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A German Patriot Gets "Abgeschafft"

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Thilo Sarrazin (photo: Sezession.de)

What is most remarkable about Germany's Thilo Sarrazin controversy is the fact that its outcome is still undecided. Usually arguments that challenge the beliefs of the mainstream and the ruling class are quickly silenced, and the heretics burned alive on the media stake. Here is a man who broke almost every political taboo imaginable -- who spoke honestly about the high economic cost of immigration, the failure of integration, the decay of the educational system, the incompatibility of Islam and the West, and the alarming demographics of the German people who in a few decades will be a minority in their own country.

All this wasn't news to readers of the website, nor to anyone who has studied these matters thoroughly. Since the 1970s conservatives, sociologists, demography specialists -- and even several members of Sarrazin's Social Democratic Party -- have predicted the desperate situation Germany finds itself in today. Their warnings were suppressed, their views defamed, their voices silenced.

The response to Sarrazin's comment and new book might very well reveal that the Zeitgeist is finally shifting -- though it might already be five past twelve.

Books that point out leftist and liberal failures are becoming top bestsellers in Germany. The once

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highly popular talk-show host **Eva Herman** was fired by her TV-station after she wrote a book about the damages caused to the family by feminism; Herman survived the vicious media witch-hunt that ensued and struck back with a highly successful book exposing media manipulations. A few weeks before the publication of her explosive report on immigrant crime, juvenile magistrate **Kirsten Heisig** was found dead in a forest near Berlin. The official story of her suicide has been seriously questioned ever since, especially in the blogosphere; in any case, her book, too, became a well-received bestseller. Meanwhile German media intensely discuss the possibility of a new center-right, conservative party apart from Merkel's Christian Democratic Union (CDU), which is constantly losing its traditional conservative supporters. Some observers, including the well known and respected philosopher Norbert Bolz, even call for a rehabilitation of the notion of the "Right," which in left-wing dominated Germany is generally defamed as "Nazism" and "extremism."

It was in this atmosphere of a changing wind that Sarrazin planted his book like a bomb. And it went off with a bang.

Though the usual calls for his head came immediately, general support for him, especially among the people, was so great that many of the usual suspects among the ruling politicians and opinion makers hesitated to take firm positions, as if waiting for the final verdict on Serrzin to be rendered before voicing a strong opinion on the man. Pro and contra articles and op-eds filled the same papers on the day of the book's release. Germany's largest tabloid, *Bild*, as well as the leading mainstream weekly *Der Spiegel* printed lengthy excerpts from the book in advance. It seemed as if they hadn't decided whether one could make more money with or against Sarrazin -- and went with for the former at the start.

It appeared that many on the Left wanted to milk the cow while slaughtering it. One week, *Der Spiegel* featured a cover story presenting Sarrazin as a demagogic agitator who was trying to manipulate the masses through "provocations"; the next week, the magazine's cover story explicitly admitted that "integration has failed." Even the head of the Social Democrats, Sigmar Gabriel, who's pushing for Sarrazin to be excluded from the party, conceded that much of what he says is true: "we can see that every day." Several prominent figures such as the legendary, 92-year-old ex-chancellor Helmut Schmidt, Turkish women's rights advocate Necla Kelek, and the anti-Islamic liberal journalist Henryk Broder came to Sarrazin's defense. Scientists came to support, as well as criticize, Serrazin, and even the issue of Germany's limited freedom of speech has been raised.

Most astonishing is that **Godwin's Law** didn't seem to apply this time. Most bullets had already been fired in the first round, when Sarrazin stated his theses in an interview with the magazine *Lettre Internationale*, published in September 2009. Stephan Kramer, General secretary of the influential *Zentralrat der Juden in Deutschland* ("Central Council of Jews in Germany") routinely used the heavy guns by comparing Sarrazin to "Hitler, Goebbels and Goering" (as if one alone wouldn't be enough.) Curiously, Kramer, a zealous convert who is considered an embarrassment even among fellow Jews, subsequently earned heavy criticism for his attack. Even in the first run, approval for Sarrazin was so strong that the media campaign, which followed as predictably as the Amen at the end of the prayer, failed to destroy him. Instead he recovered, stood up again, and came back with a vengeance. And the *reductio-ad-Hitlerum* silver bullets, which failed to kill the first time, would seem anti-climactic if fired again.

Of course, an abundance of smears followed, most notably "racist" and "social Darwinist," but compared to the N-word ("Nazi," that is), they sounded comparatively lame.

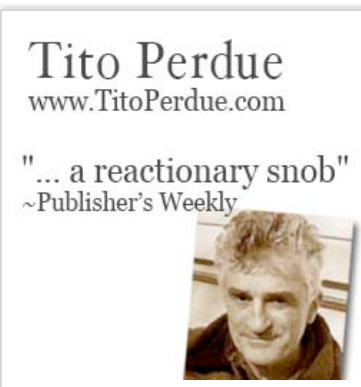
Most accusations and epithets thrown against him were made without anyone having actually read the book, which immediately became a huge bestseller once it was released. It is, by the way, written in a style far removed political agitation: instead a dry, factual tone prevails, with conclusions supported by facts, numbers and statistics.

The climax of media hysteria was reached when *Die Welt* managed to provoke Sarrazin into making his now notorious "Jewish gene" statement, which immediately caused a thunderstorm of mindless Pavlovian reflexes.

Among all the hysterical barking and yelping that ensued, the fact got lost that Sarrazin was basically right (Jews, Basques -- also mentioned by Sarrazin -- and other ethnicities do, indeed, share certain distinguished genetic combinations and also have a genetic identity.) The context in which the statement was also generally ignored: Sarrazin, who speaks in highly philosemitic terms about the intelligence of Jews, in fact wanted to emphasize that a *Volk* is not an invention or a construction but a real, living, concrete historically grown entity with rights of its own. Nevertheless, the combination of "Jew" and "gene" provided a welcomed alibi to take the focus off the things that really matter in Sarrazin's book.

But while running the media's gauntlet, the author made a remarkably good impression defending his theses.

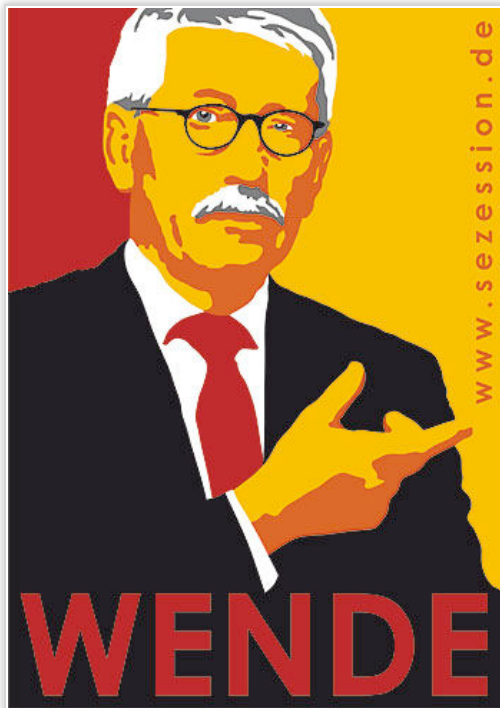
And another miracle happened: despite the heavy pressure, Sarrazin did not pull back and seemed determined to take the stand. That is, until he finally made an unexpected strategic move and




voluntarily signed off from his post as a member of the Executive Board of the German Central Bank (*Bundesbank*). This was interpreted by some newspapers as “Prussian” ethics: since it would have been the responsibility of Germany’s president Christian Wulff to discharge Sarrazin from the Bundesbank, the latter had spared the king the inconvenience and acted out of responsibility for the integrity of the state.

But Wulff is Sarrazin’s opposite, not only in respect to his bland milquetoast physiognomy, which corresponds perfectly with his spineless opportunism: Wulff is a man who never strayed a single step from the mainstream of liberal political correctness, and was capable of uttering sentences like “Germany must become more colorful (*bunter*) and more diverse.” Wulff is a typical representative of the country’s ruling class and probably among the media as well as the people the least respected of all presidents until now (the chief editor of *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* even called him “non-existent”). Wulff had entered the controversy, unsurprisingly, by taking sides with the liberal hysterics; but the unprecedented use of pressure on the politically independent Bundesbank would have shed a bad light on the ruling class’s intolerant and ignorant dealing with dissident opinions, especially when they have hit a major nerve of society.

Sarrazin defended his move citing his loyalty to the whole of the state: a confrontation would have harmed the president’s prestige and the dignity of the ruling class. But this is exactly what so many in Germany were waiting for. Here is a man who wrote a book titled *Deutschland schafft sich ab* (“Germany disposes of itself” or “Germany abolishes itself”), and when he had a chance to really make those responsible for this criminally irresponsible “disposal” falter and fall, he failed to do so. Maybe it’s true that Sarrazin really is a Prussian of the Old School, who prefers order to revolution, but German patience is a notorious thing... and so is *furor teutonicus*, which has long slumbered during the country’s decades of hypnotic paralysis.



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Tuc Brinton 4 months ago

The real questions are:

- 1 Is Thilo Sarrazin lowering the intelligence of German society?
- 2 Is there something wrong with the German educating system that it can produce such buffoons as Sarrazin?
- 3 Is he so lacking in intelligence that he can only make a living by pandering to people even more intellectually-challenged than himself?
- 4 Is Germany so bereft of economic talent that the Bundesbank can't find anybody smarter than Sarrazin to sit on its board?
- 5 Where does he plan to site the first Concentration Camp for Muslims?

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mike_2 10 months ago

Another thing to take account it that even though the media is anti-traditional, it also needs stories and readers, and if it doesn't give some outliers a chance to express their opinions it doesn't have enough stories or issues to discuss.

A politically correct world is ultimately a very boring world and a boring world is bad for the media, especially when there are so many different media sources competing with one another.

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Guest 10 months ago

The man was on the Executive Board of the Bundesbank! Can anyone imagine one of Bernanke's minions or little Timmy's assistants at Treasury having the learning, much less the soul, to pen a book a book like that? The fact that Sarrazin comes from such a background gives one hope that there are still old Europeans in the corridors of government and power, and that slowly, one by one, they will make themselves heard and cause a change a change in public policy. Do not expect such things from Americans.

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Aaron 10 months ago

Thanks for this interesting article. I'm interested in how *Die Welt* provoked him into the "Jewish gene" statement. Does anyone know? It would have been a lot better if he'd phrased it accurately, in terms of genes that can generally identify Jewish populations. How'd they get him to say "Jewish gene"?

It's encouraging that this Kramer guy is considered an embarrassment by German Jews. Based on his reaction to Sarrazin, he sounds like a real doofus.

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OldAtlantic 10 months ago

This is a great article with a real in-depth knowledge. The obvious murder of a judge, Kirsten

Heisig, and its being covered up by the authorities shows how far things have gone. When judges who expose immigrant crime are killed in the forest and the police say its a suicide you know you are under an evil government.

The government is covering up that its immigration policies lead to crime and is willing to cover up murder to cover up its own crimes against its own people. The people must speak up now.

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Guest 10 months ago

Mag Ich das "Wende" Plakat! Sehr klug und witzige!

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Provisional 10 months ago

Good to see you here, Mr. Lichtmesz! I've been reading [Sezession.de](#) for almost a year now, and it's great. This kind of cross-border communication should increase our understanding and strength.

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Martin 10 months ago

"Sarrazin, who speaks in highly philosemitic terms about the intelligence of Jews..."

One suspects that this may be why he has been allowed to survive where others less sympathetic to ZOG have fallen. Well, I still find him admirable despite this aspect of his thinking.

"Maybe it's true that Sarrazin really is a Prussian of the Old School, who prefers order to revolution, but German patience is a notorious thing... and so is furor teutonicus, which has long slumbered during the country's decades of hypnotic paralysis."

Splendid passage, and a fine way to end a solid article.

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JawboneCritic 10 months ago in reply to Martin

I doubt it. Though Jews know they are smarter, they don't want anyone saying so since recognition of Jewish intelligence among the gentile population may eventually turn into envy, fear, and resentment.

Though Nazis tried to convince themselves and the Germans that Jews were only cunning and clever--and that Jews were subhuman--, the fact is Nazi Germans really feared the Jews for their higher intelligence and great success. If Germans had been a less homogeneous and proud people--and hadn't undergone the humiliation of defeat and a great depression--, they might have swallowed their hurt pride when it came to Jewish success. As it turned out, Germans had their own sense of pride, chauvinism, and superiority, and it was just too much to see smarter Jews disproportionately take control of some of the most powerful and prestigious positions.

Germans had welcomed the emancipation of the Jews in the 19th century in the hope that Jews would assimilate into German culture and population; instead, they saw how their nation was being dominated by the rising Jewish elite, a likely outcome in a democratic meritocracy given that Jews are smarter and more restless.

US has been ruled more or less along meritocratic and democratic lines, and guess which group holds the most wealth, power, influence, and much else?

7 people liked this.



KillerKahn88 10 months ago in reply to JawboneCritic

I think Mencken said it best when he stated of the Jews: "The Jewish theory that the GOYIM envy the superior ability of the Jews is not borne out by the facts. Most GOYIM, in fact, deny that the Jew is superior, and point in evidence to his failure to take the first prizes: he has to be content with the seconds. No Jewish composer has ever come within miles of Bach, Beethoven and Brahms; no Jew has ever challenged the top-flight painters of the world, and no Jewish scientist has equaled Newton, Darwin, Pasteur or Mendel. In the latter bracket such apparent exception as Ehrlich, Freud and Einstein are only apparent. Ehrlich, in fact, contributed less to biochemical fact than to biochemical theory, and most of his theory was dubious. Freud was nine-tenths quack, and there is sound reason for believing that even Einstein will not hold up: in the long run his curved space may be classed with the psychosomatic bumps of Gall and Spurzheim. But whether this inferiority of the Jew is real or only a delusion, it must be manifest that it is generally accepted. The GOY does not, in fact, believe that the Jew is better than the non-Jew; the most he will admit is that the Jew is smarter at achieving worldly success. But this he ascribes to sharp practices, not to superior ability."

Jews may collectively use their "heads" more than the Germans but they are also a weak, effeminate, and miserable race of people worthy of NO HONOR and in the modern world (a FEMALE WORLD) such criminal qualities come in handy. Whereas the the Jews values success by any means (lying, stealing, cheating, etc.), the German (or at least used to) values honesty, beauty, and heroism (things the Jew knows NOTHING about).

Being part of the Slavic (or more accurately, SLAVE race) race "JawboneCritic", you group holds superiority in NO FIELD or REALM, therefore you feel it necessary to criticize the Germans, the group the originally enslaved your peoples. If one thing can be said of the Germans and other Nordic races, they have never been enslaved. Not only were Slavs enslaved and conquered by Germanic races but they were also enslaved by mongols and various other savage Asiatic races (and the slavs now have their blood pumping through their veins due to mass rapes over the centuries).

Spengler excluded the Slavs from the "white race" for a reason.



OldAtlantic 10 months ago in reply to JawboneCritic

Kevin MacDonald has shown using math that its not higher Jewish IQ but Jewish ethno-networking that accounts for their excessive presence at Harvard or the Media. Steve Sailer has also done good work compiling stats on this such as for the Atlantic 50.

With a much smaller population, we developed Newton's equations to Maxwell's equations. The development of symbolic algebra and arithmetic in the 16th and 17th centuries was the fundamental step to modern math.

18 people liked this.



Aaron 10 months ago in reply to OldAtlantic

Oh, he showed it using math!

I read what MacDonald wrote. It was total bullshit. He himself even contradicted it in a later article, where he said the reason was not ethnic networking, but discrimination against rural candidates (4-H Club, etc.). Even in that second explanation he went way beyond what the actual statistics warranted.

Hardly any of you guys read MacDonald critically. He's a charismatic rabbi whose followers eagerly accept his every word as the unquestionable Truth.

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Telemachus_1 10 months ago in reply to Aaron

I think it's pretty clear that MacDonald has exposed many different explanations. However, the loss of traditional rural culture is a minor reason for reduced admissions and in fact, liberal admissions boards active review admission to whites who participate in traditional activities like those you mention.

Regardless, the fact remains that the number of Jews at Harvard and elsewhere is simply startling. Sure, white people may not be as smart, but because they are much more numerous, so too should the number of very smart whites be much more numerous. If it isn't intelligence, there can't be any other explanation besides ethnocentrism.

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JawboneCritic 10 months ago

It's possible, just possible, that Sarrazin has been allowed to remain at large because deep down inside German liberals and leftists have the same fears. Do most German liberals and leftists really want Germany to become majority non-German and majority Muslim-African? Of course not. They may want more cultural and racial diversity in Germany, but deep down inside they still want Germany to be majority German. But their ideology doesn't allow to them to ever say so. And their historical consciousness doesn't allow them to address or admit the fact that many of the social problems originate from the non-white or non-Western community. So, even as the liberals and leftists ideologically and socio-morally condemn Sarrazin, they could well be agreeing with him secretly or subconsciously. And this could be why Sarrazin's head wasn't immediately put on the block and chopped off.

It could be that liberals and leftists are trying to have it both ways. They want to use Sarrazin as a battering ram to express their own hidden fears, but they also condemn his views because, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING, it is still politically incorrect and hazardous to venture into such areas for most mainstream politicians.

Many groups employ the same strategy. Liberals pretend to stand for the mainstream and try not to utter anything that might be deemed overly radical or far leftist.

They don't want to be too closely associated with Bill Ayerses of the world.

But they may, through their media, give voice to elements of the far left to force certain issues onto the public consciousness. But since the radical or subversive seems threatening to the mainstream audience, he is soon marginalized after his message has been conveyed. Even so, it remains that the 'offensive' views have been voiced and may gain currency in the social and political debate. Even giants started small, and even the loudest ideas began as whispers.

I suppose conservatives do this too. Mainstream conservatives are too afraid to say anything controversial, but there are certain issues they do want to get across. They fear if they themselves voice those concerns, it could very well undermine their future prospects, so what they do instead is let an 'extremist' air his 'far right' views about immigration or race or whatever.

Now, the mainstream conservatives will criticize or even condemn that individual, but the fact remains those ideas and views did get aired out in the open. This way, mainstream conservatives get to kill two birds with one stone. They got the politically incorrect view out into the public but they also kept their own hands clean by publicly disagreeing with those views.

Suppose a conservative TV newsman fears being called an antisemite but deep down inside has worries about Jews. What is the smartest thing for him to do? How about inviting someone like Jim Traficant on the show and have him talk about Zionist power and the power of Wall Street. Of course, the news guy will have to act offended and outraged, but the fact remains that in the process, he aired Traficant's views on the Jews to potentially millions of people. And once those views spread, they may no longer be taboo.

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OldAtlantic 10 months ago in reply to JawboneCritic

When the people see and hear the truth on semi-official media they see that there may be a chance for them to speak their truth. The video, "They never asked us" based on an Enoch Powell speech (different from Rivers of Blood) shows the power of the truth being spoken.

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niccolo and donkey 10 months ago

This is a very good article. Thank you. I've been tracking Der Spiegel's treatment of Thilo and it seems that "Peak Nazi" is approaching as you've stated in your piece.

Interestingly enough, the SPD (of which Sarrazin is a member, for now) has a significant faction that concede the point that the mass importation of Turks as gastarbeiters was "a mistake". If this attitude is present on the left then it shows that there is enough dissent in governing/elite circles to the changing of Germany.

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