

Dear fellow citizens,

In view of the current political turmoil in many countries within and outside Europe, it seems that the world is losing its equilibrium. In such a situation, it is extremely important for everyone to be aware of the consequences of their decision concerning the upcoming elections.

Maybe the most important instrument to increase clarity is a critical dialogue and a discussion of different points of view. But although so many different opinions coexist, the many challenges of the present time should not lead to a situation where the foundations of democracy and of the constitutional state – the constitution itself and the principle of the separation of powers – are called into question. Respect for the constitution, which guarantees equal rights for every individual, must by all means remain a necessary and indispensable part of our concept of democracy. You might ask: Why is that?

One reason is that an independent judiciary will also defend your own rights when you are in need. Would you entrust all of your assets to a stranger without a receipt? The answer for most of you would certainly be a decisive “no”.

So why should we hand over the control of our state, and thus with the control of our own fate, to a group that openly intends to rip apart the receipt for our legal order? Without such a receipt, the legal basis as a benchmark and guarantor of legal certainty is at stake. This is a danger that affects all German citizens, including you. At worst, this development might lead to despotism, paradoxically legitimated by free elections. There is no lack of historical examples for such a development.

Each of you certainly at one time have faced a situation where you have felt helpless or powerless, or where you have been afraid, no matter if at home, at school or at work. Often, this is a result of being in an allegedly weaker position. Such a weak position threatens to become a reality very soon – for all of us.

Do you really want to live in this kind of state?

Kind regards