VALUES

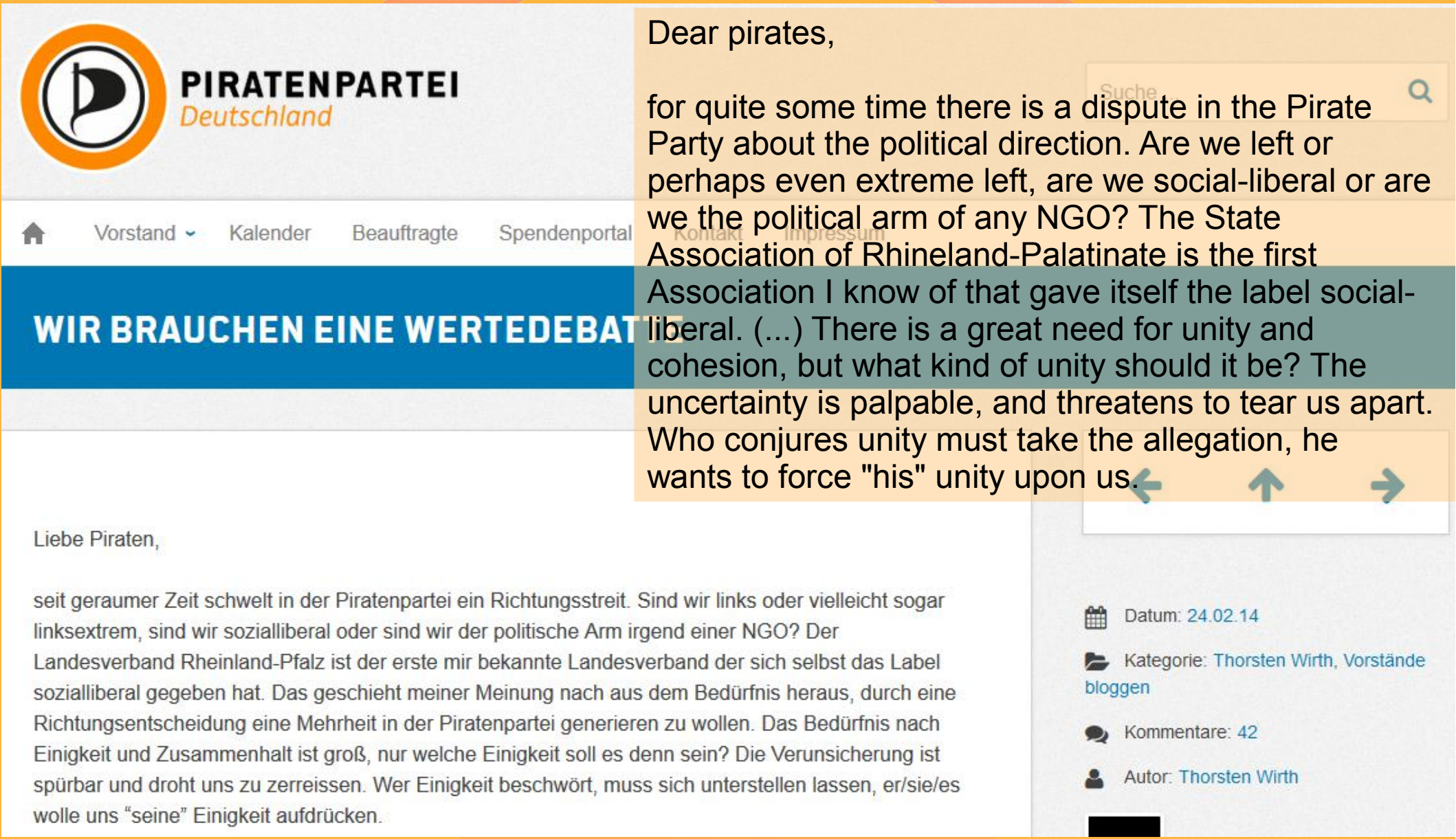
or

WHAT UNITES US AS PIRATES

A SUBJECTIVE REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION

social
LIBERAL
Net Party
radical democratic
libertarian
?
Liquid democracy
left-wing
grassroots democracy
antifascistic

#gates



Dear pirates,

for quite some time there is a dispute in the Pirate Party about the political direction. Are we left or perhaps even extreme left, are we social-liberal or are we the political arm of any NGO? The State Association of Rhineland-Palatinate is the first Association I know of that gave itself the label social-liberal. (...) There is a great need for unity and cohesion, but what kind of unity should it be? The uncertainty is palpable, and threatens to tear us apart. Who conjures unity must take the allegation, he wants to force "his" unity upon us.

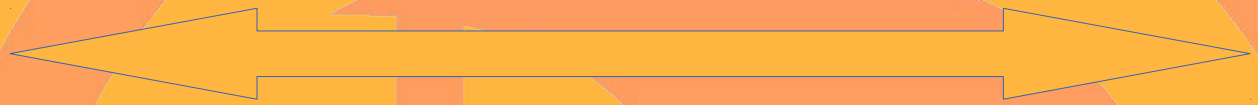
THERE MUST BE
A COMMON GROUND,
A REASON *WHY* WE ARE

PIRATES

AND NOT

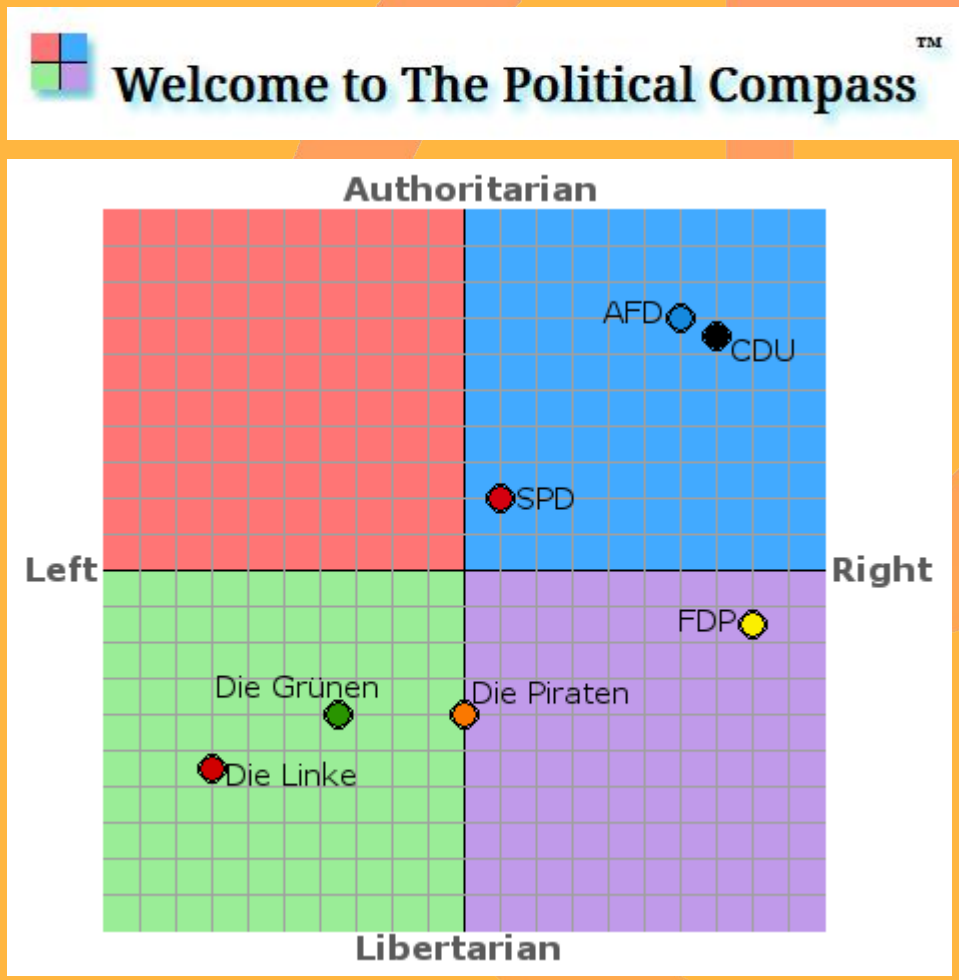
LIBERAL DEMOCRATS,
SOCIAL DEMOCRATS,
SOCIALISTS, GREENS ...

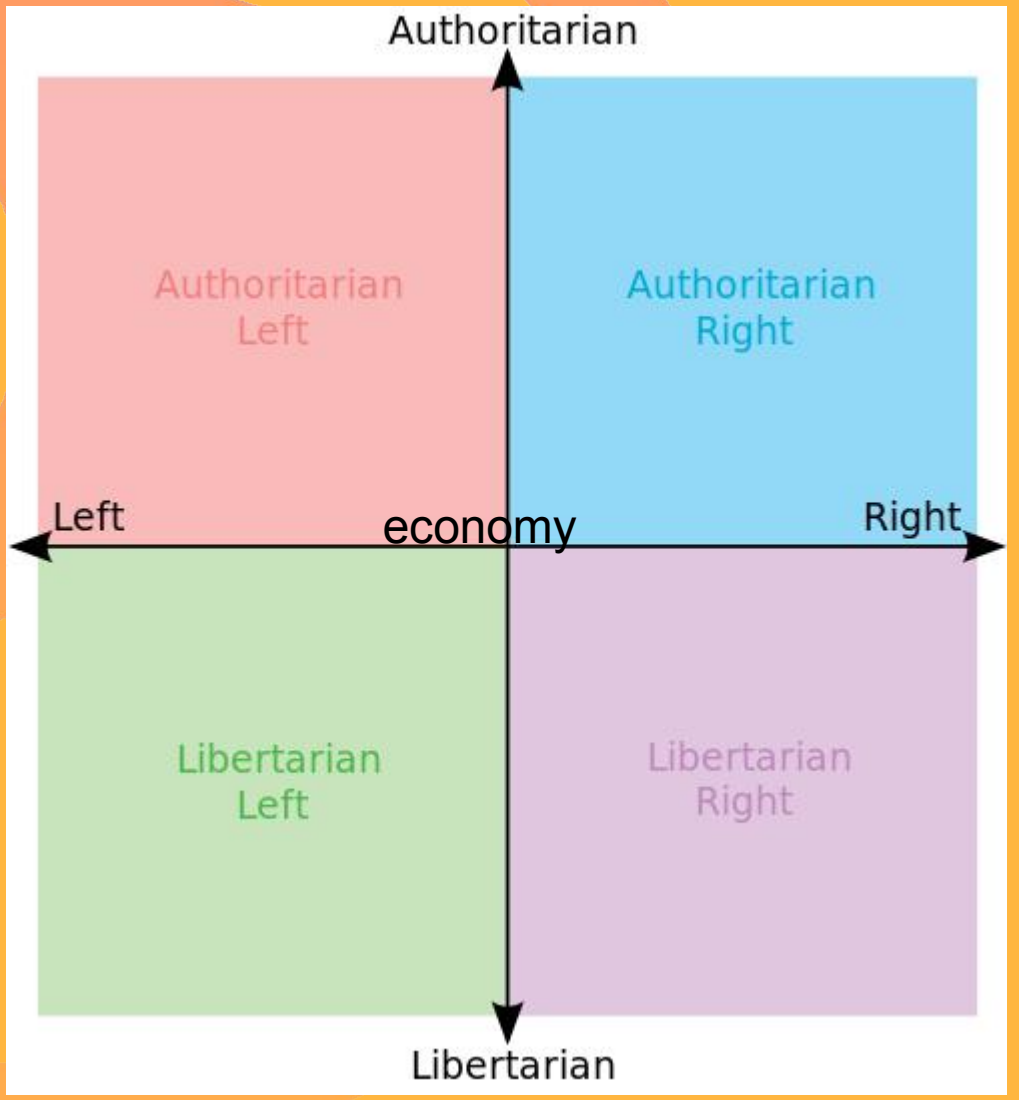
ONE DIMENSION



left	right
progressive	conservative
internationalistic	nationalistic
pacifistic	militaristic
anti-authoritarian (?)	authoritarian
state economy (?)	free economy
social benefits	Everyone is the architect of his own fortune.
equality	hierarchy, classes
solidaric	egoistic(?), individualistic(?)
laicistic, anti-clerical	loyal to religious powers
feministic(?)	Macho (?)

TWO DIMENSIONS

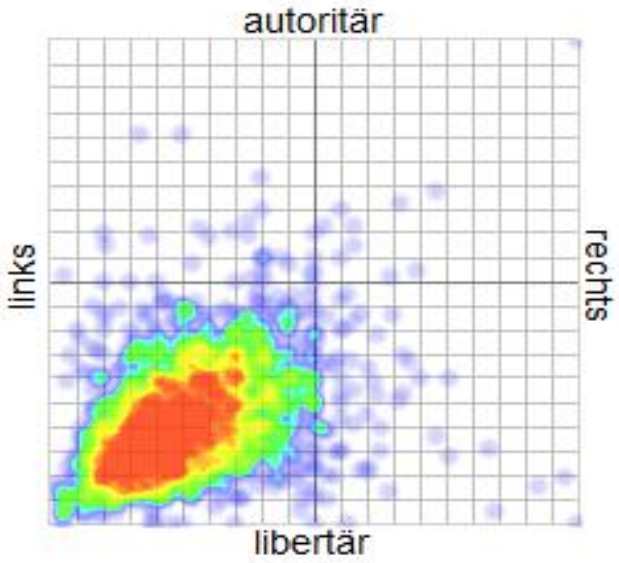




TWO DIMENSIONS

Die Politische Ausrichtung der PIRATEN

Zum mitmachen bitte ins Wiki der Piratenpartei eintragen.



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The Political Compass™

MANY DIMENSIONS

split freedom-axis: negative freedoms / positive freedoms
split economy axis: private economy / corporate economy

additional axes:
position on using force/violence
position on religion
position on rule of the „masses“ vs. elites
and so forth...

We have a very multi-facetted political spectrum –
left-right is an oversimplification

1ST CONCLUSION

WE ARE A LEFT PARTY...
SOMEHOW, MORE OR LESS...

BUT THAT IS NOT WHY WE ARE

PIRATES

THE ROOTS: HACKER ETHIC

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Steven Levy „Hackers: Heroes of the Computer Revolution“ (1984)
→ Free Software Movement (Richard Stallman et al.)

1) Access to computers - and anything else which might teach you about the way the world works - should be unlimited and total.

2) All information should be free.

3) Mistrust Authority - Promote Decentralization.

4) Hackers should be judged by their hacking, not bogus criteria such as degrees, age, race, or position.

5) You can create art and beauty on a computer.

6) Computers can change your life for the better.

CCC additions:

Don't litter other people's data.

Make public data available, protect private data.

THE ROOTS: HACKER ETHIC

SHARING of knowledge and ressources

COMMUNITY AND COLLABORATION

HANDS-ON IMPERATIVE take things apart to understand and improve them

DO NO HARM

PROTECT PRIVACY

EXCEED LIMITATIONS

THE RIGHT TO COMMUNICATE

THE ROOTS: HACKER ETHIC

Linus Torvalds: "the computer itself is entertainment, "meaning that the hacker programs because he finds programming intrinsically interesting, exciting, and joyous.

→ **A PIRATE FINDS POLITICS** intrinsically interesting, exciting, and joyous.

THE DIGITAL-LIBERALISM

PARTICIPATION
Access to infrastructure

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION
Basis of the 21st century society

HUMANISM
judge people by their actions, not degrees, age, race, or position...
No dogmas

SCEPTICISM
Questioning existing systems
Mistrust authority
Reason, Science and Technology

HACKER ETHICS

WE BEG TO DIFFER!
-FROM LEFT PARTIES

The ideologies of left parties (Social Democrats, Socialists, Communists) are focussed on labor – industrial labor as in the 19th century.

The PIRATES develop concepts for the post-industrial knowledge society:

- sharing economy, „open“ concepts
- flexible working (in time and space)
- work done by robots is no threat but a chance
- „Working Class“ ceased to exist – new Precariat
- people don‘t need jobs – they need income

WE BEG TO DIFFER!
- FROM LIBERAL PARTIES

Concepts of Sharing, Open Access to infrastructure are not part of other liberal agendas

Pirates not only demand negative freedoms (freedom from unjust intervention of the state, e.g. surveillance)
but have a strong focus on positive freedoms:
Freedom to use, diaasemble, share, improve things

Personal freedom only possibe in a state of social security

WE BEG TO DIFFER!
- FROM GREEN PARTIES

We do not claim to have the last and final solution to the world's problems – we use the scientific method of adjusting our views

We believe in the personal freedom of people to chose their way of life

We do not cosider technology as a problem but a solution

Pirate parties

...on the way into the future

WE ARE DIGITAL-LIBERAL!

WE ARE THE PARTY OF THE INFORMATION AGE!

THERE IS NO OTHER MOVEMENT WITH OUR GOALS AND PRINCIPLES!

**PIRATES ARE SPECIAL –
PIRATES ARE IMPORTANT**