

# How a U.S. Colony Works: The Case of Germany

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*On 15 July 2022, Britain's Reuters news agency headlined ["70% of Germans back Ukraine despite high energy prices, survey shows"](#), and reported that "Some 70% of those polled backed Germany's support for Ukraine, ... found the survey conducted between July 12-14 by broadcaster ZDF." ZDF is funded by the German Government — German taxpayers.*

Germany's AfD Party is one of the two Parties in Germany that are less than enthusiastically backing Germany's anti-Russia position, the other such Party being "Die Linke" or "The Left" Party, which is Germany's only socialist democratic Party, despite West Germany's "Social Democratic Party" calling itself "democratic socialist" while being neither.

The AfD Party issued a press release, on 25 August 2022, ["Stephan Brandner: Skandalöse „Politische Filter“ beeinflussen NDR-Berichterstattung"](#) or "Stephan Brandner: Scandalous 'political filters' influence NDR reporting." It reported that Mr. Brandner, who is an AfD Member of the German Parliament, said that

After the self-service affair about the now hated RBB director Schlesinger, reminiscent of feudal structures, an online magazine now reports that employees on North German radio complain about 'political filters' from their superiors. According to the report ..., public service broadcasting executives act like 'ministerial press officers'. ...

As an AfD politician I am not surprised. After all, ARD and ZDF only report on the AfD with a 'political filter' and, for example, no longer invite AfD politicians to talk shows. ... Compulsory contributions [by taxpayers, to 'public broadcasting'] should be abolished.

Mr. Brandner provided no evidence for any of his allegations. (That's the way politics is in a dictatorship. How can the public vote intelligently if they are routinely accepting allegations that are being made without supplying documentation? That's a dictatorship by lies and liars, and no democracy-capable public would accept it. In science, what is not documented to be true is assumed to be false — not *assumed* to be true. A democratic country operates on the basis of science, not on the basis of faith.)

However, this doesn't mean that Mr. Brandner's allegations there are necessarily false. One

reason why they could very well be true is that there are six Parties in Germany, and the current governing coalition consists of the three that take the hardest line against Russia, and for America, and for the post-2014, [U.S.-coup](#), anti-Russian, Ukrainian Government.

The ruling coalition, those three Parties, are called the [“traffic-light coalition”](#), and include the rabidly neoconservative (or pro-U.S.-empire) anti-Russian Green Party, plus the U.S. Democratic Party-allied so-called “Social Democratic Party,” plus the rabidly libertarian or “neoliberal” (pro-free-market, anti-regulation, and generally U.S.-Republican-Party-allied) Free Democratic Party; and they EXCLUDE (or give the red light to, and prevent from participating in the Government) the three *least*-anti-Russian Parties, which are The Left Party (the authentic democratic socialists, or progressives, ideologically opposed to any imperialism), the AfD Party (nationalists), and the U.S.-Republican-Party-allied CDU/CSU Christian Democratic and Christian Social Union Party.

Brandner raised an important question, without providing any evidence regarding its solution. But here are some relevant facts, regarding the extent to which Germany’s Government tolerates corruption (which includes corruptness of a Government and of its ‘news’-media):

On 14 December 2021, I did an analysis comparing the anti-corruption laws in three nations, and headlined [“Political Corruption in U.S., Germany, and Russia”](#). I concluded that

Although this is a very incomplete indicator of a country’s corruptness, it does present the U.S. in a very favorable light, and present Germany (11 out of 12 “No”s [meaning no law against corruption]) as being rather astoundingly corrupt. Russia is midway between those two, perhaps because after Yeltsin’s abominable rule, Putin cleaned up Russia’s Government, but a lot of that job still remains undone, even after 21 years.

Germany’s Government was more shaped by Truman than perhaps any in the world except America’s own Government. But, from the present indicator, America’s vassal nations would appear to be even more corrupt than the imperial center, the U.S., itself, is — at least insofar as their political campaign-finance laws (“what’s written in black and white” in the lawbooks) are concerned.

Here was the summary, [specifically regarding Germany](#):

Following here will be answers that are solidly grounded in the written laws of each of these three countries (though not necessarily reflecting how those laws are enforced — or not), regarding the 12 most clearly important questions that were studied. I present those dozen questions in the order that seems to me to provide the clearest sequence in order for the reader to interpret them, not in the order that was employed [by the source](#):

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“8. Is there a ban on anonymous donations to candidates?” “There are no explicit provisions regarding donations to candidates.”

“2. Is there a ban on donations from foreign interests to candidates?” “There are no explicit provisions regarding donations to candidates.”

"18. Is there a limit on the amount a donor can contribute to a candidate?" "There are no explicit provisions regarding donations to candidates."

"10. Is there a ban on donations from corporations with government contracts to candidates?" "There are no explicit provisions regarding donations to candidates."

"4. Is there a ban on corporate donations to candidates?" "There are no explicit provisions regarding donations to candidates."

"6. Is there a ban on donations from Trade Unions to candidates?" "There are no explicit provisions regarding donations to candidates."

"5. Is there a ban on donations from Trade Unions to political parties?" "There are [is] no explicit ... ban on donations from Trade Unions to political parties"

"3. Is there a ban on corporate donations to political parties?" "Ban on donation from corporate bodies, but accepted if it is a business enterprise, of whose shares more than 50 per cent of shares are owned by Germans ..."

"9. Is there a ban on donations from corporations with government contracts to political parties?" "No."

"14. Is there a limit on the amount a donor can contribute to a political party during a non-election specific period?" "No."

"16. Is there a limit on the amount a donor can contribute to a political party during an election?" "No."

"27. Are there provisions requiring donations to go through the banking system?" "No."

Consequently, Brandner's allegations might be expected to be true, simply because Germany, especially after the U.S. Government blew up the Russian gas pipelines to Germany and yet Germany's Government continues to be a U.S. vassal-nation, despite that U.S. act of war against both Germany and Russia. This indicates Germany's Government to be extremely corrupt, willing to ditch its own population in order to please its U.S. masters.

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