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PIRATEN

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PIRATE PARTY

Origin, Development, Structure, Democracy Experiment

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ORIGIN

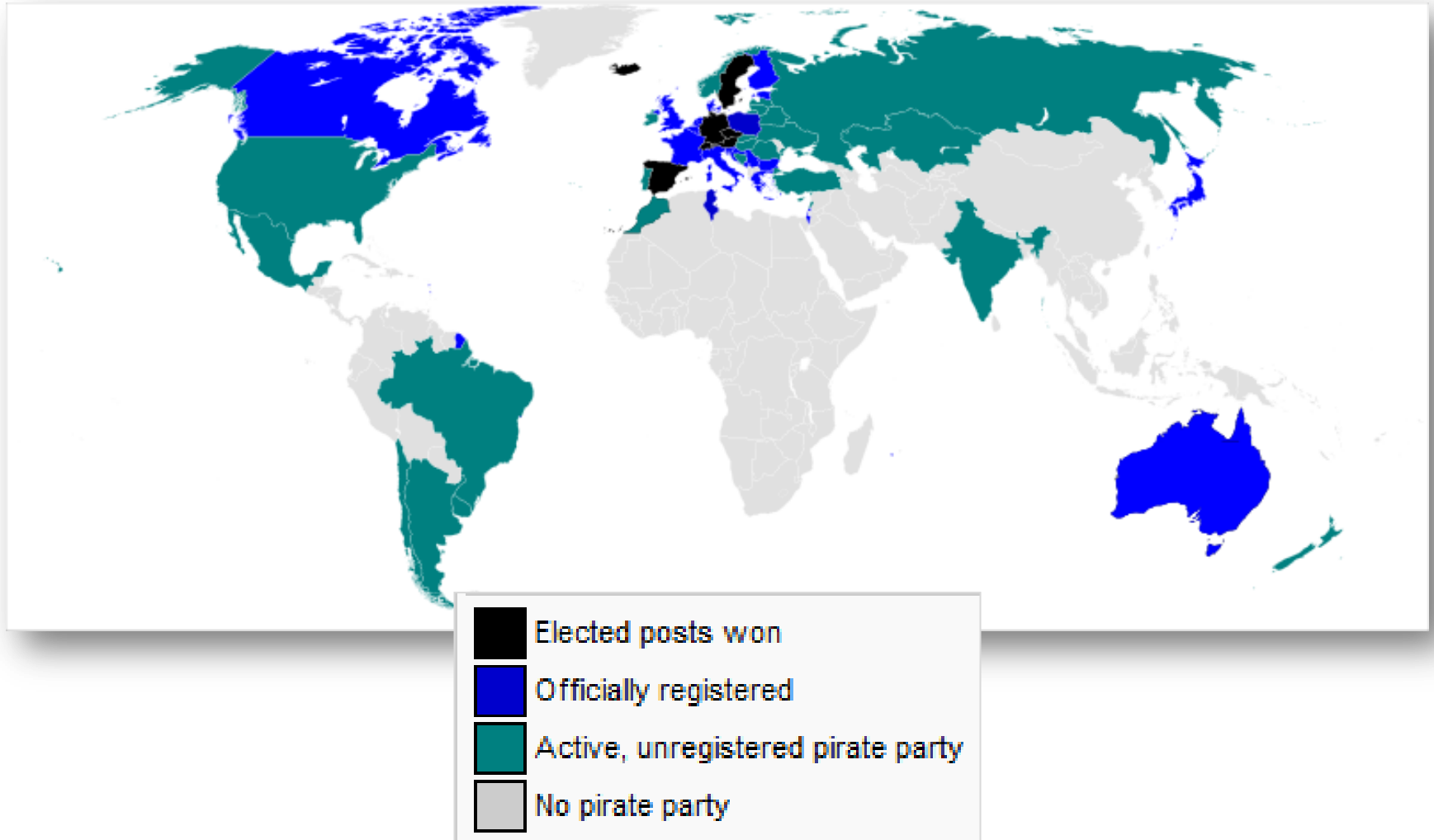
- Pirate Party Germany („Pirates“): founded in September 2006 in Berlin
- general agreement with the Swedish *Piratpartiet*
- part of the **international movement** of pirate parties and a member of the **Pirate Party International**
- name refers to the term “internet piracy” used by the music industry (→ “The Pirate Bay”)



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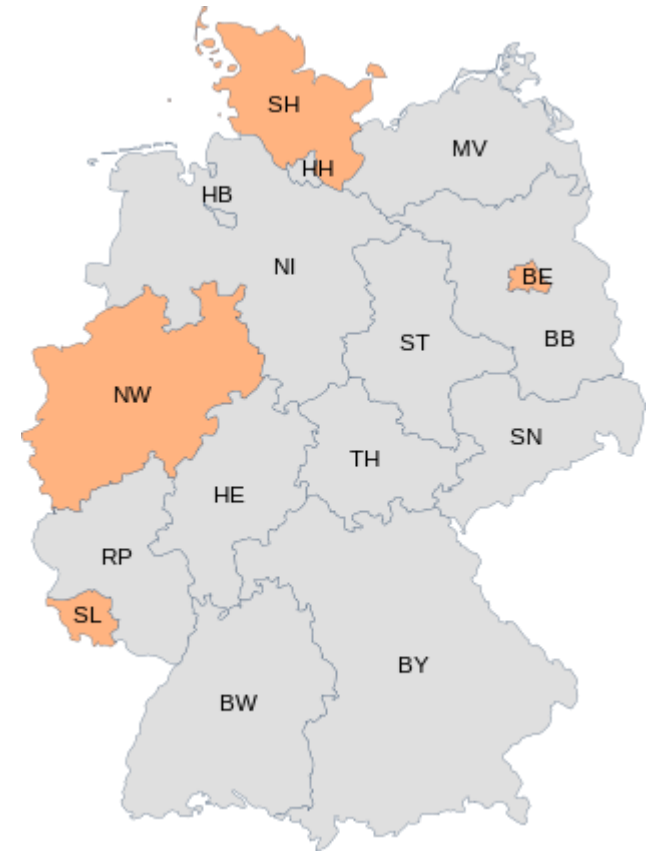
- **Germany:** 16 organizations in every federal state
- **AGs** (working groups for a special topic, e.g., environment policy) and **SGs** (service group for a special duty, e.g., public relations, design, surveys)
- **Pirate Party International:**
to help establish, to support and promote, and to maintain communication and co-operation between pirate parties around the world (since 2010)
- **Young Pirates Germany**
(German: Junge Piraten, JuPis) youth organization of the Pirate Party of Germany (since 2009)

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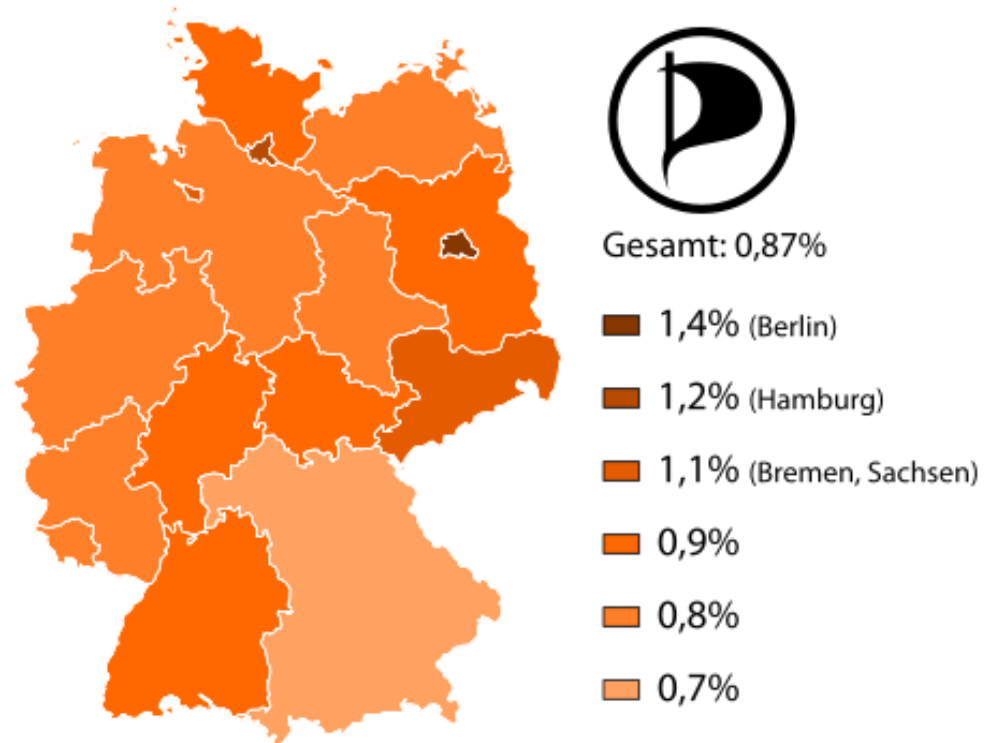
SUCCESS

- since 2011 **45 seats** in four state parliaments (Berlin, North Rhine-Westphalia, Saarland and Schleswig-Holstein)
- about **202 seats** in city and county councils (almost everywhere in Germany)



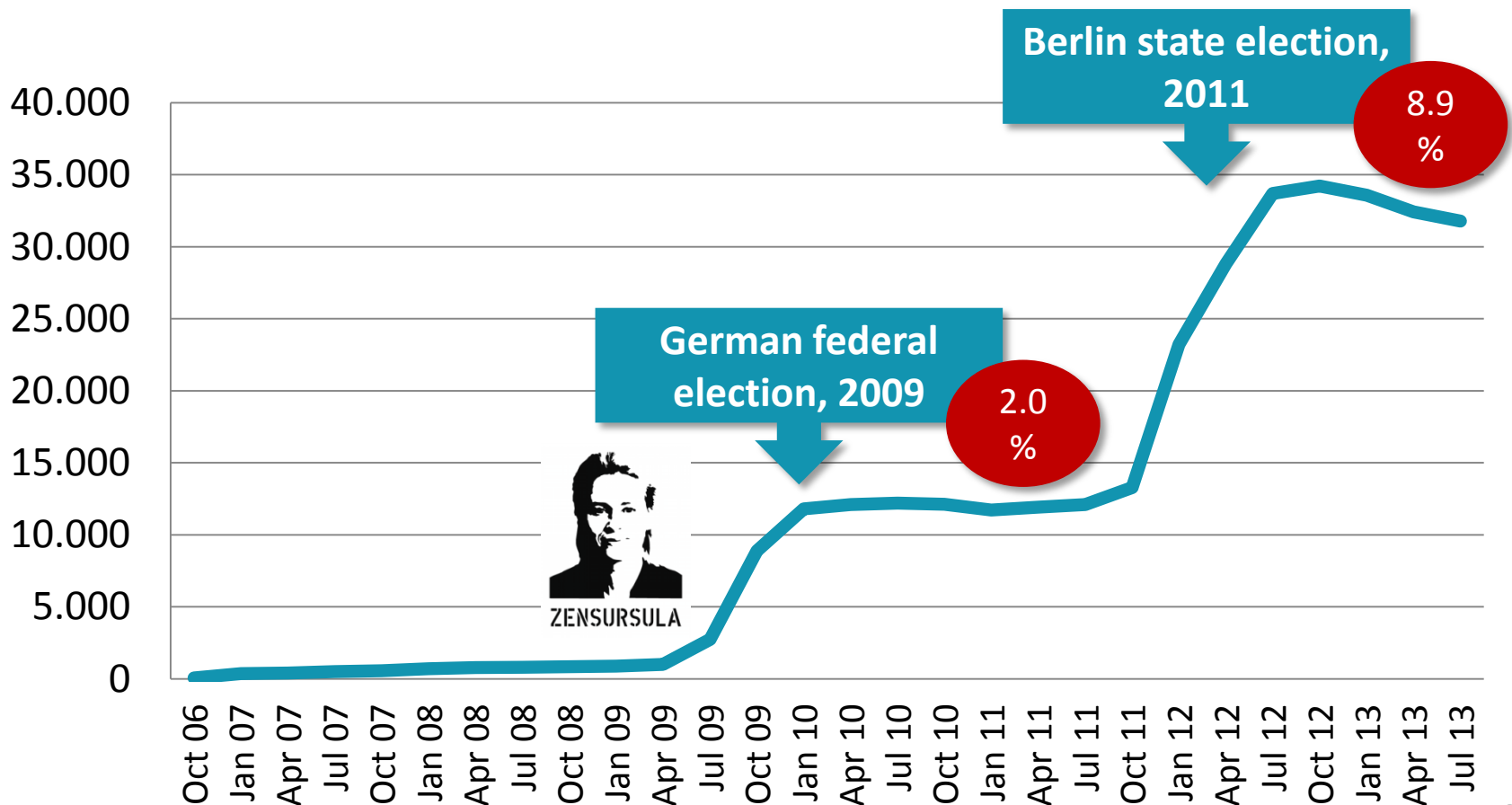
SUCCESS

- results of the 2009 **European Parliament election**
- high results in city states
- 2 seats in European Parliament (Swedish Pirate Party members)



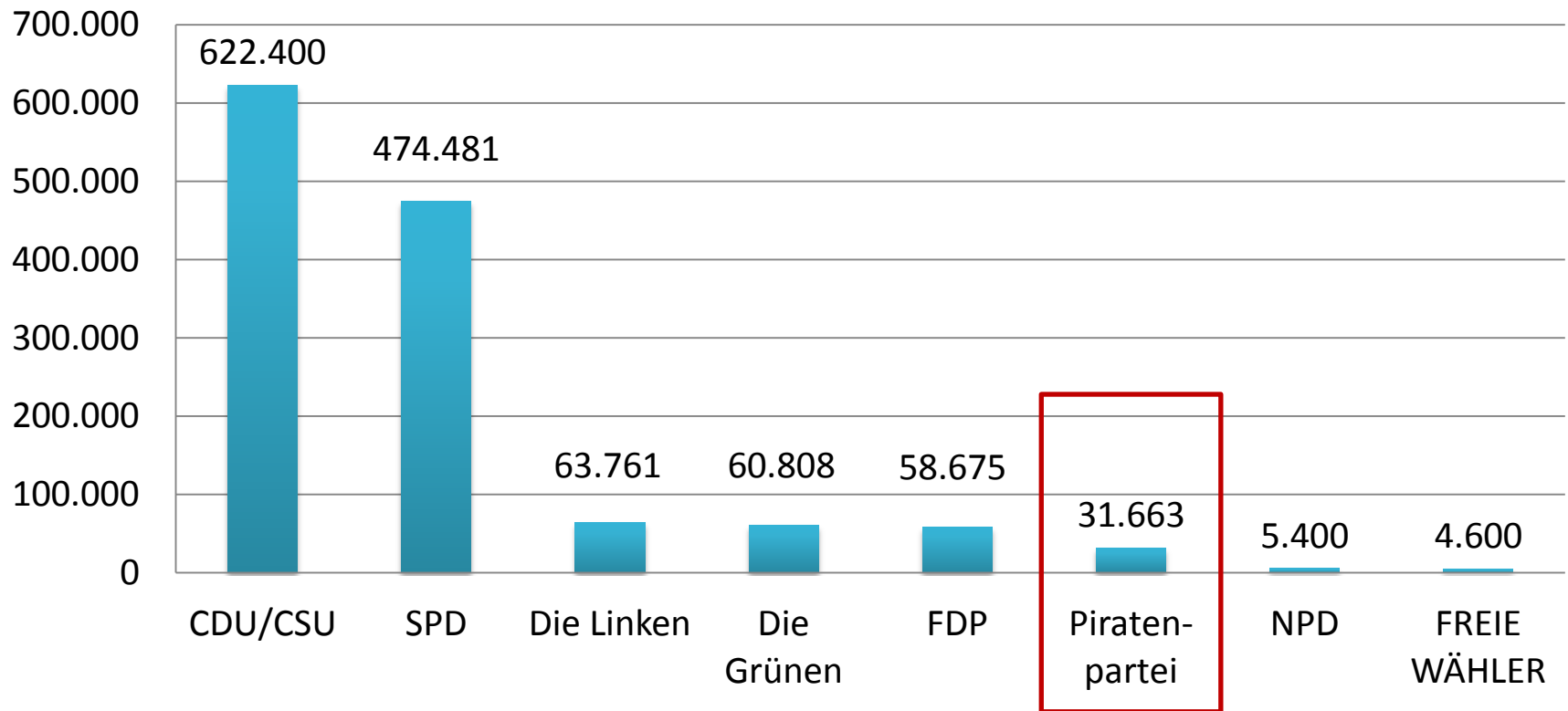
"BEFORE AND AFTER BERLIN"

- membership development: Pirate Party



“BEFORE AND AFTER BERLIN”

- membership development: comparison



NO PROGRAM?



tag cloud: visual representation for text data of the written program of the Pirate Party Germany in 2013 (German federal election)

POLITICAL POSITIONS

- focus on **freedom on the internet** and the fight against government regulations of this sphere
- **social-liberal party** fighting for keeping and extending civil rights

The diagram consists of two concentric circles. The inner circle is a dark teal color and contains the text 'network policy as core identity ("Kernis")'. The outer circle is a lighter teal color and contains the text 'spreading the idea of saving civil rights in every topic and area ("Vollis")'.

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POLITICAL POSITIONS

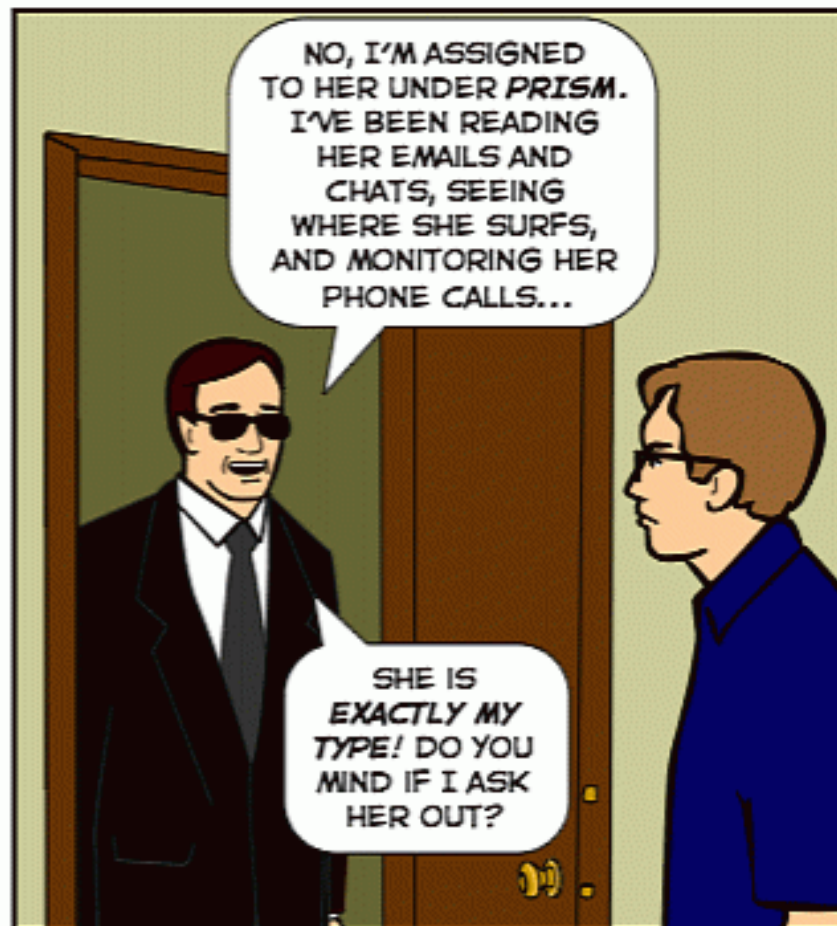
Uppsala Declaration (2009)

- declaration of international Pirate Parties for the upcoming election of the European Parliament
- central issues:
 - **reform of copyright**
(reduction of the duration of copyright protections, banning of DRM technologies)
 - **reform of patent law**
(patents on seeds, genes and software should not be allowed)
 - **strengthening civil rights**
(transparent government, expansion of the right to anonymity in communication)

POLITICAL POSITIONS

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POLITICAL POSITIONS

PRISM

- “Mass electronic surveillance data mining program operated by the United States National Security Agency (NSA) since 2007.” (Gellman & Poitras, 2013)
- started under **the Bush Administration**; to protect America
- **Wolfgang Schmidt**, former lieutenant colonel with the Stasi: *"It is the height of naïveté to think that once collected this information won't be used. This is the nature of secret government organizations. The only way to protect the people's privacy is not to allow the government to collect their information in the first place."*

POLITICAL POSITIONS

TOP SECRET//SI//ORCON//NOFORN



(TS//SI//NF) FAA702 Operations *Two Types of Collection*



Upstream

- Collection of communications on fiber cables and infrastructure as data flows past.
(FAIRVIEW, STORMBREW, BLARNEY, OAKSTAR)

You
Should
Use
Both

PRISM

- Collection directly from the servers of these U.S. Service Providers: Microsoft, Yahoo, Google, Facebook, PalTalk, AOL, Skype, YouTube, Apple.

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POLITICAL POSITIONS

domestic policy

- sustainable environmental policy
- Integration of migrants

health policy

- legalization of various drugs

social policy

- unconditional basic income
- equal treatment of every partnership

transparency

- in politics and economy
- protection of whistle-blowers

education and science

- free access to educational institutions and teaching material
- open access to all research results

copyright, patents

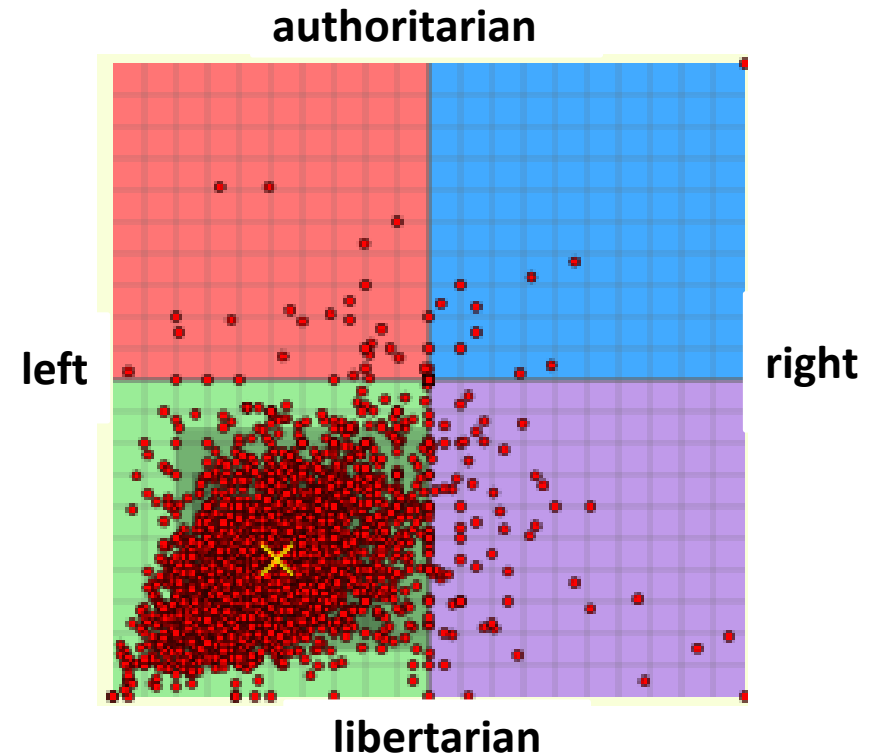
- reformation of copyright
- legalization of file sharing and private copies
- free knowledge exchange

civil rights

- against data retention and internet filters
- no video surveillance of public spaces

POLITICAL POSITIONS

- “political compass” with 62 questions concerning political opinion
- mostly: **social-liberal orientation**
- average: -5.67, -4.8 (10/-10 point scale)



left, right: economic freedom
libertarian, authoritarian: personal freedom

DEMOCRACY

- a form of government in which all eligible citizens participate equally—either directly or through elected representatives—in the proposal, development, and creation of laws
- **characteristics:**
 - political pluralism
 - equality before the law
 - civil liberties
 - human rights...
- **different forms of democracy:**
 - representative
 - participatory
 - direct (inner-party: “**Basisdemokratie**”)

“BASISDEMOKRATIE” @ PIRATES

how it works

- every relevant decision is made through direct participation
- leaders of the pirate party are only “organizers” instead of “politicians”
- ideal: topics are more important than politicians

criticism

- constantly changing “organizers” → lack of reference persons (esp. for media)
- opinion leadership
- elite with time and money
- less protection of opinion minorities

**HOW CAN WE ENABLE
„BASISDEMOKRATIE“?**

The



"Internet"

NEW FORMS OF PARTICIPATION

inner-party communication

- **wiki:** web application, which allows people to add, modify, or delete content in collaboration with others
- **(ether)pad :** a web-based collaborative real-time editor, allowing authors to simultaneously edit a text document
- **mailing lists/forums:** widespread distribution of information to many Internet users and discussion of topics via e-mail
- **Mumble:** voice conference software (similar to Skype)
- **Twitter**
- ...

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Pirate Party Germany Wiki. At the top left is the logo for 'PIRATEN PARTEI'. Navigation links include 'Chat', 'Forum', 'Planet', and 'Website'. Below the logo are links for 'Seite', 'Diskussion', 'Quelltext anzeigen', and 'Versionen/Autoren'. A prominent orange banner features the text '#BTW13 UNSERE ARBEIT IST VIEL WERT.' and 'SPENDE JETZT!'. The main heading is 'Hauptseite', followed by a welcome message: 'Willkommen im Wiki der Piratenpartei Deutschland. Das Piratenwiki (SSL) ist unsere Informations- und Koordinationsplattform. Hier werden Inhalte gemeinsam erarbeitet und gesammelt. Alle sind eingeladen, mitzumachen!'. The page is organized into several columns of content:

- Navigation:** Links to 'Hauptseite (Wiki)', 'Bibliothek', 'Kategorien', 'Portale', 'Liste aller Seiten', 'Zufällige Seite', and 'Letzte Änderungen'.
- Piratenpartei:** Links to 'Parteiprogramm', 'Bundessatzung', 'FAQ', and 'Piraten vor Ort'.
- Persönliche Werkzeuge:** Link to 'Anmelden / Benutzerkonto erstellen'.
- Suche:** A search bar with a 'Suchen' button.
- Werkzeuge:** A section for various tools.
- Grundlagen der Partei:** Includes 'Unsere Ziele in Kurzform', 'Unsere Argumente', 'Häufig gestellte Fragen', 'Piraten-Ehrenkodex', and 'http://piraten-zur-wahl.de'.
- Offiziell:** Lists 'Das Parteiprogramm', 'Die Satzung', 'weitere Satzungen', 'Geschäftsordnungen', 'Finanzen', and 'Mitglieder'. Includes a link to the 'Portal zu offiziellen Inhalten'.
- Mitgliederversammlungen:** Lists 'Bundesparteitage' and 'Landesparteitage', with a specific entry for 'Bundesparteitag 2013.2' and 'Antragsfabrik'.
- Mitmachen:** Lists 'Kommunikation', 'Treffen', and 'HowTo Stammtisch'.
- Arbeitsgruppen:** Lists 'AG Politik', 'AG Öffentlichkeitsarbeit', and 'Koordinatorrenkonferenz'.
- Öffentlichkeitsarbeit:** Lists 'Wahlen', 'Gläsernes Mobil', and 'Web 2.0-Präsenzen'.
- AKTUELLES:** A list of recent events, including 'Infoveranstaltung in Bielefeld', 'Treffen aller deutschsprachigen Demokratie-AGen', 'LPT Brandenburg 2013.1', 'HäkelKon - Bundespolitisches Inklusionsplenum', 'QueerKon - Bundespolitisches Plenum zu Queerpolitik', 'Euwikon - Europäische Wirtschaftskonferenz', 'Freiheit statt Angst 2013 Demonstration in Berlin', 'Landtagswahl Bayern', 'Bundestagswahl', 'Landtagswahl Hessen', and 'Deadline der Crowdfundine-Initiative *C35'.

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- **(ether)pad** : a web-based collaborative real-time editor, allowing authors to simultaneously edit a text document

The screenshot shows the Piratenpad interface. The title bar reads "Piratenpad" and "Full screen". The main content area displays a text document with various formatting options (bold, italic, underline, strikethrough, list) and a toolbar. The text content includes:

1 Willkommen in unserem Piratenpad!
2
3 Dieses Pad wird während du schreibst live synchronisiert, so dass jeder, der sich diese Seite ansieht, denselben Text sieht wie du. Das ermöglicht dir kollaborativ Texte zu entwerfen.
4
5
6 So sieht Text aus, den du geschrieben hast.
7 So sieht Text aus, den "Pirat1234" geschrieben hat.
8 So sieht Text aus, der von jemandem geschrieben wurde, der seinen Namen nicht angegeben hat. Er kann aber auch eine andere Farbe haben. Die Farbe kann sich ja jeder selbst aussuchen.
9 Diesen Text hat jemand geschrieben, der sich das Pad gerade nicht mehr ansieht.
10
11 Diesen Text hat "Pirat1234" geschrieben und sie haben ihn korrigiert.
12
13 So sieht
14 ...fetter Text aus
15 ...kursiver Text aus
16 ...unterstrichener Text aus
17 ...durchgestrichener Text aus
18 • ...eine Aufzählung aus
19 o ...eine Aufzählung höherer Ebene aus
20
21
22 So könnte eine Diskussion aussehen:
23 • Was ist denn bitte eine Diskussion?
24 o Eine Diskussion ist ein Gespräch zwischen zwei Leuten
25 ▪ Achso, danke!
26 • Ich finde Diskussionen doof!
27

The right sidebar shows a chat log with a "Share this pad" button. The chat log includes:

Share this pad

July 10, 2012

unnamed: Diese Nachricht hat jemand 14:57
verschickt, der seinen Namen nicht angegeben hat,
so wie sie gerade!

Pirat1234: Diese Nachricht hat Pirat1234 14:57
geschrieben

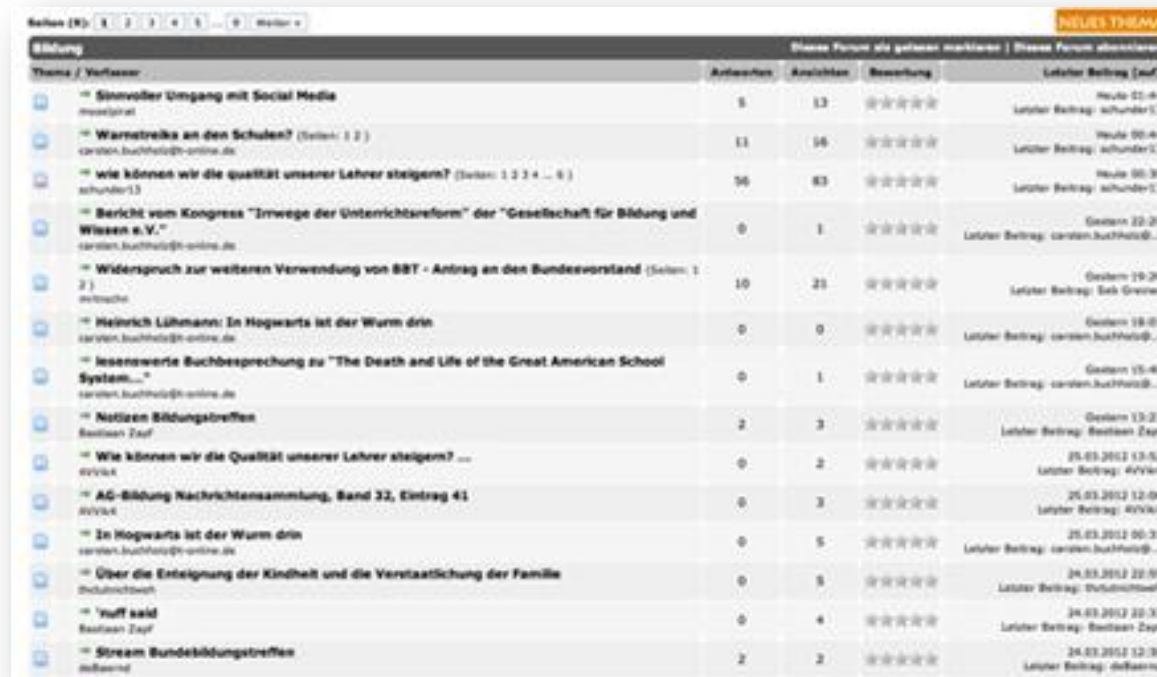
Interessierter83: Ich verstehe nicht, wie diese 15:08
Piratenpads funktionieren.

unnamed: Das ist eine Nachricht von dir! 15:10

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- **mailing lists/forums:** widespread distribution of information to many Internet users and discussion of topics via e-mail

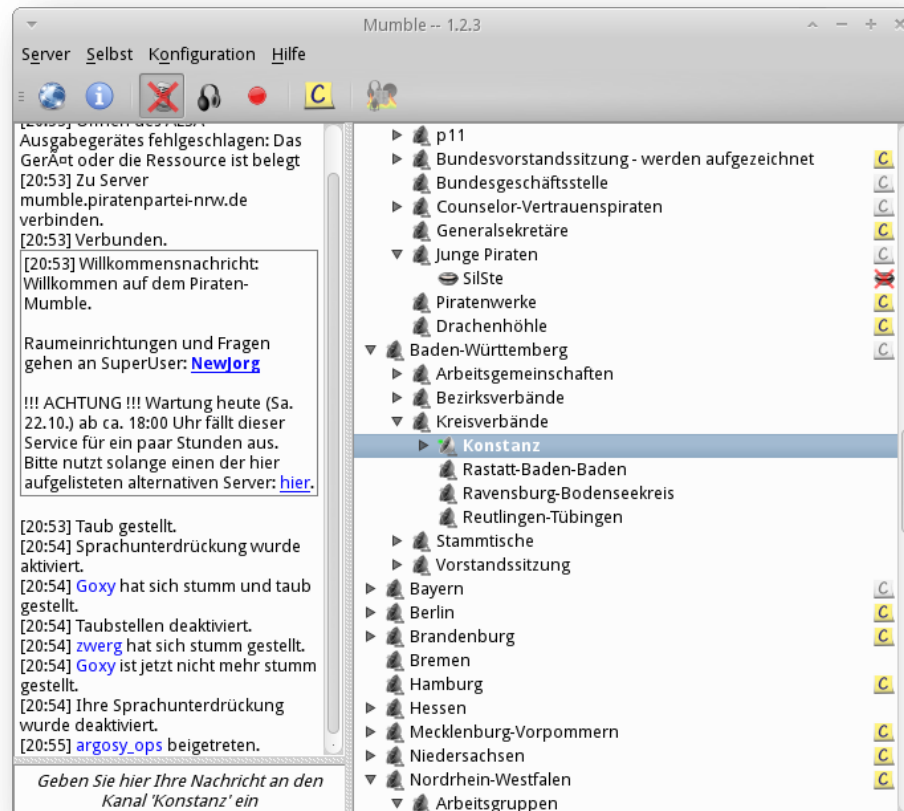


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Warntrecks an den Schulen? (Seiten: 1 2) carsten.buchholz@online.de	11	16	★★★★★	Heute 00:44 Letzter Beitrag: schuender13
wie können wir die Qualität unserer Lehrer steigern? (Seiten: 1 2 3 4 ... 6) schuender13	56	83	★★★★★	Heute 00:30 Letzter Beitrag: schuender13
Bericht vom Kongress "Imwege der Unterrichtsreform" der "Gesellschaft für Bildung und Wissen e.V." carsten.buchholz@online.de	0	1	★★★★★	Gestern 22:28 Letzter Beitrag: carsten.buchholz@...
Widerspruch zur weiteren Verwendung von SBT - Antrag an den Bundesvorstand (Seiten: 1 2) wfruecht	10	21	★★★★★	Gestern 19:26 Letzter Beitrag: Sask Greiner
Heinrich Lühmann: In Hogwarts ist der Wurm drin carsten.buchholz@online.de	0	0	★★★★★	Gestern 18:01 Letzter Beitrag: carsten.buchholz@...
lesenswerte Buchbesprechung zu "The Death and Life of the Great American School System..." carsten.buchholz@online.de	0	1	★★★★★	Gestern 15:46 Letzter Beitrag: carsten.buchholz@...
Notizen Bildungstreffen Beateen Zayf	2	3	★★★★★	Gestern 13:27 Letzter Beitrag: Beateen Zayf
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In Hogwarts ist der Wurm drin carsten.buchholz@online.de	0	5	★★★★★	25.03.2012 00:31 Letzter Beitrag: carsten.buchholz@...
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- **Mumble:** voice conference software



NEW FORMS OF PARTICIPATION

inner-party voting

- **party conferences:** two times a year (from the whole country); conferences in different subdivisions (at least once a year to elect leaders)
- **de-central party conferences:** same conference in different places connected through internet-stream (ability to discuss and vote)
- **LiquidFeedback**
- **SMV**
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LIQUIDFEEDBACK (LQFB)

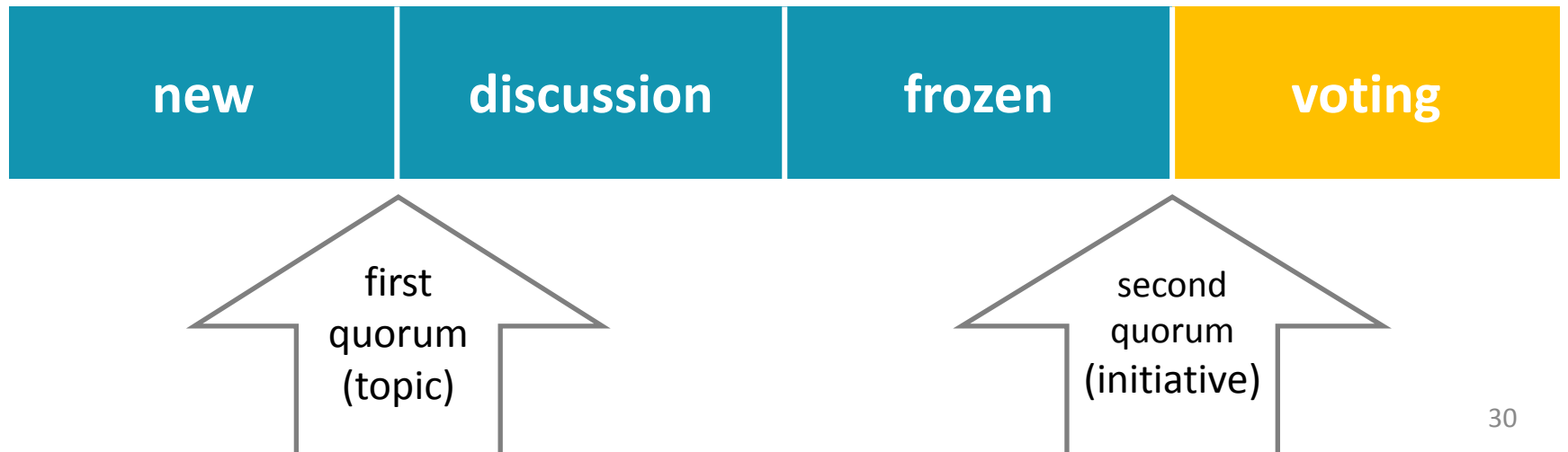
- for submitting, discussing and voting of initiatives
- **goal:** initiatives with support by the majority of the members (→ program points)
- **ideal:** implementation of **Liquid Democracy**
 - voters could vote on their own or give their vote to other voters every time they want to (delegations)
- decisions are nonbinding to any instance of the pirate party
- new approach: **SMV** (permanent general assembly, German: ständige Mitgliederversammlung)

LIQUIDFEEDBACK (LQFB)

- since August 2010 for all members of the Pirate Party Germany (nationwide and in some federal divisions)
- at the moment nationwide (2013|08|02)
 - 3.498 topics
 - 6.408 initiatives
 - 11.330 suggestions
 - 9.954 members (about 31,4 percent of all pirates in Germany)
 - 2.442 active members (about 7,7 percent of all pirates in Germany)

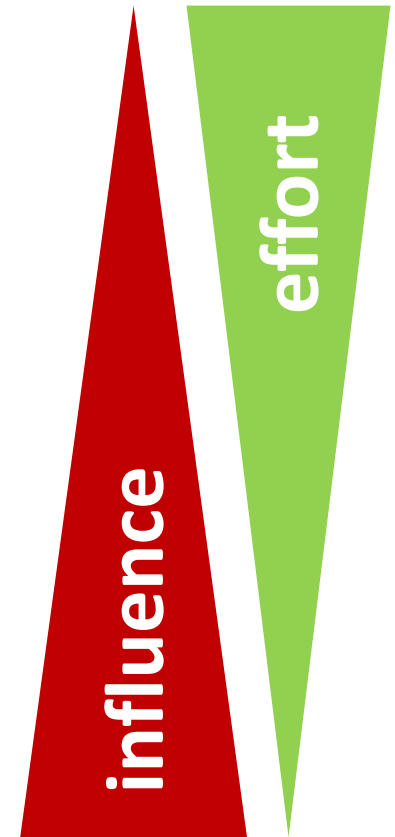
LQFB: HOW IT WORKS

- 4 phases
 - new issue → is it interesting?
 - discussion: writing suggestions
 - frozen: end of discussion, no changes possible



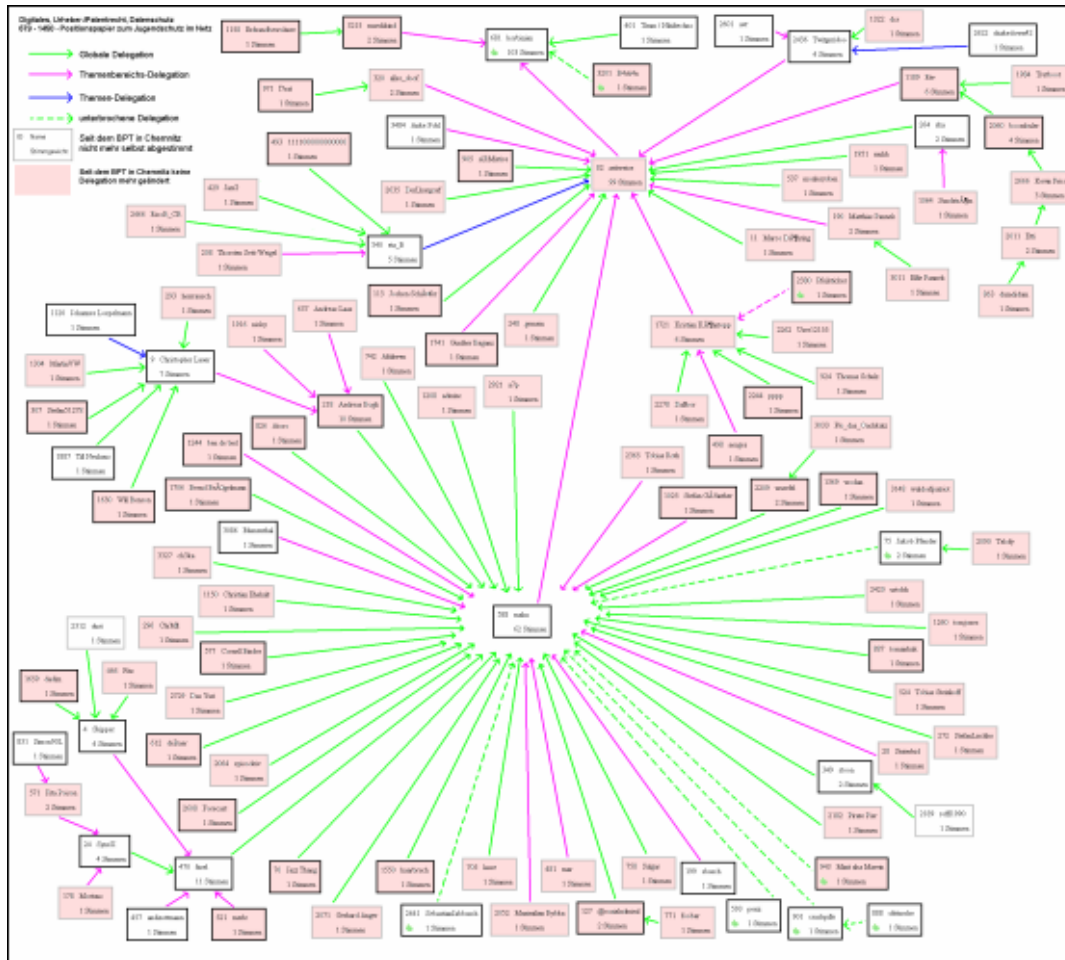
LQFB: DELEGATE HIERARCHIES

- influence hierarchies:
 1. vote for **yourself**
 2. delegation of a **issue** (e.g., „free consumption of marihuana“)
 3. delegation of a **subject area** (e.g., „drug politics“)
 4. **global** delegation (for everything)



LQFB: "SUPERDELEGATES"

- example: "position on youth protection on the internet"



- global delegation
- subject area delegation
- issue delegation

Streetdog (2011): The Tale of Liquid Feedback
Retrieved August 5, 2013 from
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LQFB: CHALLENGES

- challenge of e-votings:
 - preserving **secrecy** of the ballot and
 - **traceability** and
 - **incorruptibility** of the election at the same time

- e.g., e-voting is only verifiable by surrendering the **secrecy** of voting

LIQUID ERFURT

- founded by Pirates, free for every citizen of Erfurt

Chances	Problems
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• delegations• confirmability• making suggestions• making new initiatives• different issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• delegations• you need to use your real name• not barrier free• programming/software

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
ATTENTION!**



CRITICISM

- one-topic party
- new party, less experience in “real politics”
- “gender problems”
- inner-party conflicts discussed through media
- it’s only a trend-party
- too “left-wing” but no delimitation against racism, sexism, anti-semitism
- no real “Basisdemokratie”
- the name

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