



VALUES

or

WHAT UNITES US AS PIRATES

A SUBJECTIVE REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION

social

LIBERAL

libertarian

left-wing

Net Party

radical democratic

?

Liquid democracy

grassroots democracy

antifascistic

#gates



PIRATENPARTEI
Deutschland



Vorstand ▾

Kalender

Beauftragte

Spendenportal

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WIR BRAUCHEN EINE WERTEDEBATTE

Liebe Piraten,

seit geraumer Zeit schwelt in der Piratenpartei ein Richtungsstreit. Sind wir links oder vielleicht sogar linksextrem, sind wir sozialliberal oder sind wir der politische Arm irgend einer NGO? Der Landesverband Rheinland-Pfalz ist der erste mir bekannte Landesverband der sich selbst das Label sozialliberal gegeben hat. Das geschieht meiner Meinung nach aus dem Bedürfnis heraus, durch eine Richtungsentscheidung eine Mehrheit in der Piratenpartei generieren zu wollen. Das Bedürfnis nach Einigkeit und Zusammenhalt ist groß, nur welche Einigkeit soll es denn sein? Die Verunsicherung ist spürbar und droht uns zu zerreißen. Wer Einigkeit beschwört, muss sich unterstellen lassen, er/sie/es wolle uns "seine" Einigkeit aufdrücken.

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.



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

**AND NOT
LIBERAL DEMOCRATS,
SOCIAL DEMOCRATS,
SOCIALISTS, GREENS ...**

ONE DIMENSION

left

progressive
internationalistic
pacifistic
anti-authoritarian (?)
state economy (?)
social benefits

equality
solidaric
laicistic, anti-clerical
feministic(?)

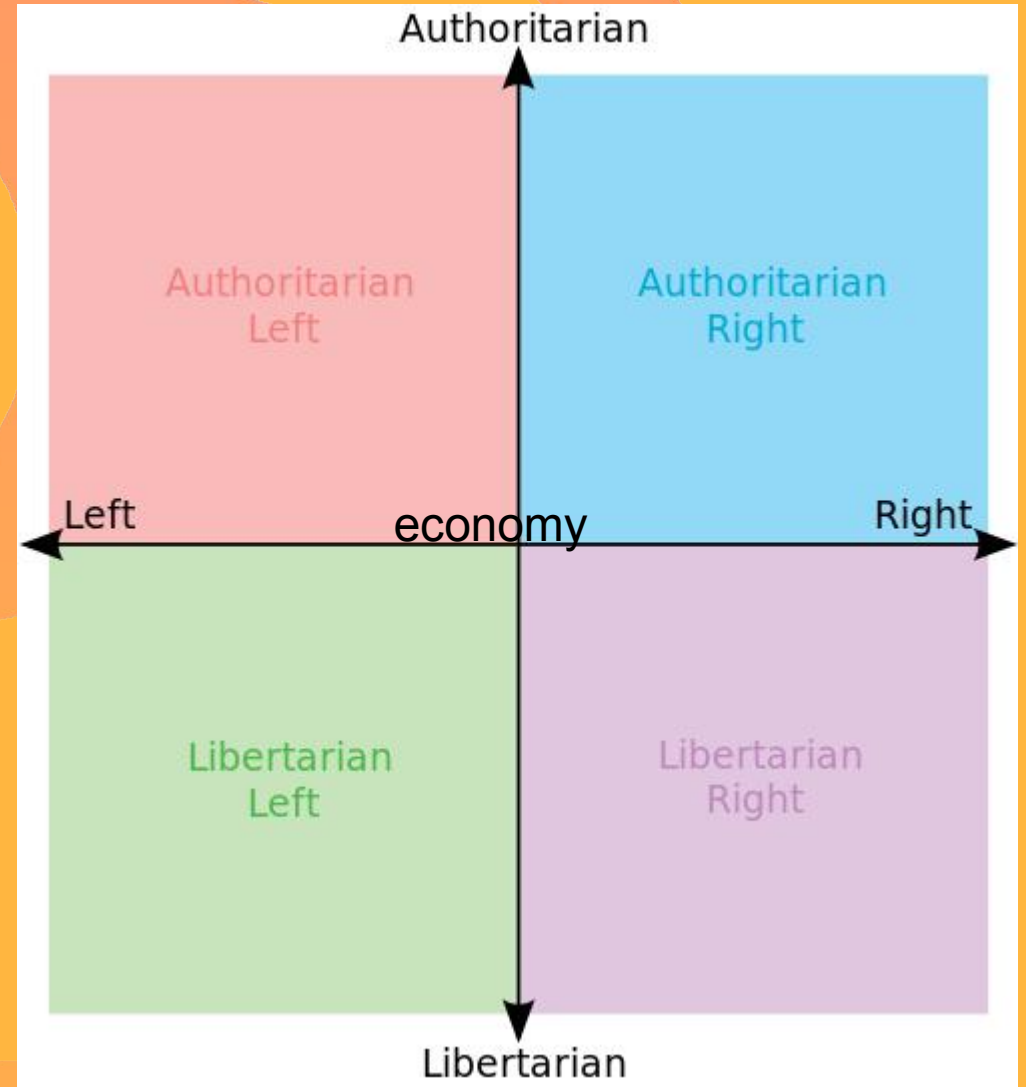
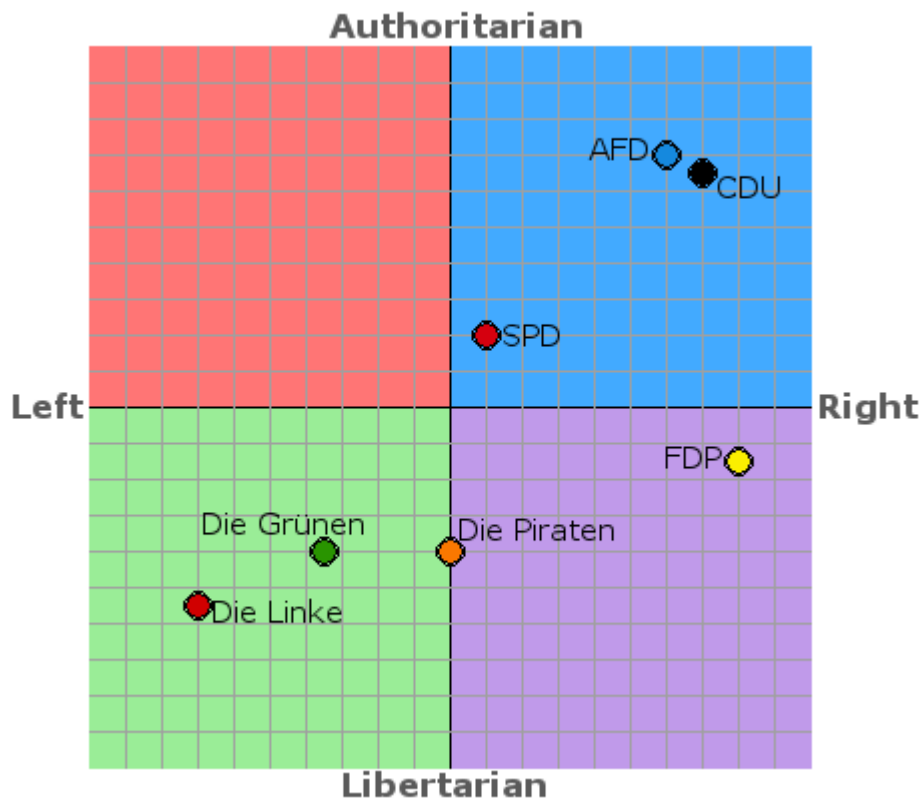
right

conservative
nationalistic
militaristic
authoritarian
free economy
Everyone is the architect of his own
fortune.
hierarchy, classes
egoistic(?), individualistic(?)
loyal to religious powers
Macho (?)

TWO DIMENSIONS



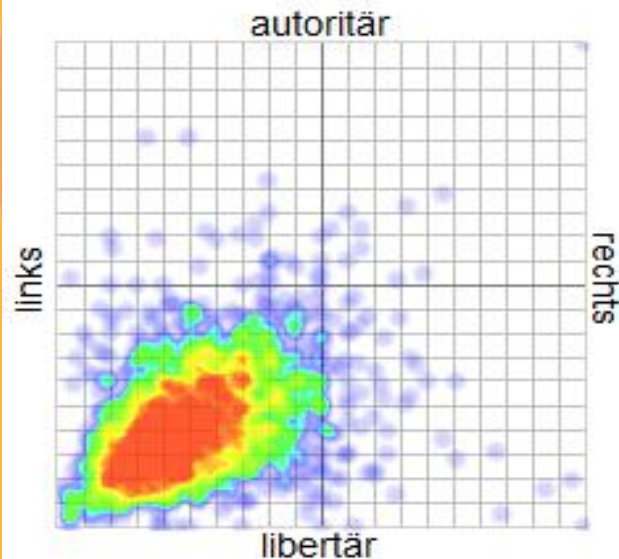
Welcome to The Political Compass™



TWO DIMENSIONS

Die Politische Ausrichtung der PIRATEN

Zum mitmachen bitte ins Wiki der Piratenpartei eintragen.



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-faceted 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 resources

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

The diagram features a central orange oval at the bottom labeled 'HACKER ETHICS'. From this oval, four large orange arrows point upwards and outwards towards four rectangular boxes. The boxes are arranged in a 2x2 grid. The top-left box is labeled 'PARTICIPATION' with the subtext 'Access to infrastructure'. The top-right box is labeled 'INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION' with the subtext 'Basis of the 21st century society'. The bottom-left box is labeled 'HUMANISM' with the subtext 'judge people by their actions, not degrees, age, race, or position... No dogmas'. The bottom-right box is labeled 'SCEPTICISM' with the subtext 'Questioning existing systems', 'Mistrust authority', and 'Reason, Science and Technology'. The entire diagram is set against a background of concentric orange circles.

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Access to infrastructure

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

Basis of the 21st century society

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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, disassemble, share, improve things

Personal freedom only possible 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**