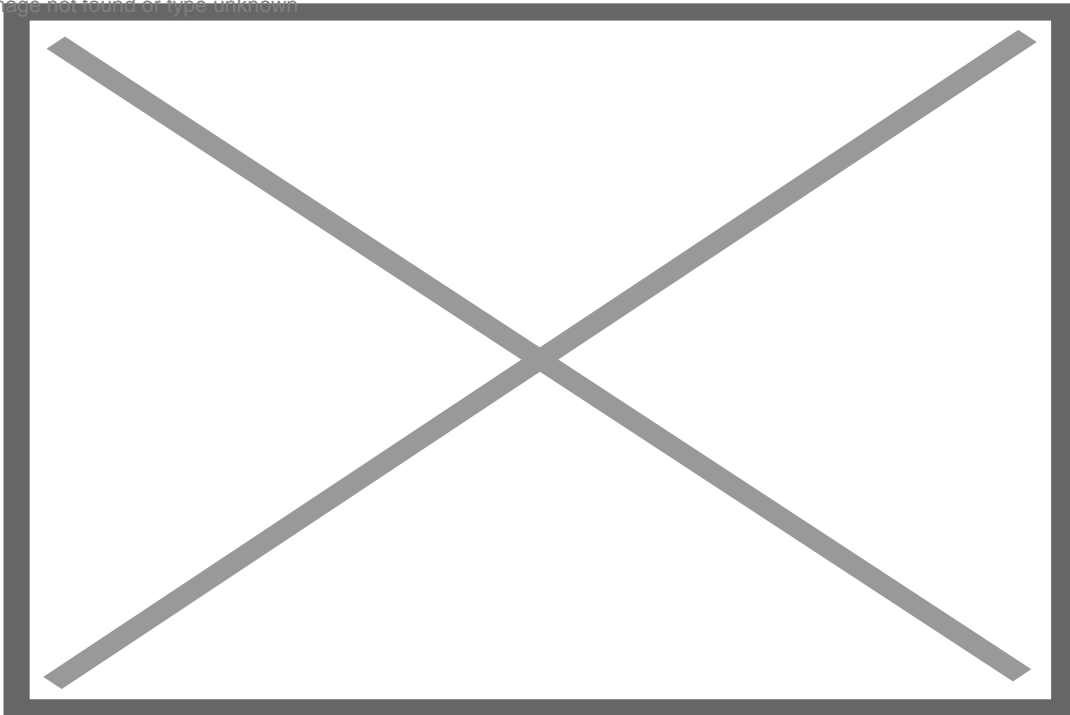


Germany: The Roots of Evil

Demonstrations in Germany

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In particular, citizens expressed their disgust at the news of a meeting between the leadership of the neo-fascist Alternative for Germany party, together with similar forces and a group of businessmen with the aim of promoting a xenophobic and anti-immigrant plan.

Evidently the work done after the end of World War II was not enough to exterminate the roots of evil sown by Adolf Hitler and his allies, who brought out the most brutal face of a people blinded against their fellow men.

The danger is not minor, for let us remember how the Nazis managed to inoculate the brown plague in a nation that had astonished the world at different times with figures such as Ludwin van Beethoven, Johan Bach, Immanuel Kant, Friederich Nietzsche, Johann Goethe, Karl Marx or Arthur Schopenhauer, just to mention a few.

The inheritance of such a select load of literature, poetry, music, philosophy and lofty thought failed to prevent the serpent's egg from bursting, poisoning almost everything and leading not only Europe but the entire planet into one of the darkest stages ever known.

Now it is back and the data are worrying. Alternative for Germany is considered as one of the main forces for the municipal elections next September, only behind the parties of the government coalition. Deeply xenophobic, they are also Europhobic and one of their aims is to reshape the European Union in order, according to them, to recover German sovereignty or, in extreme cases, to separate it from the integration bloc as the United Kingdom recently did.

Although this is the largest group, it is not the only one, as it became known when the justice removed the public financing to the extremist party La Patria, which until last year was called, mind the name, National Democratic Party of Germany. Protests against these groups are important, but much more important is that politicians, academics and social and popular leaders sit down to discuss what is happening in that country, what are the reasons why hatred thrives and conquers followers, after such painful stories.

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