

SHAME
ON
YOU

Enough is enough!

We have had enough of your wars, men!

For it is you: old men – and that is no coincidence!

What is wrong with you?

Your mothers are ashamed of your behaviour; they are vomiting in their graves. They can no longer speak, so we are now speaking to each of you.

We call on you, Benjamin, you smallest one who wants to be the greatest. Stop! Stop the slaughter in Palestine, because this is no longer self-defence, nor is it the liberation of hostages, but the destruction of all Palestinian life in the Gaza Strip. You cannot repay injustice with even greater injustice, Benjamin. **Shame on you!**

We call on you, Donald, you joke of a figure; you are not worthy of a duck's name. You want to be loved, and we understand that; that's what all little narcissists want. But – spoiler alert – it's not going to happen! You are turning your armies against your own people! You start wars, and yet you wanted to end them all. You fire those who voted for you. You fire anyone who doesn't dance to your tune, and so you'll only have sycophants left who are afraid of you. That's not love, Donald. That's dictatorship. You haven't understood that the country, half of which, crazy enough, allowed you to govern it, was built by migrants. Now you're throwing them out to score cheap points. You are only sowing anger, Donald. Stop it immediately and ask someone who knows about government affairs! You have very, very bad company, Donald, and it will drag you and the country you supposedly love into the abyss. **Shame on you!**

We call on you, Vladimir, you insatiable man who always wants what he doesn't have. Look around your country, this vast territory that is one of the largest on earth! Make sure that the people there are well; make them happy; bring them prosperity, openness, and quality of life. And stop looking westward and sending Russian sons and daughters to their deaths on the Ukrainian front. Stop clinging to power, because eventually you will lose it. No, you cannot have everything you want, because you do not take good care of what you already have, and that is very, very much and very, very beautiful. You will never give up, so we will simply forbid you to do so. We forbid you to carry out a single more attack on Ukraine. Stop it immediately! **Shame on you!**

We call on you, Ali, who presumes to determine the right to exist of other peoples. Ali, that is wrong. You have completely misunderstood. You and your regime, you and your guardians of morality, do not determine who has a right to exist. You do not rule over women who want to let their hair fly, nor over the state of Israel. You live in a beautiful country with warm-hearted people and great cultural treasures. Do not plunge them into misfortune. Do not rule over them, but live with them in peace. **Shame on you!**

To all dictators and oppressors everywhere who have disappeared from our news because there is no more room among the garbage we ourselves produce: Stop destroying our world! **Shame on you!**

People of all these nations, do not allow yourselves to be imprisoned and kept down any longer. Have hope, gather yourselves, and fight back! Enough is enough!

We have had enough of the people in Germany who insult the left-wing green electorate and the German government as warmongers and claim to be the only ones who want peace. That is wrong! We also want peace, and we want it now! But we will not allow the law of the strongest, the law of those who are becoming richer and richer, to spread across this earth like a new pandemic. The degree of civilisation of a society is measured by how it treats its weakest members, its minorities, and the fragility and delicacy of all. And right now, the world is taking many, many steps backward in terms of civilisation. Cowering before the aggressor because you are afraid that he will strike you

next is understandable, but ultimately it is only one thing: it is cowardly. It is unsupportive. It is hypocritical. We are abandoning the weaker members of society.

And so we ask ourselves: What German values are the right-wing extremists in this country talking about, and what is there to defend? What achievements do we have to be proud of? You want us to be proud of Germany? Anyone who doesn't love Germany should leave Germany? Who says we don't love it here? There is much that we love here and much that we see as being in danger. But we don't call it pride, because much of it was not built by us or by you. We are happy to live in one of the freest and safest countries on earth; we are grateful for our health and social systems; we are grateful that we are in this particular place on planet Earth and not in the global south, which,

thanks to our industrial boom based on coal and fossil fuels, is now too hot and inhospitable to live in. However, the fact that we live here is not our right, but merely our good fortune. We are grateful to be able to travel freely, to express our opinions, and to be taught that individual freedom always has to do with the freedom of our counterparts. We are grateful that we can surf the internet, which allows us to look out into the world and form our own opinions, if only we try. We are grateful for 80 years of peace, that Germany was liberated from Hitler's dictatorship by the intervention of the Allies. We are grateful that the Jewish people are trying to forgive us for the infinite suffering that our ancestors inflicted on them, which is actually unimaginable. That is why we have been failing for too long to speak clearly when it might be appropriate to do so, and we must do better—and we must do so immediately! Because

Germany has a responsibility in the world. Taking responsibility for its actions or history is something quite different from “cultivating guilt”. Yes, and we can really do better in this regard. We have this responsibility, and we must accept it. Because of our own history, because of our democracy, which on the whole functions well, because of the work of many who ensured that this country is one to which people want to flee if they have to, a country that is looked up to and listened to in the world, no matter how small it may be. And we did not achieve this through a right-wing extremist regime, as some would like to see again, but only without one. Yes, we can be proud of that. Because there are not many of those left in the world. There is a difference between the respect one enjoys and the power one exercises. In the former case, the associated feeling is trust. In the latter, it is fear. We want the world to trust us and work together

to create a better life for everyone. A world that kowtows to us because it fears us is not a desirable future. We will stand up and fight for a trusting coexistence, for action in the interests of all people on this earth!

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