported: "If we make a test car for a month available to a journalist, even come complaints that he can drive a half year trial basis it is not equal." 417 > Note Greed-is-cool journalists access because like

to. "As automotive journalist one must be stupid to buy a car" - Sun quoted a study by *Transparency Germany* the lawyer Franz Danner, a former marketing manager of Mazda. 418 > Note Whose work provides insights into the lobbying of a car company with the target group of journalists. In the car journalism it is customary to order new test car again. Danner was partially awarded the vehicles until the next model change to journalists as a test car. Presentations of new models are often only been the "facade for luxurious trips to charming places," says the study. He had, for example, organized test drives in Vienna. The participating journalists were equal to the cards for the visit of the Vienna Opera Ball and a tailored tuxedo with it. Danner was in 2013 for aggravated breach of trust of the sixth

Trial Chamber of the Cologne Regional Court. He should not only have bribed many journalists, but Mazda also cheated out of a total of 41 million euros. 419 > Note In the process he has expressed openly, such as dealing a car maker with journalists looks. »Media Landscape Management" is called. As these media influence has appeared, it reports the

Berlin newspaper. 420 > Note "My job was," said Danner, to ensure "that were possible written positive reviews about the cars and sent". And that meant in detail: 421 > Note

To "pleasant tune the car journalists," there were loud Danner a relatively simple formula: "Super Destination, great hotel, great service, great gifts," the PR expert says. A German automotive concern about've invited again to present a new car to Sardinia. As I stood by at the airport then a private jet for 40 people, the journalists were housed in an expensive hotel on the Costa Smeralda. Other companies would go to Cape Town, the idea of a new model connected to the drive through the desert to Namibia. "The more attractive the Vorstellungsort, the better the press," says Danner.

Approximately ten such events to Mazda, according to Danner, who organized for auto journalists. As lived there knows the former PR man dramatically to describe:

"Every auto journalist could drink in the five-star hotels, the minibar empty, at the bar of champagne to the hilt, all the services offered by such a hotel, take our money to complete." 422

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The annual budget for the PR department of Mazda's European headquarters in Leverkusen came in at 15 to 16 million euros. Expenditure on the targeted modulation of journalists were subject to a simple calculation:

"We had a very simple calculation: The average journalist is priced at our events three to five thousand euros. Bring it had the equivalent of 15 000 euros. We've always done." 423

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Whether this business objective has been achieved, Danner people even measured it in the Mazda PR Department: How many centimeters took a car article in a newspaper one, how many seconds were shown a vehicle on TV, how big it was reported on the Internet?

"If you consider what cost an ad in newspapers or even commercials on TV, the journalistic report of a car despite the average event cost around two million euros was downright cheap." 424 > Note

Additional positive effect of such influenced reporting was that

journalistic articles appear much more credible than pure paid advertising - even though they are in reality nothing else.

The Mazda Group declined to comment on details and went to his own admission assume that Danner "all the measures in compliance with our Code of Conduct" have. It is also striking is how little about the Danner process and the associated detection journalistic practices. Danner said the process also:

"There was a practiced culture of looking away", and continued: "Everyone knew that it was my job to keep the journalists by all means happy. And that means you did not want to know so exactly in detail. " 425

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For many years now have German Topjuristen out that corrupt media authors threatened in Germany no penalty. "We must ask ourselves whether we want to change, finally, that journalists act outside the law," about the famous Korruptionsstrafrechtler Professor warns Dr. Ulrich summer. And the Frankfurt public prosecutor Michael

Loer (Ladder of the corruption department at of the Focus prosecutor for economic criminal matters) warns on the basis of continued unsatisfactory legal situation: "Credibility can not securitize law, but this has to judge the ethics, but it sure would more corruptive practices to light." 426 > Note

now a trend towards us who has been attracting attention from the USA: Buy yourself a journalist. On the website spot. us 427 > Note hit users from (mostly corporate) media issues and pay openly for reporting. »Community funded reporting" called the Yes, the model is in all seriousness. Buy yourself a journalist.

Also in Germany the line between journalism and PR is becoming increasingly blurred. In a technical working on marketing it means that there is always more often give a "win-win situation":

Product PR and journalism are always in a win-win situation if there is on both sides of a publicity interest. Product PR that is not always in the provider role, may finally again resorting point to the example of "auto" where daily tabloids like to vie for the first publication of so-called "Erlkönig- photos." It may

in the double word the meaning of a "" Win-win situation be secretive spoken, for a part of mutual contacts takes place backstage of personal relationships and to "secretive places"; is concealed in the journalism debate also a win-win situation, perhaps because journalists back in product coverage in the role of intermediaries and thus a partisan impression that does not fit easily into traditional journalistic role models. 428 > Note

Journalists are therefore increasingly becoming "intermediaries". Whether citizens the

guessed?

Now a crow the other no eye peck. And that's why this book will probably quickly become object of hate an entire industry. Just as a doctor in accordance with the prevailing able Think not allowed to talk about doctors botch and is in infringement outcast among colleagues, a journalist should always turn a blind eye firmly, when it comes to lubricated reporting and those slime trails that journalists like in the closest orbit of our leave a supposed "elite". German journalists do extremely heavy with self-criticism. This is evidenced by the study "Zimperlieschen? As German journalists criticism circumvent "the Erich Brost Institute for International Journalism at TU Dortmund. 429

> Note Around 1,800 journalists from twelve European and two Arab countries answered questions about self-criticism and self-control in their everyday work. The result: a third of German respondents never or almost never criticized colleagues themselves, conversely, two-thirds are never or almost never criticized by colleagues. This is like an iron rule: handing insert without.

Wirtschaftswoche - Editor Sebastian Matthes has broken this iron rule once. He wrote in his blog:

About doctors and the luxury travel financed by pharmaceutical companies has been much discussion in recent years. Never reporters traveling German specialist reporters to Miami, Barcelona and Dubai, where automakers sometimes imagine the facelift known models. is flown certainly at least business class and usually at the expense of the automaker. That many auto journalists have long No wonder Senator status at Lufthansa. (...) If doctors are not allowed to be invited to presentations of new painkillers on Pacific islands because their decisions could then be influenced in drug choice, how can journalists in terms of its Miami travel remain objective? Also Stories senior editors of large leaves, which can come from the hotel's car editor a Porsche over the holiday weekend, you can hear. (...) In fact, we need to talk much about all this. (...) Why is it barely spoken? Because it affects so many. 430

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The corruption of journalists is a secretive side of an entire profession. The other is the secretive proximity to power. Almost all renowned German media have, as we have already seen, had close ties to the upper echelons of politics and business. 431

> Note Their customers - us citizens - they conceal the good reason.. Because they are corrupted from this side. In the end, comes out, which has met with more and more citizens to reject: bought and manipulated disinformation, which serves only the interests of a small clique.

But everything is much more devastating. Even the advertising departments of media companies offered their customers in secret talks in the past, for a fee on the extent and choice of theme

Reporting to influence. 432 > Note From the SPD belonging *Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung (WAZ)* up to today to *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* belonging *Frankfurter Rundschau (FR)* could advertisers thus take on reporting at least in the past immediate impact. A separation of journalism and advertising business is therefore often pure fiction in reality. Andreas Eickelkamp, lecturer at the Free University of Berlin, says, for example in regard to the Bauer publishing:

When Bauer publishing there were many cases of surreptitious advertising, especially in the low-price women's magazines. There, especially pharmaceutical companies have made to the editorial coverage influence. was reprimanded several times by the Press Council. This is how a prototypical example of weak editors of a publishing house. It is precisely the pharmaceutical industry is subject to particularly strict advertising guidelines - and if they then still manages to sneak into editorial texts, which is a clear indication of a bad publishing culture. 433 > Note



Earlier, the media world was still divided straightforward and clear. Since there was PR agencies, which contributed lobbying. And there were journalists who were required that certain principles. Today these borders merge or fused long time. It says about the *medienforum*: *that the proximity between public relations and journalism increases, is hardly noticed by the public. A long time ago*

for example, provide

Major publishers except journalistic products and PR magazines. For example, the publishing house Gruner + Jahr operates corporate publishing in the form of customer magazines for the German Railways (DB mobile) and Volkswagen AG (VW magazine). Given this close is not exactly easy for the editors of journalistic titles the publisher a critical distance from Deutsche Bahn and Volkswagen. 434 > Note



Who compiles such facts, which is the bearer of the message quickly to the enemy. As was revealed by the example of an exclusive safari trip how corrupt some media houses, there were legal threats reported a media portal:

*On a safari in South Africa in March 2011, journalists from the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, the *Tagesspiegel*, *NRZ* and the *Rheinische Post*. "The trip has the expected background information about the company provided" accounted *Tagesspiegel* editor in chief Andreas Stephan- Casdorff to the world on Sunday. The other newspapers argue similarly. The *SZ* notes that the relevant reporter is free employee. The *NRZ* threatened *WamS* even indirectly, "Please understand that we are undergoing any other reporting on our house to judicial review" (...). 435*

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One does not like to talk about it. At the Olympic Games in London, the South Korean company had such *Samsung* Journalists invited - and they used to favor reporting. That made *Samsung*

also at the International Radio Exhibition (IFA) in Berlin. 436

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Trips were paid for and expected sugarcoated reports.

Revealed: The auxiliary income

What petrol normal broadcast contributors have always suspected is official now: Many of the journalists employed by public broadcasters have high auxiliary income. MPs who are financed by taxes need to make their extra earnings to the public. Moderators of the public broadcasters, which are financed by compulsory fees, not.

Up to 20,000 euros get Newscaster the public broadcaster for a private talk. ⁴³⁷ > **Note** The NDR Media Magazine *Zapp* [redacted] reported on lucrative perquisites like company Web sites of prominent TV journalists of the ARD as Tom Buhrow, Michael Antwerpes and Anja Kohl and the ZDF as Claus Kleber, Peter Hahne and Petra Gerster. The former ZDF editor in chief Nikolaus Brender said the perks of journalists, claimed the credibility should be transparent, "A journalist who wants to run sideline to say publicly what he does, by whom he is paid and what his fee is ". In an NDR contribution from 2009 states: "... you can actually interview a bank manager nor critical if you have previously moderated a panel discussion for the same bank for a lot of money? And today we can report independently about a company for which you made yesterday Advertising? " ⁴³⁸ > **Note** It is clear that a journalist does not occur free in a company. This has a certain price. And learn only those who actually want to book the journalists. 2009 called the NDR magazine *Zapp* an astonished public this former prices. As it was said: "Nevertheless, after many discussions and *Zapp* has the price lists of the agencies. The demand for moderation or a lecture by Petra Gerster: about EUR 14 000; Tom Buhrow they charge about EUR 20 000; the same sum for Claus adhesive; Anja Kohl supposedly comes for about 6,500 euros; Peter Hahne for about 10,000 euros; the agency price for Michael Antwerpes: about 8000 euros. It remains unclear how much the journalists get them yourself. - no information to agencies and journalists' ⁴³⁹ > **Note**

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Anja Kohl is an ARD presenter who regularly presents for ARD is happening in the stock market. Their performances attended by an NDR show of irritation. As it was said at *Zapp*: "Because she presents and speaks at events that are financed by banks and companies whose shares are traded on the stock exchange. In company literature to adorn themselves with their advice and her face. Fees it receives for appearances at events of energy companies. For some critics a conflict of interests. " ⁴⁴⁰ > **Note**

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Professor Christian Schicha, media researcher of the University Dusseldorf, commented: "It upsets me when journalists looking addition to her work in addition ways to distinguish themselves in order to get income that they receive because of their popularity. This does not necessarily have anything to do with expertise but it has a lot to do with celebrities. So it upsets me when ultimately this popularity

is used to correctly enter this area. "

The top earners in the executive seats earn not bad. The former *Tagesthemen* - Host Tom Buhrow was referring to press reports, in 2013 more than 350,000 euros a year by the WDR. 441 > **Note** The ARD and ZDF bosses earn more than our government. And they also have additional income.

Brainwashing: The scissors

in the head

Brainwashing is the psychological manipulation. It is the attempt of the mind control and a hallmark of totalitarian states. If the regimented North Korean media report on the beloved leader, this is a form of brainwashing. If the mullahs in Tehran, hundreds of thousands march and let slogans calling the US "as in" death, is also the brainwashing. For no North Korean or Iranian journalist must report anything other than the official version. And so a unit opinion is produced. In democracies there are, reportedly, not brainwashing. Finally, the United Nations has 1,975 brainwashing and mind control

of populations or

Populations prohibited. But how can you call what is being produced today in the German-speaking countries of the "quality media"? Where once pluralism and different opinions were arguing with each other, now there is a climate of fear.

Evolution has given eyes to people with whom they can consider their environment - and a brain to process the impressions. Sometimes there are hallucinations. Because politicians and media often like to paint a picture of our environment, which is completely different on closer inspection. That is indeed so politically correct. But now we are afraid of the truth. There are taboos among journalists.

An older, but clear example: On 5 June 2008 Maybrit Illner moderated in the ZDF a panel discussion on the spy scandal at Deutsche Telekom. Previously, it was revealed that the company's management from 2005 to 2006 illegal telephone connection data of supervisory board members and journalists had Syndicate, to find out who had passed internals of the Supervisory Board meetings to the media. As leaders debated as Wolfgang Bosbach and journalists such as Hans Leyendecker (*Süddeutsche*). However, although it also went to the negligence of the telecom CEO René Obermann, his name was mentioned even once. Just why? Because the presenter Maybrit Illner and René Obermann privately were a couple? The blind spot made it clear to everyone that there are obviously taboo in reporting. As was ever discussed a bad spy affair long and wide. And one of those responsible was not named by name. Neither Wolfgang Bosbach (CDU) nor Hans Leyendecker, nor the partners in dialogue Justice Minister Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger, or the CEO of the Federal Association of German detectives broke the unspoken taboo.

What was once a land of poets and thinkers a nation of cowards has become. The free thinking, the prerequisite for our former prosperity, is now considered indecent. We are the victims of a media brainwashing. Politically correct journalists who work with scissors in your mind, give us thinking - as in a totalitarian dictatorship - before. be politically correct, for us citizens, that is today the lies of politicians and media

to swallow good at brainwashing. What else distinguishes us in this area actually from North Korea or Iran?

We're surrounded by a dense network of taboos and political Korrektheiten that must no longer respond openly. The mere suspicion of having violated political correctness stamping a person for the rest of life, at best, a fool (like former German President Heinrich Lübke) or an outsider. Everybody knows that. And everyone parried now, when it comes, as in a dictatorship, to meet the requirements of speech and thought. Anyone who thinks clearly and moves outside the political correctness that is quickly branded an evil "populists". We are afraid to be called "populist". Why? The word "populist" ultimately comes from the Latin "populus" (People) and refers to a closeness to the people. Is it really taboo when you are close to the people as citizens?

Earlier executions took place in the marketplace. Today, do the media, in all those who still defy the prescribed political correctness. Who calls into question their supremacy and their interpretative authority, with the short shrift, he should not already have been hanged by the politically correct media lynch mob.

Who does not, for example, believes in the future of the euro, which in the German media as hostile to Europe and living in the past. Even those who have doubts in regard to the alleged climate change, which is yuck and yuck. Even worse are those who seek to blame for poverty and social problems in those affected themselves. Which are then supposedly hard-hearted and devoid of solidarity. It is quite different in Christianity. Against Christians and Christian values can not swear enough today obviously. For some reason it is completely different when it comes to Islam. While criticism of the church is considered progressive, critical view of Islam is allegedly xenophobic, almost worse than anti-Semitism.

The paternalism in thinking and speaking, the tutelage of the once free-thinking people in German-speaking by journalistic block waiting is obvious. Because the thought patterns are exemplified especially by journalists. You have people squeezed into a cage full of fears. We now have a new language, nice voice. We call ugly people now "aesthetically challenging" and stupid "intellectually challenging". We say "Generation 60 plus" instead of pensioners and "otherwise gifted" rather than hindered. And no politician wants more something "admit" it is rather only "acknowledged". All part of the politically correct tone.

In recent years, thousands of words were imperceptibly replaced in the editorial offices by others. Often citizens is not noticed. Those who have the privilege of interpretation in the media, change our thinking by pretending us the new politically correct terms. The killing of civilians we call "collateral damage" and a dismissal is now a "release." George Orwell called this secret transformation of the language in 1949 when he wrote his masterpiece in 1984, "newspeak." This "Newspeak" has been developed in his novel about the diversity of

proud of our advanced media dementia. Even the less gifted must notice that the women have loved to put on the female plural among professors, doctors, journalists, writers, teachers and any other positive or neutral occupied terms ("inside") value. Only, strangely, never to find this in the media with murderers, thieves, terrorists or other criminals. So of course you will have nothing to do, this is only for men. The FolterknechtIn, FaulpelzIn or DickschädelIn are not yet known. The politically correct feminist language policy of our disposition journalists simply does not provide for that. One who has realized the everyday madness of the journalists called Jacob Appelbaum. He is a companion of the whistleblower Edward Snowden, who became known internationally in connection with the revelations about the NSA spying affair. Jacob Appelbaum is an American journalist. He was awarded the Henri Nannen Prize for investigative journalism, 2014. Winning the bronze bust of Henri Nannen he wanted to melt down. Appelbaum points out that the *star* - Founder Nannen in the Third Reich member of the propaganda company and the department "Southern Star" of the SS worked. Nannen was closely intertwined with the Nazi regime and in 1936 at the Olympic Games in Berlin Nazi announcer. The "Southern Star" -Teileinheitszeichen the SS served Nannen later as a model for the logo of the magazine founded after the war by him *Star*. Appelbaum has published 2014 articles which have allowed the Hitler diaries appear after his research in a whole new light. In Appelbaum's text to it says: "After the war, Henri Nannen was involved in the attempt to present the Hitler diaries as genuine public" Appelbaum points out that Nannen "participated in important meetings where the decision to publish the. Hitler diaries was hit. What is often forgotten in this context is the fact that the diaries were actually an attempt to wash Hitler know. They present him as someone who was against the Kristallnacht, peace with England wanted and turned against the Holocaust." ⁴⁴⁴ > **Note** Appelbaum continues Nannen be portrayed for trying to Hitler "innocent co-responsible" and further: "Nannen was not just a follower, but clearly a co-designer."



we note: The Hamburg-based publishing house Gruner + Jahr and appearing in his magazine *star* want to "promote a founder of the Henri Nannen Prize quality journalism in German-speaking and maintain, while keeping alive the memory of the star-founder Henri Nannen". there, you have no problem with the fact that Henri Nannen worked in the department of "Southern Star" of the SS. This is the star not worth headline. In the case of the actor Horst Tappert propose the *star* - Journalists quite a different sound, since it is said: "Five years after his death a secret of his past dark comes to light." ⁴⁴⁵ > **Note** The difference between Henri Nannen and Horst Tappert remains in the dark.



How far do we want it all still be driving? The United Front of thinking has become a threat to our democracy. Journalists and media companies, politicians and business leaders will meet again in the same composition in circles at conferences, seminars, workshops and at balls or parties. And determine the authority to interpret our lives. They agree on new ways of thinking, their empty words are readily spread by the media. They take us from thinking. They bake their journalists, Friedenspreis- and Nobel Prize winner (without the people to ask), occupy almost exclusively all moral authority. There is only one way to escape this totalitarian brainwashing: boycott leading media and make the employees unemployed.

Coordination with the wallet: For journalists are social cases

Imagine, would a country to emigrate to within a few months 25 percent of the population. And pay no taxes. And the trend would continue. Then the country is faster at the end than you can watch. Just as it is with current German mainstream media. Those who fund their work, are turning away in droves. You vote with your wallet. In July 2014, a magazine reported on the barely believable dramatic losses at the kiosk in the second quarter of the year:

FAZ, THE WORLD and HANDELSBLATT lost at double-digit percentage at the kiosk. Here WORLD and HANDELSBLATT forfeited a fifth and a TAZ even a quarter of their buyers! HANDELSBLATT still puts in retail from 5,000 copies in the TAZ there are now less than 4000 pieces. 446 > Note



This development continues uninterrupted. The mainstream media are now getting the acknowledgment from the population. In plain English: The "quality media" choke on own vomit. With the Internet, as people like to claims that has nothing to do. Because people could indeed en masse the electronic editions of "quality media" subscribe, they do not. Because they finally have enough of the published there subversive propaganda.

Since around the turn of the millennium, the German media landscape experiences parallel the largest layoffs in history. Even the Federal Employment Agency admitted already in 2012 completely helpless that a media company after another is at risk of bankruptcy and "quality journalists" sitting en masse on the street. 447 > Note The prognosis: From now on, will lose their jobs by 2022, one in seven journalist. 448 > Note It was already vigorously swept with a broom in the newsroom. Newspaper journalist is like one day cobbler or saddler for dying profession. Journalists from social cases.

Of the *Rheinische Merkur* 2010 was set after millions losses. And then it happened in quick succession. The *Financial Times Germany* (FTD), founded in 2000 by the Hamburg-based media company Gruner + Jahr, was from the perspective of the elites of the most renowned German economy leaves. The politically left-inspired leaf mingled offensive in politics and gave as an economic newspaper even of voters, the 2009 European elections as for Alliance 90 / The Greens. which was widely acclaimed and performed evident only in the more left-wing establishment - the FTD journalist working in truth rather than the trash for a wide readership. 2012 came what had to come - the corner. And 300 FTD journalists lost their jobs. Which is also published by Gruner + Jahr business daily *Capital* (founded

1962) had in 2000 a circulation of 293,000 booklets and in 2014 about 137 000 - So much more than a halving of the edition. There, too, the future does not look rosy. The business magazine, founded in 1980

Impulse, also published by Gruner + Jahr, was sold in January, 2013. But the *Financial Times Germany* has the publishing house Gruner + Jahr brings a loss of 250 million euros. 449

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be recalled at this point again and again the fact that journalists and media houses titles are selling and are not intended as burn. But exactly what does the majority of them for years.

The *Frankfurter Rundschau*, founded

1945, and from the very beginning on political links course, made about 19 million euro loss in 2011 and even 20 million euros in 2012. 450

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Concept of being a pure SPD close newspaper was

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After 66 years in 2011, the history of the FR was only as a national newspaper to the end (of the cross-regional part was henceforth made in Berlin 452

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and 2013, the Aus and the acquisition came. 453

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Mass layoffs. Only a handful of editors was taken - the rest landed on the road. The once renowned FAZ has just 208 000 paying subscribers and writes deep in the red, salary increases were canceled. The FAZ is on the financial precipice. 454 > Note

The *Evening paper Nuremberg* 2012 has been set for 93 years - 35 employees were affected. 455 > Note The *Munich newspaper* - also a traditional newspaper - presented in 2014 for insolvency in the spring. She had amassed 70 million euro loss. 456 > Note 115 employees were from one day to an uncertain future. 457 > Note The WAZ Media Group announced in January, 2013, the editors of the newspaper

Westfälische Rundschau close to February 2013 completely. She had retracted 50 million euro loss in five years. Of the *Bonner General-Anzeiger* closed 31 December 2013 its correspondent office in Berlin - around 400,000 euros per year to save. Three correspondents lost their jobs. 458 > Note

In March 2014 announced the *West German newspaper* (wanting WZ) that the number of editorial staff from 100 to 50 in half. 459 > Note

In May 2014. were in *Leipzig people's Daily* 36 editorial positions deleted. 460 > Note

None of the journalists affected by mass layoffs was worried about why it happened. All were concerned about how to forcibly impose the population, the old order again - about a "newspaper revival law," according to the journalist of "quality media" are subsidized by the state through taxes. 461 > Note The heads of media companies apparently do not realize what's happening. A particularly glaring example of this is FAZ co-publisher Werner D'Inka. Perhaps more fundamentally, he keeps in a comment from the

Frankfurter Rundschau states: "And when the last decent newspaper is gone, all that remains is the chatter." 462 > Note

What is not printing, is from the perspective of FAZ publisher so "chatter". What is that for an antiquated world view from the last millennium? I stood as a young FAZ editor in the 1980s, still next to my former colleagues D'Inka in the FAZ editorial, as

was still set in lead. And together we have witnessed the end of the lead-time. But since then, the media landscape has changed but formidable. But journalism is for D'Inka obviously continue only journalism when he (also) is printed. Such leaders do not give their employees sufficient prior to the digital transformation. Because they do not face this change and even, they want wegnegieren it easy. It will not work. Is it possible to reverse going forward? No definitely not. Is it any wonder that the once prosperous *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*

with such leaders also headed directly to the big bust?

However, many journalists have apparently no great opinion of their own work. At least they would not pay a cent for it. As a portal reported on the results of a survey of 1,300 journalists:

It is surprising, however, that many journalists from the value of their work or the media in which they work full time, are not convinced. 38 percent say that is, they would want to pay any money for reading the online edition of their medium, only 44 percent "signaled willingness to pay" - as I said, for their own medium. 17 percent do not know or not know. 463

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If the journalists are therefore already not even convinced of their work and would it not pay as they can then expect their customers? The future looks for journalists in German-speaking bleak. And that's just bragging. Anyone who wants to know what to expect on our "quality journalists" who has to look only briefly in the United States. The Europeans (yet) strange keyword is: robot journalism. A media portal reported in 2014 to:

Automated journalism has long been established in the US. Forbes, for example, can be equipped an entire blog from the US company Narrative Science. The computer writes its own reports on the balance expectations of companies. Just recently, the Los Angeles Times tried on a new project. The so-called Quakebot published almost in real time earthquake reports once they exceed a certain strength. Most Popular seems automated journalism in sports reporting. Statsheet.com specializes in basketball news. A similar project for baseball implements the Northwestern University. 464 > Note



What sounds for many journalists after futuristic future scenario is already tested behind the scenes long ago in Germany. The robot journalism is also with us on the rise. And Stuttgart communications agency has developed a software that can be formulated on the basis of large amounts of data without add unto editors article. The machine will soon compete with established news media. 465

> Note Since you need then only a few alpha journalists who set the direction of the article - the rest will take care of the machines.

Impartial? The media empire of the SPD

In 2013 has the more conservative *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* the more left *Frankfurter Rundschau* accepted. ⁴⁶⁶ > Note The end of 2012 had the *Frankfurter Rundschau*, the media flagship of the German Social Democracy, filed for bankruptcy. Yes, you read it right. The FR was closely intertwined with the German Social Democracy. About SPD-owned holding German Print and Publishers Society (DDVG) the comrades Gabriel, Steinbrueck, Schröder, Nahles and Co. held 40 percent of the shares of the bankruptcy candidates. However, the FR was not the only newspaper where the SPD participated. At that time the Social Democrats were invested in prestigious *Westfälische Rundschau*, the magazine *Eco test* and on

North Kurier. Many local newspapers are still well in the portfolio of the Social Democrats, as well as radio stations, print shops and bookstores. But investments in travel companies and marketing agencies. Even on cruises the Social Democrats wanted to earn strong. A few years ago they began to market trips and "MS Princess Daphne" about one's SPD-Reiseservice GmbH. No, this is not a joke: the SPD lay down a dream ship. ⁴⁶⁷

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So the SPD is a business enterprise. the former Social Democratic treasurer Barbara Hendricks, who is Minister of the Environment of the red-black coalition today sat at the controls of this business practice. The supervisory board was then supported in the media and cruise shops of veteran comrades. Today, the business of the SPD Bundestag member Dietmar Nietan controls. He is most Germans hardly known, but in reality one of the largest German publisher.

So the SPD makes sales through media holdings. Politically, the investments of the SPD paid so far from well. The Research Institute »Media Tenor" studied in the federal election campaign in 2002, the journalistic work of the *Saxon newspaper*, from the DDVG then held 40 percent of the shares. The researchers found obvious. About the Schröder SPD government reported *Saxon newspaper* significantly friendlier and tamer than the then CDU-led opposition. Other important holdings holds the DDVG on the WAD bag GmbH from Hannover, in which it is entitled to vote. About this detour, the SPD took advantage of possibly their access to various local newspapers, such as the *Leipziger Volkszeitung* and the

Hannoversche Allgemeine, as well as the television production company *AZ Media* and the *TVN Group* and politically. Both TV companies produced reports, documentaries and despicable mass entertainment for all major broadcasters, privately and publicly. "Even where we have only 30 or 40 percent, nothing can happen without us usually," the former SPD treasurer said Inge Wettig-Daniel Meier. One should not be deceived by seemingly insignificant because quantitatively small holdings of the SPD holding DDVG. Read your children stories of "Oscar, the balloonist," by "Paula dots" or "Heini Hummel?" at the children's book

Publishing Tivola who publishes these stories that DDVG holds shares. Political intervention can not start early enough, if possible. Through its subsidiary forward the DDVG holds shares in Parthas publishing house, which is reflected primarily responsible for the book publications of state broadcaster ARTE. In addition to these and other commitments in mostly local print media, the SPD invested over the DDVG much money into supposedly private radio stations and thus a potential electorate of up to 10 million listeners reveals itself every day. Can editors of "private" Newspapers and broadcasters are still working independently under these economic circumstances? Questions will this also the former **executive editor of the *Frankfurter Rundschau*, Wolfgang Storz**. In 2005, "recommended", the then SPD Treasurer Inge Wettig-Daniel Meier post the imprint of a text that "an interesting aspect of the relationship between the SPD and the Left Party" describing. "I'd be happy if this article on the 'Frankfurter Rundschau' could soon be made available to a wider audience." Editor Storz did not comply with the recommendation. He was the "firm conviction that will affect the editorial independence," he said of the loyal party soldier. This saw but "in this particular case, in which the > Frankfurter Rundschau had become 'under the editorship of Mr. Storz for weeks at a propaganda sheet of the Left Party, my request to be founded on." 2006 Wolfgang Storz then had to leave his post. 468 > **Note**



So let's look again concentrated on what it looks like German Print and Publishers Society (DDVG) with the media power of the SPD-owned holding: The DDVG was involved in the following publishing houses (including the name of the most important investments and media products):

at the Oliva pressure and Publishing company, turn to of the Cuxhaven-Niederelbe Publishing company (*Cuxhaven news, low-Zeitung*) is involved. The DDVG include the Berliner forward publishing company (*Next, Democratic Community*), the forward-book publishing company, and press pressure. About the latter, it has a majority stake in newspaper publisher Neue Westfälische, Bielefeld (*Neue Westfälische*). The DDVG has interests in Tivola Publishing (edutainment, educational software and children's books), is the majority owner of Öko-Test Holding, is involved in the Öko-Test Publishing GmbH, in Bayreuth Druck + Media, on the northern Kurier newspaper publisher

(*Nordbayerischer courier*) (At Dresdner printing and publishing *Saxon newspaper Morgenpost Sachsen*) (On Frankenpost Verlag, Hof *Frankenpost*) (At the Suhler Verlagsgesellschaft *Free Word, Südthüringer newspaper*) > To the printing and publishing house Neue Presse '(*Neue Presse Coburg*) and nesting on *Hannoversche Allgemeine Zeitung, Neue Presse Hannover, Göttingen Tageblatt, Peiner Allgemeine Zeitung, Märkische Allgemeine Zeitung* and at the Leipzig publishing and printing company

(*Leipziger Volkszeitung and Dresdner Latest News*) and to the private

Radio FFN, hit radio antenna and radio and 21 & of Rhineland-Palatinate Broadcasting GmbH Co KG (RPR1). There are also investments in printers such as Dräger + Wullenwever print + media Lübeck and Hildesheim printing and publishing company. One could continue listing.

Even more significant may be the ties of party politics and the media hardly show. And the SPD used its media power in the past, not only in editorial terms. In December 2013 reported the *Mirror*, the DDVG undermines in newspaper and Briefzustellfirmen, in which it had an indirect interest, agreed by the grand coalition of SPD and CDU / CSU minimum wage because the mail carriers are paid not by time, but on the number of delivered shipments. 469 > Note

The Social Democrats press already for 140 years as a newspaper publisher. 470 > Note

In the Empire have with tedious accumulated "workers dime" funded SPD leaves still seen as a counterweight to the most magisterial hearing, bourgeois newspapers. The results summarized in the DDVG investments today are not the remnants of this once proud small labor press, but one for no one to be looking media power, with which one could always sent affecting crowds.

About the background Torben Stephan in 2008 with a good book (*Media power Social Democratic*) written. It shows the circumstances on under which the SPD her media empire expanded rapidly: while German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder refused in early 2004, the *image* - to give newspaper for alleged campaign against him interviews, another part of the SPD was busy buying new newspapers. At the same time, the then SPD Economics Minister Wolfgang Clement worked on the relaxation of media merger law - of course in the interest of the SPD. The coincidence of these three events briefly outlined here was already thinking of a conspiracy many observers. The SPD makes the media to heel, so the accusation. For this reason, the question arose after the media strategy of the Social Democrats and then, what goals they pursue with their minority stakes in German publishers. Author Torben Stephan illuminated the various aspects and tried to answer the question to find out why the Social Democrats expanded their media holdings. His thesis:

In the FAZ says to the media interests of the SPD:

was controversial and is the ownership, because the media report on the SPD - and should make independent. 471 > Note

The reality in German editorial offices is: According to a representative study, 34 percent of journalists are close to the Greens, another 25 percent of the SPD as the communication scientist Mathias Kepplinger said. If about 60 percent of German journalists (the Left Party is still here

not taken into account) are left, and the SPD a serious media group - as it looks like with the dangerous proximity between politics and the media?

How outrageous, the SPD supports its media power over the SPD-owned holding German Print and Publishers Society (DDVG), was seen in 2014. To compensate for the additional costs of the minimum wage publishers should a discount be given to the social contributions of their delivery boy. In this way would, as the plans that flow back about 60 percent of the minimum wage resulting from the loads back to the press houses. The state would shell out up to 135 million euros for this special scheme. Negotiated has the "horse-trading" the competent Labor Minister Andrea Nahles, which is known to a member of the SPD. The Social Democrats have in the new compromise but possibly not only a political but also an economic interest as a party.

As mentioned, most newspapers in Germany suffer from declining circulation. This is connected not only with the important gains of the electronic media, but also with the growing self-confidence of readership. Who want to the politically correct pabulum of the mostly purl editors do not put up with longer and more numerous cancel their subscriptions. Here, the political establishment is as instructed in times of crisis these urgently compliant journalists who cover up or nice write the seriousness of the situation. The 135 million-euro concession to publishers is therefore to some extent also political self-interest of the old parties.

but in addition may have played a role tangible economic reasons for the agreement, at least in view of the SPD. The is not only a political party, but as described in detail also owns the German printing and publishing company. Most of the generated profit is distributed there to the SPD as a shareholder, what is avowedly contribute to the financial independence of the party. As a publishing group DDVG achieved alone with their newspapers a total circulation of 435 000 pieces. Most copies go to subscribers, which are supplied by each morning newspaper messenger. Thus, the DDVG and thus indirectly benefit the SPD from the gift of her minister in Germany's publisher. These kinds of transactions are discreetly negotiated in back rooms.

Case studies from the propaganda front

All persons named in this book deny a stickiness filzige proximity to elite organizations. They also deny to be lobbyists. They also deny themselves "corrupt by its proximity to the elite" to make. And they deny having lost as journalists with proximity to the aforementioned groups journalistic bite. They deny that the outlined near affects their reporting.

My friend Peter Scholl-Latour, whom I met in many war zones, was asked in 2014 at the age of 90 years and a few weeks before his death to his life experience when it comes conformist media and censorship. He answered:

Paul Sethe, who was an extremely conservative columnist, and wrote for the world and for the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, wrote times many years ago: "Freedom of the press in the West is the freedom of 200 wealthy people, their mind to publish," now are there any 200 more, now there are only 4 or 5 people. 472 > Note



Four or five people determine the opinion of Peter Scholl-Latour So today only about the prevailing opinion. Diversity of opinion so there is certainly no more. And Peter Scholl-Latour said Paul Sethe, after all, one of the founding editors of the FAZ, was then deducted from the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung because he was not on line. 473 > Note The chancellor's office and the other editors exercised this pressure - and the economy. Because the switched no more ads in the FAZ, would thus further increase the pressure. The then head of Salamander AG, Alexander Haffner, sat in the FAZ conveyor Committee and said bluntly: "The newspaper was founded by the business ...". And their interests would have to reflect it. 474 > Note FAZ publisher Sethe so received such a kick. Even in the Bundestag has already been shown (116th meeting) as a FAZHerausgeber "spaced out" has been. 475 > Note This also happened to FAZ publisher Jürgen Thern. And so it came after 24 years (including 13 as editor)



FAZ publisher

Hugo Müller-Vogg.

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Tuesday afternoon he got surprising his dismissal. The publisher has not know the reasons for his expulsion to this day. The impression remains from this book: lies behind the FAZ, as we have seen, sometimes a corrupt head. And that is obviously promoted and protected, but certainly not dismissed. For the FAZ is not as impartial, neutral and independent from my subjective point of view as she does. This is true throughout our key media. be shown the door those who are uncomfortable or have a different opinion. This is true for editors and for publishers or editors. And it applies to all other leading media. Also alpha journalists have to be right on course up - otherwise they will be disposed of. People begin to recognize the incessant fraud by the "mainstream media" in all areas. Because behind them as shields players a (fraudulent) system. Our key media spread the citizens of sand in the eye, so that the financial elite can earn a lot of money. That is the impression I have gained a thousand times and it is also well documented by concrete examples of manipulative reporting over again.

we only accept the European elections in 2014. In German-speaking politicians had established at that time afraid of new parties, which could in the future pose a threat in the EU. This is indisputable. And what to do in such a situation? Very clear: propaganda. And who disseminated the propaganda? Equally clear: mainstream media. While every citizen knew that the EU financially whistles on its last legs and ailing EU bankrupt states are maintained only through constant money transfers alive artificially, were built with strong support of the mainstream media just before the EU election Potemkin villages. Since it was about - no, do not laugh now, please - be blowing the completely financially ailing Greece overnight to the new promising financial haven. On April 10, 2014 TIME headlined online: 476
> Note The World claimed on the same day: "After the state bankruptcy Greece returns to the capital market - and can hardly meet the demand for bonds." 477



> Note The FAZ said in those

Days of the "comeback" Athens on the financial market. 478

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Sun saw the

Business headlines about six weeks before the European elections from then. However, it was an easily by looking gigantic bluff, a great staging. Just why? And what happened in the background? German Chancellor Angela Merkel needed positive news. She spoke to the Greeks a trip to Athens, and encouraged in a time when the German savers just a measly 0.1 percent interest on their savings were given the Greeks to hang up a government bond with gigantic 4.75 percent interest. Greece, which has more than 300 billion euros of debt, collected at such short notice whole three billion euros on the capital market. Not even a drop in the bucket. But our key media cheered. The Euro skeptics should be taken with this farce from the supposedly healthy end Greece shortly before the EU election the wind out of the sails. Angela Merkel has been enthusiastically received in Athens by German media. Everything was a staged show - transparent from the beginning to the foreseeable

The End. But it worked: The euro skeptics were given in German speaking not those huge increase in votes in the EU election that had been feared in ranks of mainstream politics like this. And for the 4.75 percent interest of the lubricating theater described above now adhere especially the German taxpayer. That's the page. The other: Three months after the action, which was celebrated so wildly by our key media, Greece sought again buyer for further government bond. But then there was silence in the German mainstream media. Because Greece had not experienced in reality the "comeback" in the capital market, but just the opposite: Athens was in July 2014, only half of those government bonds, for which they sought urgently buyers off. 479 > Note Clear that our mainstream media to silence a large extent. Finally, the EU election and propaganda show were there over. They see as a reader at this small example of how the citizen manipulated by our mainstream media, for a fool, to be lied to and deceived. And then also have to pay as taxpayers for the damage done damage. Our key media mainly produce moods.

You want the truth? It reads in terms of media: craving for recognition and missionary zeal and the penchant for self-promotion
 - the is the soul journalistic work. And on talk shows, News programs, book publishing, newspapers and on the radio everything is always followed the same pattern: As is specifically fueled a mood of a few masters of the published opinion. The truth is completely irrelevant.

I'm sure occurred hundreds of times in television programs. And I remember very well on April 18, 2004. At that time I was as a "security expert" in the talk show *Sabine Christiansen* guest, sat next to the former Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher

(FDP), EU
 Enlargement Commissioner Guenter Verheugen (FDP), the Saxon
 Prime Minister Georg Milbradt (CDU), Slovak
 President Rudolf Schuster and other illustrious guests. 480 > Note

The theme of the show was the imminent massive EU enlargement: "fateful question - chooses the future of Germany in the East." And I was obviously invited, so that one on camera a copy

that could kill evil dull Germans the warned oddly enough, before the opening of the border to many poverty-stricken countries. I predicted back then that the barriers would fall again in a few years. For example, because of the crime. And then I was executed live on the show. Of the *Berliner Tagesspiegel* wrote at the time after the show: "The viewer was live slaughter of Dr. Ulfkotte demonstrated. And can get an idea of how political bodies work now. Always on the weak." 481

> Note has now

the situation changed. Those to whom we owe the EU-delusion and the boundless crime, not now understand more and more the world. On 1 May 2004 the EU was enlarged by ten new Member States.

Three years later came another two added, Bulgaria and Romania. By politicians only theoretical chances of EU enlargement have been pointed out, the major risks have been completely concealed. Who pointed out, who was (like me) as "right-wing". The reality but you can not hide now: The wealth gap between new and old Member States was and is considerable, the social systems of the new EU member states were and are in poor condition. Poverty and freedom of movement

led to a

cross-border crime, citizens were not informed of their 2004 level. All I had in 2004 *Sabine Christiansen* said in the talk show. And I was slaughtered. Genscher, of Verheugen and sympathizers. So when "slaughter" we finally Genscher who Verheugen, Milbradts and all the others who all have our citizens brewed ice cold? They were too stupid or too incompetent to foresee this development? Or they have not acted deliberately? They now live naturally from our tax money and want to go down as a great politician in the history books.

Let's take a different example: Since the 1990s, does not have a forecast of economic experts voted, when it came to predicting an economic crisis. The IMF economist Prakash Loungani has demonstrated from the 1990s to 2012, year after year. The economists met with their predictions always unerringly dead wrong. ⁴⁸² > **Note** This is an undeniable fact. And yet our media crave week after week back then to be able to publish forecasts of economic researchers. The hit rate is then as if they would hand over blind when shooting match rifles. Oddly, provide economists with the clenched nonsense that they usually announce

again and again in our

Main news broadcasts.

Devastating it is for the citizens if they trust the forecasts of such experts and, for example, align their investment after. You could see the well in the past when the forecasts for gold prices, which were published in the media. Let's look at some of the predictions in to see the absurdity of the statements: As the price of gold in December 2010 at 1400 dollars per troy ounce, stood predicted the renowned American economist James Turk in the German media: "For a more ounces of the yellow precious metal they soon pay \$ 3500 "And the former chief economist of HypoVereinsbank, Martin Hübner said, at the same time". the gold price falls of 1400 dollars per troy ounce to \$ 500. The result is a panic among the owners of gold. Try hell-bent on their holdings of the yellow metal to sell. "The reality: The price of gold rose from December 2010 to August 2011 from 1400 to 1800 dollars. Not one of the predictions had voted. Below forecasts rather were tangible interests. With the truth they had nothing to do.

But journalists access such nonsense again and again. Just why? They manipulate us, lie and cheat. Since the program magazine investigated *Listen* in May 2014 for the new ZDF ranking show *Germany's Best* per 100 women

and men who stood for election as the best living German. Until 24 May 2014, the readers could send suggestions to the editor. As it was said: "Who wins, you decide, dear readers" But the reader could cast their letters also equal in the garbage.. For the polling institute Forsa had already determined the top 50 German for ZDF. And in addition it ZDF called for a major online voting. neither the *Listen* - readers still those who participated in the ZDF vote, given the result. 483

> Note It was one big illusion, it was the simulation of participation of readers and viewers. 484
> Note You feel there as readers or viewers easily fooled before. For the public ZDF placed brash and brazen Angela Merkel on the first rank, although this was not found in the favor of the spectators on the front seats. Stood by the women names like Helene Fischer and Ina Müller. 485

> Note

And in reality, two-thirds of Germans had had enough of Angela Merkel, the survey was published but large only in Austria. 486

> Note But what made our quality media from the fact that only 24 percent of Germans want Merkel have more years as chancellor? Are you sitting down? The headline read, "Every fourth person could wish for another ten years Merkel". 487 > Note Three-quarters are against it. And our media make it a positive message. How it works disinformation in the age of Gleichschaltung.

There are things that would never write German journalists. but they are important if one wants to understand because the world outside. Thus, the British Business Secretary Lord Mandelson has made 2009 the following statement to show the steady deterioration of the precarious situation of crisis in the heart of Europe for every citizen to understand: "The banks are fucked, we're fucked, the country's fucked!" 488 > Note These words do not translate. Significant It's not more to describe the situation in terms of the savings of citizens - and that, from a lordship

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Member of the government. In German-speaking one wants not yet heard such a thing. In Germany you prefer seen everywhere light at the end of the tunnel, although it is not even run into him. In Germany propaganda made by the "quality media" until the fall. Our best journalists lie on command if the politicians want it. You think this is a conspiracy theory? Well, you can occupy the even.

The higher goal:

Amputation of German identity

In much of the next chapter will be about our politicians, the media and the euro. Why? The idea of the euro was, this is not a conspiracy theory, and has since decided on a Bilderberger- conference. The certainly not spreading conspiracy theories *Frankfurter Rundschau* now reports: "And according to the honorary president of the Circle, the Belgian entrepreneur Étienne Davignon, and the euro goes back to Bilderberg." 489 > Note As we have already seen, are elitist circles as the Bilderberg conferences certainly no democratic institutions, but propaganda and lobby groups which pursue very specific interests. Namely the pro-American high finance. How can it be there that politicians - even Angela Merkel appeared at the Bilderbergers - and let harnessed to the cart of the Bilderbergers and other similar organizations and journalists make propaganda for their interests? We will explore in the following pages, which media have made propaganda for the euro and even the call of politicians followed to lie.

Did you know that there was a higher goal, which has joined with the euro adoption politics? The nation states and thinking in nation states should be broken, especially thinking of the Germans. The SPD politician Olaf Schwenke told us that before the euro adoption as follows: With the introduction of the euro, the EU will be the largest capital and financial market in the world in the future. The've cultural consequences. Schwenke said that if the national currencies ceased to exist, then the nation state have in fact come to an end. Schwenke literally: "His most important material Proper, monetary policy at the heart of state sovereignty, is thus abandoned, and the European Economic Community Legal and takes its place. 490 > Note



In plain English: it was and is about the destruction of our cultural and nation-state identity. Today, those who crush us with ever new gigantic cost of the euro member states want to say you have all this earlier but could not have imagined. The liar hope for the forgetfulness of citizens. There were many who have warned. But they made the opponents then ridiculous. Forgotten and erased from our memory are big national initiatives of the 1990s as "Yes to DM -! No to the Euro = price hikes", "Europe yes, but EUR no," and "Who stops the Euro-madness," Gone are the lawsuits of the 1990s before the Federal Constitutional court against the euro, which were filed by the many Euro-critics. Media and politics called the euro-opponents disparagingly "pompous" and "fear mongers".

Professors Wilhelm Hankel, Wilhelm Nölling, Karl Albrecht Schachtschneider and Joachim Starbatty already in February 1998 in her book *Why must fail monetary union - the euro-lawsuit* to such attacks? They wrote: "Who real

does not see lurking danger or trivialized, is not a responsible politicians; who points to real lurking dangers is not a fear mongers or populist, but a realist. "Do you remember how politicians and the media often called the four professors in the 1990s? - "Gang of Four" 491 > Note. "Self-appointed representatives of the people" or "anti-euro seniors" 492

> Note, *Time* - Editor Theo Sommer, a Bilderberger and Lobby networker, wrote in 1998 under the title "The Good exchange - especially Germany needs the euro" on Euro-critics: "Now they rumble vigorously: professors, politicians, pseudo-prophets. (...) ". Theo Sommer continued: "Unproven and unprovable Finally, the claim that (...) high transfer payments to weaker countries would be payable - German transfer payments, mind you." Oh, if you but could feed only letter by letter with his nonsense of the past Theo Sommer today. Euro plaintiff of the caliber of the professors Hankel and Schachtschneider called Summer in the article that "troop of four upright" (also known as Gang of Four), which tottered on legally shaky to Karlsruhe to prevent the new currency. " 493 > Note How does one feel when one is vilified as a "pseudo-prophet"? Have the time of the now convicted tax evaders Theo Sommer and other Bilderbergers, who wanted the euro necessarily against the will of the people, ever apologized for the nonsense they have mortised then? No!

Merkel's story time:

The German government is lying to the people

The Chancellor has asked the German media openly to not teach truly the population with regard to the euro crisis and the impending financial crash. This is beyond dispute and has now even mentions of "quality media" on the edge. A subsequent generation will ask us but again why the people have all been through so long and tolerated. Here are some facts you should pass on to friends and acquaintances. You will then perhaps act rationally - and better withdraw their money as a precaution because it is repetitive at the bank! Or they will be among those fools who have the Chancellor believed and perhaps much or even lost.

It is indisputable that the Chancellor has asked the German media system open to lying to cover up the true situation. Supposedly in the public interest. To avoid panic. Eventually, the truth always comes to light but. Time earlier, sometimes later. German Chancellor Angela Merkel (CDU), it can hardly be right that a rather unpleasant episode of her life was known as the top of German politics leader: It has asked some time ago the main editors of Germany to no longer truthfully on the situation in the country to report. On 8 October 2008, an autumnal sunny Wednesday, she had invited the major media and publishing director for an evening meeting. Three days earlier, the Chancellor had boldly asserted before the television cameras: "We say to savers and depositors that their deposits are safe. Also for the federal government is one. "But was in truth and is the location for the savings of Germans far from certain. And that's why journalists and publishing director should distribute on behalf of our Chancellor in the German media untruth.

Merkel said the marching in front of her journalists of "quality media", the German media have in the economic and financial crisis an "important role". And for reasons of state citizens should not learn the full truth about the dire state of public finances and the evolving economic crisis. The media should restrain himself, rather bring good news to the people. Angela Merkel urged the journalists to reluctant to report on the actual situation. Otherwise, the country may at random out of control. It now lies in the power of journalists to avoid panic. The call for distraction from the reality was clear. The *Time* 494 > Note . the *Süddeutsche* and the *taz* have very small reports on the edge of that meeting and on the call for diversion of the population from reality.



The *Time* began the article with the words:

On 8 October 2008 the crisis was still young, one might almost say innocent. On that Wednesday evening the Chancellor and her invited

Finance Minister to convey the heads of the most important newspapers in the chancellor's office to give them a message. Which was: We do not know exactly what is in two or three weeks, but would ask very much for your trust and all about that you do not make bad mood, because, the situation is too serious. 495 > Note



And in another story we read:

A few months earlier, on October 8th 2008, there had been a strange meeting, which should be mentioned in this context. The Chancellor had invited the major editors of major media that day. It was the time in which the outbreak of the great financial crisis fell. You can not find a detailed report on this meeting, which had been published and in general only a few mentions in the archives, only once in a subordinate clause, a brief remark. At one point we read in plain words what it was that evening in the Chancellery Merkel told journalists reluctant to report on the crisis and not to stir up panic.

They have kept in mind the editors. Yet in February 2009, four months later, the taz wondered about the media: "They keep citizens happy, so that they keep still. How much money has been pumped into the banks, how many billions guarantee pledges were awarded (and how many Hartz IV-month "wages" that are), which is also not in the newspaper. The Sueddeutsche of 15 January, for example, hiding the message that the Hypo Real Estate for the fourth time in four months billion cash and guarantees need, under the heading "If Steinbrück knocks on the door." The Bild newspaper, incidentally, even got a prize for it, that they have so reported responsibly ". A prize, which was awarded by journalists. 496 > Note



So the journalists obey when the policy whistles. One who knows it all up close, writes:

Merkel has spoken to journalists as if they were employees of a department at the Chancellery. And when it is quite likely, one comes to the conclusion: Yes, so more and more journalists also see themselves and if this continues, then one needs in fact, no more journalists.. 497 > Note



Angela Merkel, a trained East German secretary for propaganda, the tips of the German media had simply brought into line and similar subsequent meetings in this (2008 Oct. 8). The DC circuit of the German press (see above for details) has been confirmed by a few independent witnesses. Had there not been a free and independent press, then an outcry would have gone through the Republic. As a Russian autocrat Merkel had called together the heads of German journalism and on

a common line sworn. The same can be experienced elsewhere in banana republics when putschists occupy the radio station to bring YOUR truth to the people. However, instead of outcry German journalists there was only silence and government compliant reporting.

The former ZDF editor in chief (2000 to March 2010) Nikolaus Brender is one of few who have clearly expressed to development. He also speaks in the ranks of public service media from a spy system as in the days of the Stasi. Near the end of his term Brender spoke of "unofficial employees" of the parties in the ZDF, "really comparable to the IM of the GDR." Since it was created a "finely spun web of dependencies," leave "from which we derive our career opportunities, but also obligations." He himself had "tried those spies least of items with real responsibility

keep. " 498 > Note [redacted] before would have a Union majority on the board of ZDF enforced that Brender's contract was not renewed there because he did not want to dance to the tune of the chancellery.

Peter Voss saw the situation in regard to the influence of the parties on the public broadcaster similar and therefore joined in 2009 after 35 years from the CDU out. 499 > Note Klaus Bresser, founder of *heute-journal* and predecessor of Nikolaus Brender as ZDF chief editor, today lost illusions about the absolute independence of journalists at ZDF.

Few journalists have as much backbone as Brender - and opposed the hugs from the political ranks. Some "quality journalists" do not have the slightest scruple, the pages from the public broadcaster for policy change - and about detergent slogans of politics to preach. Steffen Seibert, since 1989 at ZDF and there 2003-2010 moderator *daily news*, was government spokesman and head of the Press and Information Office of the Federal Government with the rank of Secretary of State civil servants 500 > Note . in plain language, Seibert is the leader in state propaganda ministry. You can see by how interchangeable the systems are and how close they are located. The *Süddeutsche* wrote: [redacted]

For the government spokesman, who is moving to the public broadcasters, now comes from the public broadcasters, a top journalist in the Spokesperson Office. The systems exchange itself. 501 > Note [redacted]

Battle of lies:

The propaganda by Sabine Christiansen and Ulrich Wickert

Let's look at the widespread influence but even closer to. And the example of the euro. The majority of Germans did not want the euro entirely sure. But something was wrong, that would make the policy fits with advertising. Nine million euros (17.6 million Deutschmark) cost the information campaign, which was funded from the budget of the Press and Public Office of the Federal Government for the Euro-indoctrination of the masses. In plain English: The taxpayer had to pay for his own brainwashing. And twice: once through taxes. And a second time about the GEZ compulsory fees. The promotion began in 2000. It should accompany the Euro final sprint in five phases up to the cash premiere on 1 January 2002. The goal was by no means an awareness training content. Mainly "positive emotions" should be woken up by the Germans for the new currency. The funds are distributed as follows: EUR 7 million for advertising and PR campaigns (ads, TV commercials, posters), EUR 750 000 for PR partnerships with non-governmental organizations and the provinces and finally 1.2 million euros (for continuous actions service center, euro tent, sales). In the first phase pure advertising ad campaigns were carried out. In phase two ads were launched with public figures. Phase three presented leading figures from different sectors of society who support the euro. And phase four is also non-celebrities in advertisements for the euro then spoke in the summer / fall of 2001 from next to celebrities. There was, for example, full-page ads with Berti Vogts, the former coach of the German national football team. In the ads, it was big and fat: "The euro is a forward pass in the next century." then there was about: "Germany has economically playing in the top flight in Team Europe. With the euro, we will succeed in global competition. The single European currency is the best hedge against the risks of currency fluctuations. The export-driven German economy must be fit for the challenges of the next century. Our chances we have to work us hard - in football as in euros. Only those who seizes opportunities, also has success "Euro-critics were asked systematically into the spiritual offside in the course of this campaign. if allowed at all to speak. The CDU printed and distributed in early 1998, a propaganda pamphlet entitled "Euro: The currency for a secure future." The population was extremely verschaukelt it. With erstunkenen and mendacious allegations that German citizens should be convinced that the German mark but will be the future of mass unemployment and deindustrialization, the euro for an easy life in the lap of luxury.


Money was no apparent upon propaganda war for the euro on the part of the federal government at the time. How else can one this

Press Release interpret of 5 June 2000?

Publicis in Frankfurt by the action group Euro, composed of the Federal Press Office, European Commission and European Parliament, has been entrusted with the implementation of the euro information campaign in Germany. (...) The appearance of the new currency is endowed with a budget of 28 million marks for the years 2000 and 2001 respectively. In addition to the budget of the European Central Bank, which is supervised by Publicis PR in Berlin, so that is another budget for the introduction of euro cash in the Publicis Group. 502

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On 18 June 2001, the federal government said then: "The action group Euro in which the European Commission, the European Parliament and the federal government working together for the cash-introduction of the new European currency, starts (...) a first wave of commercials on euro cash changeover. As before in newspaper and magazine ads and on billboards four personalities will appear as free Euro-ambassador Sabine Christiansen, Richard von Weizsacker, Helmut Schmidt and Ulrich Wickert. For the TV spots, the action group Euro will provide three million marks available in these two months. As with all PR and advertising activities under the euro information campaign these are financed half each from the budget of the Press and Information Office of the Federal Government and funded by the European Commission. Ulrich Wickert will be the first for the euro "on air". This is followed in the order Christiansen, von Weizsacker and Schmidt. " 503 > Note

 then, the former German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt called attention to the euro on with pretty embarrassing statements. They occupied in any case, that he might of many things has any idea, certainly not of currencies. Schmidt said, "The stability of the euro outward against other major currencies, will be larger than it was the Deutsche Mark before. This is due to the larger volume of the new currency "To which Peter Odendahl, then managing director of Aurecon Vermögensberatung GmbH". German leaders are of the opinion that the larger currency area make the euro harder than it is the D-Mark currently. Now - if these politicians are of the opinion that the size of a room is a hardness criterion - Russia is more than two hundred times larger than Switzerland. So it would be interesting to investigate whether the men will prefer to invest in the future of your savings in rubles in Swiss francs. "With that Helmut Schmidt was publicly beaten. Helmut Schmidt spread a lot of nonsense about the euro, wrote about on 29 June 1997 in *Welt am Sonntag*:

"The euro will - be a hard currency, one that can be easily manipulated in its external value either by speculators in the financial markets or by political decisions in Washington or Tokyo" - probably true. 504 > Note

 But closer we look at two other Euro advertisers to: allowed Ulrich Wickert and Sabine Christiansen at all for the euro in a

prostituting advertising campaign? The campaign, with the politics advertised on posters, in advertisements and via TV for the euro was disreputable, at least. If not illegal. For the broadcasting treaty under said at the time that "occur people in TV ads that regularly presenting news or broadcasts current affairs." Media lawyer Christoph Degenhart from the University of Leipzig held the prominent films therefore also "problematic" because the public authority of the ARD journalist "targeted "has been exploited for political propaganda purposes. 505 > Note



Sabine Christiansen, born 1957 presenter, declared in August 2001 why she prostituted for the euro: "The outlook for the euro are good. Although he is currently faltering, vacate his experts a great potential, stable to be than the Mark. " 506 > Note And she said, "I am asked from financial circles again and again, but to make more programs on the euro, but when guests want are not available, unfortunately, many CEO of banks or large companies," When the "ask financial circles," then follow people. as Mrs Christiansen obviously liked. Really long, Sabine Christiansen, however, was not drunk at euros. Already on 30 November 2003, the topic of her talk show was: "Germany bankrupt? Euro in danger? ". Mission of the constitutional lawyer Hans Herbert von Arnim said the development of the euro: "In my view, that of the meltdown. This is absolutely fatal, what is happening here. It is the trust that is now playful and domestic policy as well. We have sacrificed here for the sake of short-term policy long-term goals. "

If you look in the archives of the shipments by Sabine Christiansen more exactly, then the Gutwilligsten striking how much these public service broadcasting was abused for the euro-propaganda. You do not even need the individual programs in full length to watch. One only has to look at the facts: The Euro-skeptics (and Euro-plaintiffs) Professor Hankel was first switched on then unloaded from the very first Sabine Christiansen broadcast from 4 January 1998, and again. While the editorial called "conceptual reasons," and offered 500 euros cancellation fee, Hankel suspected intervention by Wolfgang Schäuble. The ARD denies this. 507

> Note

However, in other broadcasts a glance at each manifestly unbalanced guest list to get an idea. Bearing in mind that the presenter was one of the stated Euro-propagandists, the picture becomes even clearer. In September 2001, Christiansen beamed her talk show on the theme of: "German Mark Ade! Euro hurts? ". Euro champion Theo Waigel, who hired by the government euro-propagandist Ulrich Wickert, euro proponents Hans Eichel and Euro-crime writer Horst Ehmke left Euro-critics no chance. Otherwise in the show "end of an era - Bye, German Mark," in December 2001. Since, in addition Sabine Christiansen Euro-fighter Hans Eichel, Euro champion Egon Bahr sat ("... the historically unique opportunity

Kohl and his right hand Lothar de Maiziere. The euro skeptical backward German Michel allowed the actor Heinz Schenk embody. How important Sabine Christiansen was with her talk show in influencing the population, the CDU politician and Union faction leader Friedrich Merz said on June 29, 2003 was the 250th mission of Sabine Christiansen: "I think we should first congratulate you on this Broadcast. This broadcast the political agenda in Germany determined now more than the German Bundestag. " 508 > Note



The FAZ once wrote about Sabine Christiansen: "Over the years, it was obvious that Christiansen lost the rest of the world from the eyes with their spare parliament. (...) to be confronted on their own words, especially considering the deeds, the consequences for others - this does not happen one at Christiansen. " 509 > Note She had just one that persuaded the Great to hear. She was a tool of the powerful. Nearly ten million euro fee revenue ARD has spent annually on the panoply of learned stewardess - about 200 000 Euros per shipment. Glamor Magazine

Park Avenue once wrote in a portrait of Sabine Christiansen "With shallow questions Sabine Christiansen became one of the most powerful women in Germany. Her talk show is the barometer of the political mood in the country. " 510 > Note Maybe she was really a barometer of the mood in politics, but certainly not for the mood of the population. For the average citizen, the back longed for the German mark was sought almost in vain with her. But they conceded brazenly off like no other: According to media reports, they took 30,000 euros when she appeared as a speaker at a company logo. 511 > Note By comparison, former Labor Minister Norbert Blum improved his pension on with EUR 15 000 per lecture. That is, media reports also the set of Ulrich Wickert, the Ex- *Tagesthemen*-

presenter 512 > Note . the pre-Euro entered on billboards for the departure from the D-Mark, along with Sabine Christiansen. Just this woman should therefore take the Euro-critics the wind out of the sails and make the unsavory Euro palatable to citizens. On 7 May 2001, the Focus wrote: "Now it is to judge the celebrities. ARD talk show host Sabine Christiansen, Mr Ulrich Wickert, former German President Richard von Weizsäcker and former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt - all four of them smile since last Tuesday for the new euro money. 4,000 posters and in countless ads, the Quartet declared the Germans why they should close to the heart of the unloved new currency finally. A motto of the million dollar sympathy campaign: The euro - our future. " 513

> Note

Whether the incredible propaganda campaign Mrs. Christiansen and Ulrich Wickert is probably embarrassed today?

A good journalist can be recognized that it does not make common cause with one thing, not even with a good thing. This journalistic principle was - as already mentioned - once marked by *Tagesthemen* - Host Hanns-Joachim Friedrichs. His successor Ulrich Wickert (he is

with the Gruner + Jahr CEO Julia Jäkel married) in 2001 has made duly in common with one thing: the introduction of the euro. The NDR presenter and ex-Tagesschau spokeswoman Eva Herman has published an insightful article about Ulrich Wickert and its commitment to the euro in 2011, it states ⁵¹⁴ > Note :



In television advertisements, in newspapers and on billboards political journalist Ulrich Wickert campaigned for the introduction of the euro with confident expression, other times he bit into a euro coin in order to signal the future "hard currency".

But millions of people in the country were increasingly violent abdominal pain: They wanted to keep their stable German mark. Wickert, near Sabine Christiansen, Günther Jauch, Helmut Schmidt and Richard von Weizsacker, the main ausersehene testimonial, pushed the concerns but aside. In advertising, but also in numerous interviews he constantly emphasized the supposed benefits of the euro: how great it was to have to change out of money before the holiday how immense the economic benefits of the euro would be (this point was, however, too little a time sufficiently explained by the television journalists or recessed), and that it could only be fruitful that "we the founding myth DM had finally given up."

*No, at this point at least was a big part of the German people Mr. Wickert - with all due sympathy - no longer follow. This is evidenced by a study of the University of Hamburg "influence and impact of the euro advertising on the viewer" ⁵¹⁵ > Note : **Of eight subjects knew six the ads for Euro with Wickert, on the question** of what are doing when viewing through the head, the respondents were in agreement on some points, such as at the mention of seriousness, intelligence, sympathy and in the association " Tagesthemen ". But apparently took advantage of not much. In the study, therefore, it says: The concept EURO fell all interviewees almost exclusively negative points one: skepticism, uncertainty, price increase, cheating in meeting the criteria of the currency unit. When asked what they think of the currency conversion, they answered as negative and repeated in their statements.*

With all due sympathy to Tagesthemen professional Wickert the planned coup so went even then backfires: The people realized that something was fishy. However, the numerous pro-euro finance politicians did not seem to hold their plans. They had a proper public person sought and the jackpot found: Wickert seemed sympathetic, and he served as a bridge between government and citizens, between top and bottom, between France and Germany. Because of course it was not chicken, what you wanted to foist the people in the country: At that time the German economy was relatively well despite the young reunion history, the stable German mark had made it possible, and this was

recognized worldwide. The German mark had become practically worldwide to dream destination of many countries when it came to stability, reliability and sustainability. This German Mark should be erased, however, with the euro, quietly and for all time. Doubts about this plan were more than appropriate.

Wickert had long been established at this time as the evening news presenter and as a nice, witty Weather uncle. He had clever books written about morality and decency, and the crux of life is that all those people who want to stay genuine and honest in spite of material temptations, end up getting are the stupid ones. True words. At over 270 pages Wickert had moralphilosophiert about the loss of values: Now he mercilessly left as a nationwide German Euro anchorman even the greatest material value of Germany, the German mark, just wegrasieren.

Yes, Ulrich Wickert was then, ten years ago, just the super celebrity for the euro. He was a cosmopolitan, knowledgeable abroad well from the most diverse mentalities of countries had met whose currencies and countrymen. Had he but also as ARD correspondent for years from Washington, reported but especially from the Euro-initiator-France.

The inclined citizens learned at that time suddenly dissipated much about Wickerts international Vita: The little Ulrich was born in distant Tokyo, whose father Erwin, a respected diplomat who has long worked there as broadcasting attaché at the German Embassy. Wickert was also able to prove that they have been living as a student in Paris, where the family spent at the German NATO representative for several years due to the obligation of the Father. In the sixties, Ulrich Wickert studied political science and law in the then political Bonn, on a scholarship, he spent several years in the American Connecticut. The late sixties he began his journalistic task then the WDR in Cologne. A picture book celebrity for the euro adoption.

Willig service with made Wickert. One can only speculate about why it seemed to him no ethical and moral concerns. Either he really believed in the success of the euro, without the political machinations behind the momentous decision to recognize what is, however, hard to imagine. Because then you would have to simply accuse him of naivety. However, perhaps it was also his employer, the public and getting proper political North German Radio, blamed for his assent because the transmitter mitmachte also arise and lent his permanent staff for the comprehensive advertising campaign, which was actually banned in the State Broadcasting Treaty.

From today's perspective, one wonders anyway, as anything could be possible, what was happening in the large euro-euphoria? Besides being almost

Euro compliant reported all media and euro critics of the first hour, often vilified and silenced, raises the fundamental question: not handle much more critical Had a paid fees ARD station with such a clear political decisions? NDR could really be the best horse in the stable for such an all-encompassing and

give life-changing European economic and monetary action? Or revealed the more powerful West German Broadcasting where Wickert was once earned his first journalistic spores and to which the journalist for many years had counted as French correspondent who plans? Or WDR put even behind the advertising deal? In general: In France, she was once created, these Euro-idea: in 1988 a committee drew up the so-called "Delors Report" establishing the currency,

named after the then French EC Commission President Jacques Delors, who led in three stages to the creation of the European Economic and Monetary Union. Run by CDU Chancellor Helmut Kohl Germany was reluctant at first: In the course of the desired reunification of East and West was then in Bonn knew what was in the country with it. But France was adamant: President François Mitterrand to

his support for have made dependent on the euro adoption reunion. Observers will not tire of repeating that Germany had won after the reunification of its former strength, hardly anyone was interested in not only in Europe probably. By the withdrawal of the strong German mark this rather dangerous problem could be solved quickly. And Ulrich Wickert middle!

One can only speculate how big the circles withdrew at the then decision to tighten Wickert before the cart. The fluent French-speaking Francophile Wickert was the European bridge between Germany and France. The public learned casually alongside, as well Wickert is versed in Provence, in French cheeses and red wines, no, no one could give him even kidding there. of course, his role as a serious evening news presenter helped further as well: Almost like the announcement of the federal government, it seems to this day, when the evening Tagesschau- and daily themed fanfare sounded and the news of the day will be carried forward. Only recently growing unease and doubts about selection and editorial assessment of messages among citizens. But at the time the advertisement was the introduction of the euro so that even an additional high official stamp. One of the day's theme Wickert, who could not be wrong yet! Or?

In September 2011 Wickerts published new book. The title: *Talking money, the world is silent*. The publishing house Hoffmann und Campe wrote in the notice to the content: "Is it mere greed, causes the people to lie, cheat and mislead? It came therefore to the greatest financial crisis since

the second World War? Bankers are rightly condemned as rogues? Ulrich Wickert called the guilty by name and calls to finally take responsibility and to act. "But what Ulrich Wickert from yourself? With its responsibilities? Why he calls himself and Sabine Christiansen not accomplices? After all, they are great advocates of the Euro-delusion. Has he forgotten today? The man who has been campaigning for those euros, which certainly has not brought benefits to the ordinary citizens of the economy, writes boldly in 2011 a book entitled: *Talking money, the world is silent*. And for events with Wickert was advertised with the phrase: "We must learn that anywhere in the world, so know the ethical values in the economy, only those long-term success and align their actions on it," warned Ulrich Wickert. 516

> Note

Are you crazy? Have you ever noticed again that Wickert had the decency and had apologized for his former behavior humiliating the German people? No? Neither do I.

Wickert, who allegedly advocating values and decency and criticized the greed of banks, fell to extremely indecent 2011th Ulrich Wickert campaigned for a bank. And investors guards took him under fire. 517 > Note The association for private investors e.V. published a not very pleasant for Mr. Clean Wickert press release, which stated on 23 August 2011:

"We hereby demand the former evening news presenter and author Ulrich Wickert on to cancel its advertising contract with the cooperative banking group." That said today Angelika Jackwerth, director of the association for private investors (SfA) in Bremen. For investors it sounds like mockery when Wickert leave, cite in the current display of the group to which the DZ Bank and the cooperative banks include the following words: "What a not manage alone, which create many." since Wickert have indeed right, for about 1,000 local cooperative banks have advised their clients DG-Fund in the 90s. The 15,000 investors would then have invested more than 500 million euros in this closed-end property funds. But now (...), investors would face a total loss, and for many it was the retirement no longer safe. (...) Wickert can still represented no serious cooperative banks that have sold their customers for fools.

However, Wickert could. Wickert had indeed sold the Germans when it comes to euro stupid. And then he was on the side of those banks that had sold their customers for fools. Whether he has done all over again negligence or intent of stupidity is still completely irrelevant from the perspective of the average citizen. After all, he has sometimes cashed it. How still is one of his book titles: *Talking money, the world is silent*. And Wickert toils on now to the financial industry. It says on a bench page: "On 10 December 2012, the campaign" Wickert starts meets ... ", for which the agency Heimat, Berlin, has produced a number of spots in an unusual format on behalf of the cooperative financial cooperative banks. Ulrich Wickert, who in 2011 as a brand ambassador, the values of

cooperative banking group represented, will now face Bill Kaulitz, Andrea Petkovic and Hannes Jaenicke. " 518

> Note

Be honest: Would

You still trust one Ulrich Wickert, who then recruited unconscionable for the departure from the stable German mark? Maybe it's the father-son conflict that brought to Wickert, whitewash the Germans the lousy euro. Wickerts father stood on the side of the euro-opponents, tried to prevent it. And Wickerts father stood on the side of Professor Karl Albrecht Schachtschneider.

There is a now legendary interview between the Euro-skeptic the first hour, constitutional lawyer Professor Karl Albrecht Schachtschneider (a close associate of Nölling and Hankel), and *Tagesthemen* - Host Ulrich Wickert from the summer of 2001, headline: "Why do you believe in the euro, Mr. Wickert"? 519 > Note The journalist Wickert promoted at that time as a propagandist for the single currency. Schacht Schneider, who complained several times before the Federal Constitutional Court against the Stability Pact, held Wickert contrary in the conversation, the euro threatens the stability of Germany. The state teacher warned, among other things, economic policies will put us through the euro out of hand. Wickert answered literally: "No, the tax policy we can determine, and we might as well also determine the wage policy" This dramatic assessment was just one of countless misperceptions of journalists Wickert on the euro.. Wickert said in the interview in 2001, among other things: "... as the euro has caused quite a bit. But the plan to create the Euro, resulted in a large budgetary discipline in the member states. " 520 > Note only one is amazed. Because the lack of fiscal discipline of the South has finally brought us to the precipice. In contrast Schachtschneider was visionary in the interview, told Wickert about: "The capital flows from abroad because of the euro does not promise stability. This is reflected in the current inflationary development. We are no longer a community of stability. "

It is time that the euro propagandists are drawn from a stroke Sabine Christiansen and one Ulrich Wickert publicly accountable. They carried great responsibility - and patronized failure. In the history books we must therefore provide future to the side of those who are responsible for the suffering.

Detergent commercial for a currency: The advertising agency Mannstein

How ruthless they wanted to make us citizens of the euro over the media tasty is, in retrospect hardly believe it. At that time it was psychologically sent over the children to the parents approach: With school packages, the action group euro, the Bundesbank and the regional school boards affected nationwide pupils of the third and fourth grades in primary, special and special schools. You should familiarize yourself with small gift package with the new currency. A lottery should promote the desire to participate. The material was applied playful was distributed also in old people's homes and asylum and homeless shelters. The distributors were supported by members of the sponsoring organizations. The aim was that the students passed on their "knowledge" on the euro to the parents and the elderly, Homeless people and asylum seekers had a conversation that was set before them politically correct. Against this concentrated propaganda and the underlying funds factually argumentative Euro-critics had no chance. Over all, the advertising agency Mannstein stood. ⁵²¹ > **Note** The good Herrmann Stein (he also invented the "Red Sock Campaign" against the SPD) sold the German citizens the euro



along with (The Federal Ministry propaganda "Federal Press Office") as a hip new leisure product. Mannstein about said, "The timing of a shift is essential for coming," The euro must get more emotional quality. by just youth

will communicate that the euro "means more fun" and "more freedom." ⁵²² > **Note** We had already pointed **ed out that** the federal government said in all seriousness, with the euro youth could live in "high life" in the future. The sad reality today: There have never been more mass unemployment among young people in Europe.

The advertising agency Mannstein sold the lap-and-Braus policy as detergent commercials. She had marketed for years Kohl and the CDU before federal elections and made known to the Korean carmaker Daewoo in Germany. The agency was responsible for the euro campaign by the German government. Mannstein had worked out a precise timetable, shown after the ads, held seminars for journalists, distributed brochures and posters - "The Euro - strong as the mark" - were stuck. "Educational institutions" that are teachers have been trained in courses advertised councils. Parallel committed the European Monetary Institute (future EU Central Bank) their own advertising agency, sprinkled the European Commission 100 million mark across the continent and had hired 130 marketers,

But Federal Press Office and the Agency Mannstein were completely overwhelmed obviously with their task. Citizens could not in any case from the euro

convince the weekly newspaper *Time* then wrote this:

Those responsible have apparently not yet recognized the importance of the task. Finally it comes to saying goodbye to their national shrine, the German mark, prepare the Germans - an endeavor that places the highest demands on communication in view of the concerns and fears of the population. Instead occurred Marketing paths trodden:

on a bit of advertising, added to PR campaigns. Sparkasse President Horst Koehler seems his warning - "Please no detergent commercial" - to have spoken to the wind!. This is certainly the advertising messages indicate that has created the agency of man stone for the Federal Press Office: With plates slogans such as "Europe - because it's reasonable" or "Euro - Precious (r) Future" the concerns of the majority should probably be hard to dispel. How little the Bonn strategists themselves are convinced of the monetary union, also shows that they do not want to put the euro at the center of advertising, but a so-called sandwich campaign plan: The economic statements to be packed between policy - the Big Mac for Europe , 523 > Note

The recruiter asked by the federal government after presentation of a doctoral thesis from the year 2007, more and more money. They pointed out that the introduction of a new yogurt twice as much money would be spent by the industry on advertising as for Euro advertising. And for the launch of Persil Mega Pearls of the Henkel Group have spent even 160 million euros until the desired market saturation was reached. 524 > Note

The audacity of the then Federal Government and the Agency Mannstein wanted to manipulate the population with Euro-propaganda, Jens Peter Paul worked out in a dissertation of 2007. It says:

The agency Mannstein also because it has provided a comprehensive and highly cost-effective collaboration with newspapers, radio and television stations in view of the federal government awarded the contract. The BPA (Bundespresseamt) drew some hope of being able to move a lot with a low budget. This could be achieved is the address of an audience of millions via »Thread placements by a loose and sympathetic presentation in big entertainment shows such. B. Wetten, dass ... "it says in the - then victorious - by-Mannstein- presentation. From "new TV productions such. B.> The Euro Festival - the birthday of the euro 'or' The euro European game show "with well-known presenters / artists / stars from various countries of the EU" is in the question. Boulevard Bio and Hans Meiser, talc in the tower and Harald Schmidt - not a popular talk show that did not want to clamp advertise its euro of Mannstein. They promised the government people product placement on a hitherto unprecedented scale at minimal cost. And also in view of the mass medium of radio was the BPA a supposedly comprehensive cooperation with the German radio stations

sold. 525 > *Note*

This propaganda in its pure form, it had probably been given only in dictatorships like East Germany or the Third World regimes that. Particularly insidious: young journalists should "for outstanding reporting" on the euro with a solemn and media attention are honored to be ranging price. 526 > *Note* A population, the impression of the work of the Agency Mannstein is nothing more than a detergent; can be influenced for the purposes of those in power they will.

The Agency Mannstein reported back over their promotional work for the Euro: "As we know retroactively, the introduction of the euro both physical (technical) and mass-psychological interference occurred. It will certainly (our work done until 1998) ... sustainable share have. " 527 > *Note*

When Helmut Kohl was honored in 2012 for his "life's work" with a stamp, which was brought five million times among the people, as the graphic design also came back from the agency Mannstein. "" A symbol that stands for his vision and his great achievements: The proud of the carbon-brand said. 528 > *Note* It will be interesting to see whether euro-skeptics are once honored the caliber of the professors Schachtschneider or Hankel one day with a postage stamp. Unlike carbon their visions not illusions, but have become reality.

We now know the propaganda measures for the euro. It was a huge machine. On the other side were few heads, trying to fight this machinery and the state propaganda apparatus and its agents. They were made ready, spied on and mocked. And some of them were treated as enemies of the regime in a dictatorship of the Third World.

The failure of democracy

The SPD politician Liesel Hartenstein had to be above suspicion, right-wing or populist. Born in 1928 women had experienced a lot in her life. Your great merit was to be no custom politician. She opens her mouth when practicing other party discipline and only pay attention to the interests of their party. From the perspective of the German Bundestag Liesel Hartenstein was a pretty uncomfortable woman. She has dared in 1998 to accuse the Bundestag and the responsible politicians in public. Ms. Hartenstein said an open and public discussion about the role of the D-Mark had never existed in the Bundestag. Euro-critics were silenced by a "spiral of silence". The introduction of the euro by the policy was "not a feat of democracy" have been. 529 > Note

This also saw the former head of the polling institute Allensbach, Elisabeth Noelle-Neumann, like that. She pointed in 1997 indicated that only 21 percent of Germans surveyed wanted to the euro - in surveys in the general population. but should be made public only the results of the survey of so-called elite of the country. These were executives from politics, business and the media. In 1995, 61 percent of these elites were in favor of the euro. 1997 it was even 87 percent. The silent - cold asked - majority of the population was in politics and the media just no representative voice. Above all: The German media have slept as long as the trend in the euro's introduction, were created to facts. Only when it saw international law was no turning back, since at least some of them realized what was happening at all. The Brussels WDR correspondent Rolf-Dieter Krause said the journalists had "slept well before the Maastricht summit." The German media were preoccupied with reunification and its consequences. Krause says at that behavior of his fellow journalists, "We go as with the fact that we expressed anyone who question the value of the euro, pushing the nationalist corner (...). Manfred Brunner was once considered liberal, it is now associated with the right bearing. He has been pushed but then, because he has dared to express doubts about the euro. " The German media were preoccupied with reunification and its consequences. Krause says at that behavior of his fellow journalists, "We go as with the fact that we expressed anyone who question the value of the euro, pushing the nationalist corner (...). Manfred Brunner was once considered liberal, it is now associated with the right bearing. He has been pushed but then, because he has dared to express doubts about the euro. " The German media were preoccupied with reunification and its consequences. Krause says at that behavior of his fellow journalists, "We go as with the fact that we expressed anyone who question the value of the euro, pushing the nationalist corner (...). Manfred Brunner was once considered liberal, it is now associated with the right bearing. He has been pushed but then, because he has dared to express doubts about the euro. " 530 > Note

And, according to Axel Bunz, then head of the German Mission to the EU Commission, the policy in the 1990s did not want that media or even the population dealt with the euro - it was a taboo subject. Bunz said, "The population has been intentionally left out because it did not arrive at them" And the Bavarian Green MEP Gerald Hefner reported the effect of a spiral of silence in his political environment on the euro was extremely large.. He says, "People, even MPs were afraid to express their concerns clearly. Critical attitude to the euro, often even demands, still were considered nationalistic, chauvinistic, dull, unfashionable, un-European, anti-European. "Can we talk about democracy there yet? If politicians are afraid to find out the most important issue for decades? If they are not allowed to ask, because that is considered to be "nationalistic"?

Jens Peter Paul wrote in 2007 a doctoral thesis on the subject at the Frankfurt Goethe University, entitled "Balance Sheet of a failed communication". He has sent 1086 parliamentary, European and Member of Parliament a questionnaire in which it was asked, among other things, whether the euro "had been" imposed from above, that is forced upon the citizens. 78 percent of the deputies agreed with this statement in whole or in part. 531 > Note

Jens Peter Paul also quotes the former president of a Landesbank, was asked before monetary union in a background discussion, which TO ISSUE inflation on the Germans with the euro. In the thesis it is said: "He said that he assumed that there are between 15 and 20 percent, but that he would be quoting him, that would deny". 532

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Thus, the disinformation about the supposedly wonderful euro was inevitable. Is that still democracy?

In the thesis Paul writes that journalists who were not on line, ran into trouble: "Under the Brussels journalists that naturally earliest and most were aware of the plans at EU level, there have been since the 80s a Comment who allowed a critical attitude towards a European monetary union only within narrow limits. Who exceeded these limits got to understand that he was considered out of place, at least for disoriented." 533 > Note One who got the clearly felt was Winfried Muenster, correspondent *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* in Brussels. He describes the pressure on him as: "A few weeks before the Maastricht summit has insulted me (the German ambassador in Brussels) Dietrich von Kyaw as a 'rat.' He stood before me, 'If you continue to write so, then make the German economy broke, because then the monetary union does not come?' And so nonsense!. The pressure was now enormous. Then there were officials in the office in Brussels who have not spoken to me. But some non colleagues. What was particularly bad. Because I was a European, no doubt could exist. For me the whole thing was so so disappointing because the monetary union has not brought integration. Still, I was (...) made within weeks into the right corner." 534 > Note The then Chancellor Kohl took the journalists of Münster with a journalist talking to the side and told him not to bring his Euro-criticism in the editorial. Kohl accused him personally, he could the climate "poison." The then foreign minister said on another occasion to Munster, this should no longer so "write-destructive" about the euro. 535 > Note

Jens Peter Paul draws in his doctoral thesis the following conclusion with regard to the German media: "The journalists followed the other members of the German elites (...) had embarked on pro-euro exchange rate. (...) The euro remained a project of the elites. (...) In the end, both sides failed to detect communication attempts. Rarely governors and the governed were so puzzled over ". 536 > Note

With the broad guidelines of democracy all this has certainly nothing to do. What you have read in this chapter, rather reminiscent of dark dictatorships and past regime. But it's only a tiny insight into

what happens behind the scenes.

ARD and ZDF get more than 7.5 billion euros annually by forced fee payers. An incredible amount of money they receive in the first place because they fulfill a public mission, namely to provide the information needed by a democracy for the political and social discourse. As more and more newspapers serve newsroom pabulum if the diversity of opinion fades dramatically as more and more newsrooms merged and journalists are released, so little time remains for research, the job of the public broadcaster is all the more important. And that they no longer perceive. On the contrary: they can buy. And they make propaganda.

Who turns on the TV and public broadcasters pursuing a soap opera, the suspect unlikely that even the dialogs can be bought there. The popular eve consequences audience of millions of citizens will pay the one hand, on compulsory fees. On the other hand, there is paid product placement in order to influence the opinion of millions of audience. The lobby association of employers' Initiative New Social Market Economy "(INSM) went about in the past in the ARD evening series *Marienhof*

covert PR about purchased dialogues. 537 > **Note** The message that should be anchored on such dialogues in the minds of viewers, was "up working hours." The price of the covert subliminal advertising employers in seven episodes: 58 000 EUR. 538 > **Note** Even if we look at citizens to relax a shallow soap opera on television, we are psychologically cleverly manipulated. So that was the farewell to the D-Mark. And so it is every day. We are misinformed around the clock.

Crime Scene Editor:

The dark side of the media world

If you have read this book, your impression will probably not be the very best of our media. However, I am sure that those age episodes and relationships are just a selection from the colorful reality. But the reality now even includes personal impressions. I started this book with very personal accounts, have pointed out that I used naturally press discounts, free invitations in five-star hotels or

to chummy traveling with

Top politicians have accepted and occupied posts in foundations, associations or intelligence-related organizations. And in retrospect, I probably bought for reporting, especially in the FAZ produced. With the backing of my bosses. but at the end of this book, I want you also mention the price that I paid for it. Was extremely high and certainly not desirable.

The profession of journalism is regarded by many younger people as a dream job. I also have seen the time before my first day of work. When I after graduation from the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* a generous at first glance job offer as an editor in the foreign policy of the FAZ got, I was overjoyed. But already my first day of work was completely different from what I had expected. It was the 1st October 1986, a Wednesday. On that day the former US President Jimmy Carter was then 62 years old. The violinist André Rieu was on that day 37 years old. And the later the Berlin SPD mayor Klaus Wowereit was celebrating his 33rd birthday. That day I was excited to have arrived an hour before the start of work on my new job in the FAZ. And then came my first labor. It was not even 10 o'clock in the morning and the news director of policy editors sent me a 10-mark note in a shop in Frankfurt Gallusviertel to a bottle of liquor ("schnapps") and to get cigarettes.

The *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* at that time was one of the top addresses in the German media business. With awe I entered the supposedly hallowed halls. And brutally fast I had to learn that my immediate superior was an alcoholic. He was and is certainly a wonderful person. I mention this just only because of the impact in reality was pretty brutal. Next, I learned that each correspondent for editors visit for colleagues to bring liquor or had to buy a case of beer. Even those who came back from a business trip, was so in the duty

taken. "Put a Molle was called the". The

Correspondent network of the FAZ was quite large. And there were many business trips. So much alcohol. If readers would have known how much alcohol was drunk at the time in politics editors of the FAZ, there would have been more than a murmur.

Outwardly, the FAZ campaigned time with the pithy slogan "Behind this is always a clever head." Sometimes the supposedly masterminds were so

preoccupied with themselves that they did not see important things. In one of my first trips to Africa I got the dangerous malaria tropica. They shall likewise be considered the most dangerous of the known malaria species and often ends in death.

I only mention this because my former employer has not reported occupational disease in the trade association. This violation of the duty of care I have experienced in 17 years of working for the renowned FAZ over again. I suffered a pulmonary contusion when used in the southern Iranian war zone. And the FAZ reported the competent occupational disease professional association - nothing. That was the rule.

Hard to believe, and incredibly, I had already written that I'm probably the only surviving Western observers gasification of Iranians who in the south of the country with German poison gas (mustard gas) were gassed in July 1988th The FAZ had sent me there, published a report about me in the newspaper and a picture taken of me photo of a poison gas victims. The idea that I might have suffered on the poison gas battlefield health, my then employer came (as so often in other cases) is not. In plain English: The FAZ also reported that the trade association. Those professors who me then treated because of the long-term damages in the hospital (I was among others cancer) and were sure that I had only few days to live because of the poison gas effects, advised me because of war damage to a Nottrauung. So I owe from the perspective of that time treated me professors FAZ a wedding without witnesses, without wedding rings and without banns. I have the mustard gas consequences, to the amazement of doctors, like so many consequences of war survived. After 25 years, I now present a recognition of the professional association for a number of work-related severe illnesses or accidents during my FAZ time. And then I'm 1311 (mustard gas) "returned from a mission as a war correspondent for the FAZ from southern Iraq with the" occupational disease BK. It took more than 25 years and the FAZ has not particularly helped me to work up the accidents for the trade association. On the contrary. You can probably as a reader hardly imagine how high the hurdles to a German journalist of the Professional Association (BG) to be officially recognized as a poison gas victims. In the BG, it has certainly not been such a case in decades. I had in December 2013 letter with the following question sent the then responsible for me FAZ publisher: "Will you please tell me again in retrospect why you sent me, for example, despite positive knowledge of the poison gas operations in those war effort and (like so many others health momentous missions) did not report the BGHW? Finally, it was clear that a mustard gas exposure would have health consequences. "Two months later I got from a Frankfurt law firm a letter in which he said, *mutatis mutandis*,

I do not write on that to annoy the FAZ. I write it on to young

People say that it is not worthwhile to put a reporter his life at risk. For the employer, this has nothing to do with the FAZ, sometimes a compelling story comes out in such perilous journeys that secures the short circulation. And the one who risked his life pays some point the bill. A colleague of *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* has noticed even at close range, such as an apparent standing drugged soldier in the depths of the African bush gave me a machine gun to his head and wanted to pull the trigger with glassy eyes. The colleague has then described quite well in an article. When I came back with such experiences in the editor of the FAZ, it was not about understanding or compassion. No, the first thing was aufgebrummt one, lasting "were late shifts" to 23 am, because you finally had been allowed to make a trip abroad and some "experienced" had.

I once suffered a fractured skull on the road in my FAZ office. The consequences were terrible. And it took me several months before I could walk unassisted again. Do not think that the FAZ had visited me. A few months after the described use of poison gas, I got cancer and was many months in hospitals. Visit of the FAZ I did not get there too. After six weeks, no more content. That was brutal. And in the FAZ my work was ever re-tendered while I was still alive. I survived and came back to the office as severely disabled. I was sent as severely disabled as a matter of course over again in war zones. 2003 I had a serious accident in which the nerves of my right leg were severed. The result: I was then presented to a termination agreement with the FAZ. I have formulated polite, subjectively perceived as unpleasant. I will not comment further on this.

I do not know why the FAZ the smell of the noble, truthful and sincere adheres. Probably it is due to good marketing. But the dramatic drop in circulation shows that so beautifully polished brand FAZ caught in fewer and fewer people. I wrote some unpleasant things about the FAZ in this book. Others will follow. It's the truth. Even if you do not like to hear in the FAZ or would rather not be reminded of it.

What to do

We have seen in this book, such as striking is the embeddedness prominent alpha journalists in elite circles of power. Its proximity to specific milieus of politics and economy obviously has an impact on the extent to which the subjects desires of elites affect the media coverage. It should even be difficult for impartial and neutral endeavor acting journalists to escape the influence. They have long since become part of a complex communication system of mutual disposition area, in which the topics are set and accentuated. The most problematic networks of influential journalists with international organizations and governmental institutions remain largely hidden from newspaper readers, television viewers or radio listeners. *The time*), Stefan Kornelius

(*Süddeutsche*) Michael Stürmer (*World*), Günther Nonnenmacher and Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger (*FAZ*) and Kai Diekmann (*Image*) for the past ever
in a scientific study conducted by Uwe Krüger
worked out. The once prominent newspapers *FAZ*, *Süddeutsche*, *World*
and *Time*, but also the *image* have certainly not obtained by this revelation prestige.

The *taz* once wrote under the heading "journalists under the influence of" this:

Of the surveyed media representatives Kruger selected four journalists who possessed close links "in the US and NATO affine milieu": Stefan Kornelius (Süddeutsche Zeitung), Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung), Michael Stürmer (The world) and Josef Joffe (The time). All four regularly took part in the Munich Security Conference. So also they engaged in the Atlantic Bridge and in the "secret Bilderberg conference at which replace North American and European elites." (...) Write the four alpha journalists sided? (...) Of the journalists Joffe, Frankenberger, Cornelius and striker Kruger found 83 relevant articles. In it he had discovered a correlation between their NATO and US-affiliated networks and the argument: "They used the uncritical

> Extended security concept < and argued for a stronger military commitment in Germany, especially in Afghanistan, which is desired by NATO and the US, however, rejected by a majority of the German population. "2008 as were 53 percent of the citizens believe that Germany should stay out of the conflict. This attitude of citizens is partly defamed and been the federal government recommended a better persuasion. "A confrontation with objections and criticism is not" took place. 539 > Note

In plain English: journalists from renowned media were, at least in the past, "completely on line with the elites" 540

in those many foreclosed circles meet in which ordinary people do not

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have access, then they surely sometimes recognized mentally by the powerful in politics and high finance. So it is no wonder that scientific papers dealing with such journalists come to the conclusion that authors of leading media report biased and want to influence readers in their "mental attitude". 541

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When journalists so "Tendentious" report move in foreclosed circles of power, looking for a sticky proximity to elites that hide everything in their reporting and suggest to the reader, it unaffected report, then we only have to simulate accurate reporting before us: That which we then read, hear or see is an illusion, an illusion, but not a true reflection of reality.

When journalists German leading media in lobbying organizations such as Atlantic Bridge, Trilateral Commission, Munich Security Conference, the Bilderbergers, the *Aspen Institute* or the Federal College for Security Studies in and out, or even as a "media leaders" there are members, then a red line is crossed. Because some of these journalists are commercially available, can be invited to five-star travel, which they then report critical. What we find in the media, is nothing more than lubricated reporting, the worst sort of journalism. At the beginning I wrote that I myself used to work the same way and has been corrupted with the backing of my employer. This admission does not make it better. But it can and should help to remedy such conditions.

Are our key media today is formulated polite, dishonest. but who is not honest, who can also enjoy no confidence. Meaning: Whoever buys the major newspapers, deceives himself and funded a propaganda apparatus. As long as there lobbyists continue to be employed as a matter of course, also no output is unlikely to change. Leading journalists should be allowed to perform any tasks in advisory boards, boards of trustees and policy planning bodies alone for ethical reasons. And foreign policy department head have no place in an association for the promotion of transatlantic relations. But the reality is completely different.

So the recommendation is: Denied those who manipulate us and misinform, simple rate, circulation and hearing. Switches off and give now a penny more out of it. The more people make, the greater the pressure. First of all: writing newspaper publishers, editors and media houses to why you will not spend a cent more for the lobby of the items we desinformierenden "mainstream media." Announce their subscriptions and recommend the well friends, relatives and acquaintances. They are as fast part of a rapidly growing new movement which so easily eludes the bottom of unscrupulous propaganda.

We inform us instead for free on the Internet on the many alternative free news portals. 542

> Note The new medium is called undoubtedly Internet. Just as the cinema in their previous form because of

digital media have become extinct and the record stores, as well as the traditional mainstream media will die out. And by no means does this mean the demise of our culture. Rather, the development is inherent in something positive.

The wrongdoing who want to manipulate us of those elites, is these days already close to absolute zero. Any reader of this book can easily vote with the wallet and the "rate" and henceforth refuse to working "mainstream media" allegiance that is described here kind of journalism. Who does not buy the products of such media houses, no more clicks on their articles on the Internet and simply pushes on television or radio - makes the underlying journalists sometime unemployed. It's that simple and if you look very closely, then this process has long been used. Every day journalists be released somewhere in the German-speaking world, because customers do not want to have the kind of coverage.

In July 2014 Expert Consultation Quality Journalism "was held in the German Bundestag on the future of German". 543 > Note Everyone involved is clear that "quality journalists" as we have described in this book in large numbers, the water up to your neck stands financially. have a future that is foreseeable future only alternative forms of journalism, such as "personal brands", ie journalists as trademarks. Consumers will only pay for information that they relate directly by those journalists to whom they can absolutely trust. By foreign interests alpha journalists influenced, as I have amply described in this book, are becoming obsolete, a relic of bygone days. More and more enlightened people will realize that you can not trust alpha journalists. Journalists as own brands that can make money even without publishing because you trust them - have a future. 544 > Note Or Thomas Knüwer. 545

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Just as in the economic sphere Markus gardener. 546

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Matt Drudge in the field of English-language news. 547

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the collection side more »Branded Journalists" in German Kopp news site: <http://info.kopp-verlag.de>

There is in any case quite sure no Bilderbergers, transatlantic, billionaires, politicians and other obscure figures to take a look at the coverage the influence.

Nevertheless, this book is only a snapshot. seen as in the 1950s, the television of the citizens as a propaganda machine "Adenauer-TV" and soon had to compete against a host of other media, including the propaganda journalists from the leading media today have the problem that they just run away, people and inform elsewhere. However, the view of the (foreseeable) future can still imagine more serious: In a few years now, life for us is supposed to change Europeans in the field of information gathering fundamentally. In any case, the London Ministry of Defense has informed openly the British in 2007,

what was supposed to all of us zurollt: For our children it would be normal, "around 2035 around completely" to have an implanted chip for information transfer in the head. No, this is not a tangled future scenario of crazed utopians. This is an official notice of the London Ministry of Defense, based on past actual technical developments and probability calculations of scientists funded by the military. 548

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The renowned London *Guardian* reported on it in 2007 under the heading "revolution, flash mobs and brain crisps". 549 > Note The London Ministry of Defense told the British on 90 pages with to which foreseeable and supposedly realistic development, the British army will adjust in the security area. One can now find spun, good or bad, but you should know. This development is actually in sober reflection, even if we do not yet want to admit, even now easy to understand, but it is rather unpleasant: the migration, ie the migration to Europe, therefore, be used instead of conventional wars between states here in Europe, more and more

internal wars between the new give rise to populations. People groups that are hostile to each other, will face here in Europe before our doors in ever greater numbers and more often in confined spaces. So how do we know that again and again from the story in front of a big bang: of Alexander the Great on the migration of peoples and the collapse of the Roman Empire by the onslaught of the barbarians up to the failed experiment with the multinational state of Yugoslavia. At the end are always horrible wars because completely different people groups have never coexisted peacefully in the long term in a territory, not even under dictatorial coercion. That's the page.

And in precisely this context, the information gathering of people is illuminated in the future from London's Ministry of Defense. It is expected in any case that the quality of messages from now on will constantly decrease. Journalists ("citizen-journalists") are soon supposed almost entirely of blogging citizens. And the combination of information decline and the already mentioned brain chips will make it governments, criminals or terrorists then easy to mobilize crowds at any time on these interfaces implanted in the brain for their respective interests. About as "flash mobs" that are then expected arbitrarily according to their own interests in this extreme clash

hostile population against each other could incite.

In plain language: who dominates the future interfaces to these networked chips in the brains of humans or could hack into this, which is so well able to control the increasingly uneven because of the migration crowds forecasting the military. This sounds at first glance for a common man might one as absurd as it may have sounded before him for thirty years, because if you told him that today

large proportion of people cycling, in the car, while walking or shopping will be naturally constantly connected via a button in the ear and a tiny device with the data networks in the world. If you would have told him then that today we always make mobile calls with friends in other continents, but could also determine our local point of view about in a huge forest accuracy of a meter and our communication also fully recorded by the Americans around the clock, would be evaluated and stored permanently 550

> Note - you

had at that time probably kept the bearer of the message was crazy. But Today all this is self-evident. Every phone call, we lead is automatically recorded word for word in distant countries such as the US content and permanently stored. Our freedom is so imperceptible, more and more restricted. Also would have been considered a generation ago for unreal utopia. And now there is this bunch of alpha journalists who sit in the many pro-American foundations and associations and us the most absurd things from alleged "future project €" through "immigration as an enrichment" through the theme "Monitoring serves our security" as an allegedly positive want to foist. In whose interest they do, the silent, the NATO and US understanders.

The Frankenstein monster who know this development, so have a very natural interest to come to the control desks of our brains to be able to influence the foreseeable development. And what still sounds in regard to the report of the London Defense or American military for our future plenty of Frankenstein and Utopia, which is by no means so absurd on closer inspection clearly as it might seem. Because: Even today, some eventually determine a few of what information become lodged deep in our brains and how we think. There is a small clique of armaments and US near-alpha journalists from an elite circle which is already not behave on closer inspection, other than the Frankenstein of the just-mentioned London Horror future scenarios. But nor are human accomplices in the vicinity of the power elite who seek to manipulate our brains. Nor can one explain their action. Nor can you denounce them and perhaps even stop the development. And yet there are righteous among them, which can not be buy and denounce abuses. People with backbone. which can not be buy and denounce abuses. People with backbone. which can not be buy and denounce abuses. People with backbone.

As Ulrich Tilgner. The man reported the Middle East since the 1982nd Since 2002, the native of Bremen headed the ZDF office in Teheran. For his coverage of the Iraq war in 2003, the reporter received the Hanns-Joachim-Friedrich prize for television journalism. He had "under the extreme conditions of war reporting retained its professional quality and its journalistic independence and proven." Then came the bang: foreign correspondent Tilgner, who all ZDF viewers was a familiar face, reports only for Swiss television. he did not renew the contract as head of the ZDF office in Teheran and as a special correspondent for the Middle East. His step he justified by saying that he is in

Germany feel increasingly restricted in his work, especially in terms of "reporting from Afghanistan, now that German soldiers there to die." There were considerations alliance, which was reflected in the editorial independence of broadcasters. At the same policy was being increasingly replaced in niches. "In Switzerland, shipments are like the

daily News or 9:50 Institutions. "He had not experienced interference in his work. ZDF has obviously not informed its viewers why the foreign correspondent Ulrich Tilgner was suddenly no longer visible. They exist so that journalists backbone.

Remains the realization: Our alpha journalists report past the people. They do not look to the people on the mouth, no, they are trying to cover his Schandmaul be the people or to ignore it politically correct. You can see that in the ongoing tendentious reporting. More and more people have the impression that there will in their lives, their impressions, their attitudes reported by. As a lifted sticky Elite, tinker the world as her and only she likes. Since only the Nörgelton the Weggucker and alls prevails. But the Zeitgeist is now tipped over in the population as a too long stagnant water.

In the end, I thank the mentioned by name in this book alpha journalists. After all, they have an important function: They are probably a new generation of aspiring rapporteur serve in the schools of journalism in the future as a cautionary warning example of how not to do it.

All persons named in this book deny a stickiness filzige proximity to elite organizations. They also deny to be lobbyists. They also deny themselves "corrupt by its proximity to the elite" to make. And they deny having lost as journalists with proximity to the aforementioned groups journalistic bite. They deny that the outlined near affects their reporting.

epilogue

The American Carl Bernstein is the one reporter who once exposed the Watergate scandal and in 1974 US President Nixon brought to case. Bernstein's Pulitzer Prize winners. He is a heavyweight in journalism. After 1977, the American newspaper *Washington post* left, he worked for six months in a single text: an article about the collaboration of journalists with the CIA. His report was published in the magazine *Rolling Stone*. 551 > Note Bernstein revealed that some 400 American journalists who worked for the CIA. The *New York Times* then even had a contract with the CIA, according to which its journalists could be any time "on loan from the CIA." The best-known editorial writers and commentators in the United States were therefore on the payroll of the CIA, also publisher and editors - and foreign journalists. Ever since this revelation from 1977 it is clear that the CIA world's leading journalists and employees recruited in media companies or leads as informants. 552

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What does this mean for us in Germany? For example, the SPD politician Manfred Lahnstein in 1982 was Finance Minister and from 1983 to 2004 worked for the Bertelsmann media group, most recently as "Special Representative of the board". Lahnstein was a member of
detail in this book

featured Trilateral Commission. And since the mid-1990s, he has been Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation of the weekly newspaper *The time* (Time Foundation). Lahnsteins name appears in the estate of the former CIA officer Robert Trumbull Crowley as an informant of the CIA. Lahnstein is there one of 2,619 names of alleged CIA informants. Robert Trumbull Crowley died on

October 8, 2000 in a Washington hospital. 553 > Note He was deputy chief of operations of the CIA and head of covert operations. It is possible that the persons included in his list were not aware that they were out as a CIA informant. 554

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have Manfred Lahnstein in August 2014 in the weekly newspaper *The time* requested in writing whether he had knowledge that he - has been on the list of CIA informants - like other German. And obviously at the time when he was in charge of media at Bertelsmann. Because on the list his former address is called in Gütersloh. Lahnstein answered visibly surprised: "Thank you for the hint. I had and have no idea. "

I am convinced that Lahnstein telling the truth. Because according to my research members of the Trilateral Commission came in the past almost automatically and without their knowledge to the CIA list of those who are close to US intelligence agencies or even actively support them. So Lahnstein could as a former member of the Trilateral Commission, the CIA

have come informant list. In plain English: You do well to stay away from trans-Atlantic organizations.

It is inexplicable why our journalists still adhere to such networks. Because since 2006 at the latest they would have to know what happened. In that year the transmitter beamed *Arte* documentation »Used and controlled from." It underwent an astonished audience how the CIA tries to influence the editorial German publishers and broadcasters on camouflaged organizations targeted. 555

> Note It became clear: writers, musicians, employees of publishers and the public service broadcasting - many were remotely controlled from Washington. 556

> Note And magazines, such as the literary magazine *The month*, were financed by the CIA. Than by an article in the *New York Times*

bought became known as *The time the month just on*. 557 > Note

All this was never a secret. Only no one wanted to see. Already in 1996 the CIA had publicly announced that it would increasingly recruit journalists. 558

> Note And where one makes the best such contacts? Where is one then to Alpha Journalist the "IN Frankenstein"? Of course, in the many transatlantic organizations. For since the CIA regularly sits at the table. Today, many of which I have mentioned in this book by name, may claim to have not noticed until now what's happening around them. They will claim to have been too stupid, too naive or incompetent. It is so transparent: Because the leaders of the transatlantic Actions sit in *Council on Foreign Relations* (CFR). The CFR has the closest links with the CIA. 559 > Note And the CFR has many offshoots such as the cactus *German Council on Foreign Relations* - the Germans better known as German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), at its inception, the CFR as godfather to the side stand. 560

Connected are almost all pro-American lobby organizations

Transatlantic Policy Network (TPN). And understands as

Lobby organization of European and American corporations, media and think tanks, and especially lists to member companies on such as: 561

> Note Allianz, AT & T, BASF, Bertelsmann AG, Boeing, BP, Caterpillar Inc., Citigroup, Coca-Cola, Daimler, Dell, German Bank, Dow Chemical, Ericsson, Facebook, GE, Hewlett Packard, HSBC, IBM, JP Morgan, The McGraw-Hill Companies, Michelin, Microsoft, Nestle, Oracle, Pfizer International, SAP AG, Siemens AG, SWIFT, Syngenta and UPS. And now below the names of think tanks, which as also the along with the aforementioned large corporations under the umbrella *Transatlantic Policy Network* are united 562 > Note : AmCham EU (*The American Chamber of Commerce to the EU*), *the Aspen Institute - Berlin*, *Aspen Institute - Italy*, *the Atlantic Council of the United States*, *Brookings Institution*, *Bruegel*, *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, *the Center for European Policy Studies*

(CEPS), *Chamber of Commerce of the United States*, *Chatham House*, *Council on Foreign Relations*, *Center for Strategic and International Studies* (CSIS), *German Society for Foreign Relations*. (DGAP) *European Policy*

Center (EPC) European Round Table of Industrialists (ERT) European- American Business Council, European Institute, German Marshall Fund of the United States, the Institut Français des Relations Internationales (IFRI)

Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), UNICE and US Council on Competitiveness. Missing only the Atlantic Bridge and its partner organization American Council on Germany and the Trilateral Commission of Mr. Rockefeller. 563 > Note In almost each of the aforementioned organizations and high-profile politicians sit. There we have it then, the network of major corporations, media and think tanks, where many journalists from the mainstream media, business leaders, politicians and scientists have caught. all you really want to just play?

Is it a conspiracy theory so if I am personally convinced that the many individual cells *Transatlantic Policy Network* and environment organizations brain massages are prepared at the highest level for us? That the point of view of members and friends of these many lobbying organizations, their fellows and there researchers is so intricately molded and concentrated until it becomes perfect transformers of the ideas of major corporations, intelligence agencies and US interests and their ideas and strategies appear to them as their own ? The so-formed ideas will then be in a

immense number publications and other Communications media spawned in leading media and sold as each own thinking products.

It is absolutely wrong in this context, when the so-working German leading media publish reports that there are hardly any in Iraq or elsewhere in distant countries press freedom. This is because the vast majority of the local media is not independent and acting as a mouthpiece for political groupings. The reporter funded by US Billionaire Soros without borders like to discover such grievances in distant lands - but not here in Europe. 564 > Note Here, our German-language media but are mainly mouthpieces of political groups and, as we have seen in connection with the transatlantic ties, not independent. At ZDF also almost all influential editors and station manager have a party card. And ZDF may now be even referred to legally as the most dependent stations of the republic. Because in March 2014 the Federal Constitutional Court has criticized the influence of politics on the transmitter bodies - and the ZDF "treaty" declared unconstitutional. 565 > Note This means that the influence of the ZDF by political groups is so extreme that it is unconstitutional! These are conditions like in a banana republic.



What we have explored in this book that makes political nuclei of influence system of elites. And so it is no wonder that those keywords, which we use as a matter of course today, there have exactly its origin: from "globalization" on "liberalization of world markets," the "fight against international terrorism" through to the "Arab Spring" or harmless words like "air strikes" if brutal

Bombings are meant. Above all, the transatlantic influence systems of the pro-American elites develop war plans. From the Iraqi-Iranian war from 1980 to 1988 about the many resource wars in Africa, the Kuwait war in 1990, the Balkan wars, the war in Iraq in 2003, the war in Afghanistan, the civil war in the Arab states ranging in Ukraine and again in the Middle East, where there is always is all about raw materials and power. And our mainstream media have all accompanied willingly propaganda. As the Austrian conflict researcher called Dr. Kurt Gritsch our civil quality media after extensive studies, "warmongers". 566

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even Gabor Steingart, editor of the prestigious business newspaper *Handelsblatt*, throws his colleagues in the mainstream media (such as alpha journalists *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*) now warmongering before and called FAZ article "spiritual convening notices." He accused the FAZ in late summer 2014 even to reinforce the warmongering against Russia with false reports. 567

> Note One day you too will love

Readers are asked by a subsequent generation, how long you have supported these warmongers. Four-fifths of Germans oppose German military missions from abroad. 568 > Note

Quite different German President Joachim Gauck. 569 > Note

Who is a member of the elite transatlantic

Association Atlantic Bridge. 570

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And he is as much of our

Leading media, the hard-liners in the US close. 571 > Note

I am ashamed today for having worked much of my former life for journalists warmongers. Others are not ashamed. On the contrary: Several alpha journalists are in contact with the American Ralph F. Goff. The man was active in the background in many American organizations. Ralph F. Goff intended to Russian sources until the summer of 2014 station chief of the CIA have been in Germany. 572 > Note Officially, he was renamed as "Foreign Service Officer at the US Department of State" 573

> Note . thus disguised as a harmless Diplomat. Just as his wife, Jennifer Goff, it should be specialized to attract foreigners in transatlantic discussions for the CIA. His wife Jennifer should therefore have been expelled from another country already of 2004. 574 > Note All this is perfectly normal in American services. The world famous whistleblower Edward Snowden worked so long time disguised as a diplomat for the CIA in Geneva. 575 > Note

Do you remember the designs in this book how US intelligence helped in the Cold War with the creation of transatlantic organizations through which they wanted to influence public opinion in Germany? And you still remember what prices these organizations were named after US intelligence officials and on which items the US services have been in Germany in transatlantic foundations? Obviously, nothing has changed to this day. Because this Ralph

F. Goff, who before Berlin and Vienna (disguised as a diplomat) to have been working for the CIA and there are also many alpha journalists to his friends

counted, had to leave Germany in the summer of 2014 because of its excessive intelligence activities. you could quickly find out its relevant contacts via its profiles in the different social networks in summer, 2014. Probably they will now quickly extinguished. Why our alpha journalists have not previously reported?

If you are still asking this question now actually, please go back to "Start". Because then you should read this book again carefully from the front ...

Do you remember the book pages 74 to 76? Then get now one last deep breath:

On 31 January 2000, the then 23-year-old Bundeswehr Corporal André Horn died in a field hospital in Prizren (Kosovo). He was used since the end of November 1999 as a member of the Kosovo Force (KFOR) in Kosovo. available as official cause of death

the Bundeswehr a

Meningococcal sepsis on. The truth does not seem to be. For the scientist Prof. Peter Horn, biotechnologist at the Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich and an expert in isotope geochemistry of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and the physician and medical scientist Horst Günther Siegwart come to the conclusion that Corporal Horn from the effects of severe intoxication by depleted uranium (depleted uranium, DU, that depleted uranium) could be passed, which he has incurred in Kosovo. The detection of a

radiological poisoning by

DU munitions would still be possible even today, when the body of André Horn exhumed and tissue would scientifically analyzed it. Multiple expressed by the family of the dead German soldiers requests, carry out such an exhumation and to examine the remains of internationally recognized experts, or to support a request of the family to the prosecutor, the defense ministry has always rejected. The Ministry claims continue in the public that depleted uranium is not dangerous. And our alpha journalists support the Ministry in this statement. Check out the documents on pages 75 and 76 of this book now once again very carefully. then you realize how ruthless those working in the background networks can be.

Finally, a request of you: This book is indeed the first part of three controversial publications on the media industry. You learned what secret networks manage our information overload. You have to know the proximity of our media elites and the consequences. Each statement was proven step by step. From a "conspiracy theory" became a reality. In another tape, we will learn the tricks the major media publishers

their advertisers cheat. A small

I had already given you in this book taste. If you plus (assignable!) Notes directly from the industry have, then I look forward to your letter or via a contact. And in a third band I will concretely report with attribution about what

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