

State Terror with an Asterisk

Time magazine has named German Chancellor Angela Merkel as its “Person of the Year.” In justifying the choice, the magazine said Merkel’s leadership has helped preserve and promote an open, borderless Europe in the face of economic turmoil and an ongoing refugee crisis. It said the 61-year-old German chancellor was fully engaged in the fight to prevent Greek insolvency, in the refugee crisis, and after the Paris terror attacks. “Merkel brandished a different set of values – humanity, generosity, tolerance – to demonstrate how Germany’s great strength could be used to save, rather than destroy. It is rare to see a leader in the process of shedding an old and haunting national identity,” the magazine wrote.

The American perspective is surprising, even when considering the other candidates for 2015, with Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi being in second place, and Donald Trump in third, followed the Black Lives Matter protest movement, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, Uber CEO Travis Kalanick and Caitlyn Jenner.

The meaning of this title is even less clear when looking back to past years. Adolf Hitler was selected in 1938 because of his *Gleichschaltung*, or enforced conformity, in Germany, and for the fact that he had changed Europe. Konrad Adenauer was chosen in 1953 for bringing Germany back into the family of nations. Willy Brandt was chosen in 1970 for initiating a reconciliation with the Eastern European countries. And now Angela Merkel. She is considered the “chancellor of the free world,” according to the double issue of December 2015. We at the Alliance for Democracy have to ask where this “free world” exists. We would love to see it. Government spokesperson Steffen Seibert said the chancellor would surely welcome her selection as “encouragement for her political work.” We are hoping that this work will be put to an end by the next parliamentary elections, because even if the chancellor was committed to her mission, she did not act in accordance with her oath of office and for the good of Germany. The chancellor dithered or kept quiet, puttering around in silence. We have often commented on her EU politics and have long come to the conclusion that the chancellor is keeping quiet about the total bankruptcy of the state. Along with her counterparts on the European stage, she has been trying to save herself, which means large sums of money from the German taxpayer help delay insolvency and aid insolvency. Merkel is skilled in ignoring the legal framework and in finding the legal provisions with which her interests can be enforced. Perhaps those who feel that the €15 trillion of public debt, a sum that can never be repaid, is okay and just a fulfilment of her oath of office. Or maybe they do not know that they will no longer be receiving a pension, and that the state will not be able to invest in social programmes or in the educational system for the foreseeable future. Merkel created a partisan clique of narcissists, some from the opposition party, like Sigmar Gabriel, who are not ashamed to become an honorary member of their adversary’s club.

Well, that's politics. Some applaud while others grumble. The Americans, who caused the war in Syria, applaud a German chancellor, while the CSU's Horst Seehofer clashes with Merkel at the Conference on Migration and Refugees on her policy of unrestricted admission. Once again, the results of the Sunday poll were on target, and Merkel smiles shamelessly into the cameras after she has just cut the Russians down at the [G-20 summit](#) to the benefit once again of her friends, the Americans, who spy on the chancellor. That is evidently another activity of alleged governments that is becoming obscurer and crazier with every day.

And the praise for Merkel doesn't just come from the various newspapers and magazines and her counterparts, but also from party members who support what the chancellor does by paying their membership fees. That is what we suspect. However, the press only reports about the chancellor's achievements or when she receives praise somewhere in the world, but it withholds information on her errors of judgement. Events in the Eurozone have caused [party politicians](#) to run from themselves. It has made them obsolete. Parliamentary democracy has come to an end. A German federal government as a popularly elected body that represents the interests of the people is just a theory. Unless there are changes to the obligations that come with the right to vote, citizens must always vote for those who only represent their own interests, whether or not they coincide with those of the people. The rest is smoke and mirrors. The sweet talk comes from the PR departments of the major parties, who spread their messages via the press, which does not question politicians but instead goes easy on them and glosses over their actions. Politics becomes a great spectacle with adulation of the supposedly all-important work, which is more and more chaotic, with responsibilities being passed back and forth between departments, advisors, lobbyists and other officials. Vast amounts of money are squandered in this way. Trust in politicians and the press is sacrificed at a loss. The year-end party conferences have always marked the end of the partisan activity of all parties. This year, the [SPD](#) will be holding its conference from 10 to 12 December in Berlin; die CDU conference is from 13 to 15 December in Karlsruhe.

How much will not be discussed at the two big party conventions? The SPD declares that "our country should be modern, cosmopolitan and more equitable." Sigmar Gabriel will look at the camera and smile about the many achievements of his party, and Mr. Steinmeier will hold a beer up to the camera in his grumpy way and tell us that we really are doing quite well. The CDU will boast about "[breaking even](#)", even if this was achieved with budget gimmicks, and about how unemployment is lower than ever, even if the statistics have been downscaled. [TTIP](#) is considered the transatlantic bridge to the future and is useful for those who already have more money than they could ever spend, and Angela Merkel will be confirmed in office 1000 times over.

Yes, that's how dictators celebrate, even today. Or again today. The party bases, although [deceived](#), may complain about the influx of refugees, but they prefer not to see how big the deception of the

German people, and all the people of Europe, has been with respect to the euro. Issues such as the battering of Greece by the euro-union are currently out of the headlines. The latter are dominated by the Syrian conflict, which involves the oil interests of the Americans and the interests of the Turkish president, who knows that the U.S. and Europe need, and will therefore tolerate, his numerous human rights violations, such as the persecution and annihilation of the Kurds. And because of the oil and military bases, and because he manages to stop the refugees. They will hold discussions, but there will be no results. All will be busy asserting their political views on whether to praise the chancellor, or not, and to establish their own position or at least improve it. Instead of backing the [rule of law](#) and finally establish a democracy of the people based on social or Christian principles, both the base and the leaders of the parties have decided to do nothing for those who pay them: the taxpayers – the people.

Even party members who have not made it into the realm of the fool's privileges of the untouchables do not see the nation's problems, but only their own immediate problems, since they may have liberated themselves from the pesky obligations of the people, so political inconsistencies, stupidity and a craving for recognition may actually help them. That applies to both coalition parties. When there is no jurisdiction, you can be as mean as you want, since social or Christian values don't matter. With the role models at the top, it is no wonder that every premium member goes off course and wants to keep the machinations a secret. This is, after all, what binds the party base with the leaders. Decision-makers in politics have received a mandate from the people to represent their interests. Unfortunately, it has become more and more evident that these decision-makers are protecting the interests of big business and high finance. Meanwhile, the country is falling overboard. A wayward politician intoxicated with his own "heroic deeds" may like that. Recipients of Hartz-IV benefits living below the minimum subsistence level may ask themselves who is representing their interests. They may think the world is upside down, while the politicians may say other interests are involved. Votes in the Bundestag by parliamentary groups advance partisan interests. That is still what it is all about. The opposition exists for the statutes. The survival of the fittest is the law that may prevail, even if the idea is still absurd and pointless. We are thinking of Ms. Andrea Nahles (Secretary General, SPD).

Democracy and moral values are also being thrown overboard in this game. However, profits and power are at stake in this capitalist game. Those controlled by the party are easily seduced, even into committing high treason. Politicians have their own set of rules. How can right and wrong be determined when politicians tell judges what to decide? And even if they didn't, judges need not make any more decisions, since they are now being made by even higher bodies in the eurocratic interregnum, out-leveraging governments, parliaments and the people. Such hype makes people glad they can finally lunge for the coveted positions. The red-black coalition might be glad they can now

take care of themselves. We look forward to the results of the party conferences. We hope one of them is to tell the truth and denounce the rising social injustice, which both national parties are responsible for with their erroneous euro policies. Perhaps someone will ask what business Germany has in a war instigated by the Americans. Perhaps there will be a discussion about how many more refugees are expected to come to Germany. We do not know. We hope to know, however, because there must be some representation of the people among all the hybris. To set an example, we have written to [Members of the Bundestag](#) to remind them that they have work to do and are responsible to the people, that we will no longer accept the state terror currently offered up by Merkel and Gabriel.

The party politics of the SPD, CDU/CSU survives on transgressions, but have long come to an end. They are the ones who gave the ECB a free hand to plunder the German state treasury whenever it was deemed necessary by the politicians; those who did nothing to stop the eurocracy as it allowed the ECB to once again buy up questionable bonds. Junk bonds that no investor would buy. It is perfidious that they are speculating that the [decline in the value of the euro](#) will bring yields – and this game has been permitted by politicians of the Great Coalition, and all German citizens have been left to pay for the losses.

The revolution "from above," which former Chancellor Schmidt once called for, will probably cease to exist. Eulogized and laid to rest is the troublesome Germany party unity. Introspection and criticism is lost in the frenzy of power.

Perhaps we are all to blame that career paths were opened for aspiring sociopaths. The network of the so-called political elite is no longer transparent. That's the way it should be. So close to the end of the euro and the world as we know it, and the same principle still applies: Save what can be saved. It is clear that this turning point affects politicians and ordinary citizens differently. The politicians want to walk away, and citizens will have to pay for it. This is state terror with a time-lag.

The only way to change this is through [real, direct democracy](#).

For the ineptness of today's politicians in making policy, we award our "Bomb of the Week." When politicians work to benefit business and the banks, this is worthy of this award. We award it as a reminder to the partisans who believe the slogans of the howlers at the current party conferences. Trust, which was once earned even by politicians, has been lost, like democracy, participation and humanity. Angela Merkel may have been named "Person of the Year," but let's hope this does not entail what it did for Hitler.