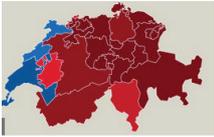


1 POPULAR VOTE SEPTEMBER 2018



On September, 23 2018, the Swiss electorate voted on the so-called agricultural initiatives and the counter-proposal to the bike initiative. The results are clear.

Bild: SRF

- What is the result of the vote?
 - «Fairfood»-Initiative:
 - Food sovereignty:
 - Bike initiative:
- Why is the outcome of cantonal votes on initiatives decisive?

2 IF POLITICIANS DON'T TELL THE TRUTH



One year ago a candidate for the Federal Council, the Geneva State Council (Regierungsrat) Pierre Maudet (FDP) is now facing a possible impeachment. The Geneva cantonal parliament is discussing Maudets immunity for not telling the truth. It is said, that Maudet took advantage of a luxury trip to Abu-Dhabi having been paid by the crown prince.

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- What does political immunity mean?
- When is someone considered corruptible?
- What is the generic term for bribery?
- Is bribery punishable in Switzerland?

? ETHICAL QUESTION

When does a friendly service or a gift become a bribe?

3 HEALTH COSTS CONTINUE TO RISE



Health care costs in Switzerland will rise by 3% in 2019. According to a study by Santésuisse (the umbrella organisation of health insurance funds), the cost of ageing in society is much lower than previously assumed.

Federal Councillor Berset has put forward proposals on how health costs could be reduced. He proposes a system change in the billing of generic drugs.

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- How much will health insurance premiums increase in 2019?
- What is the estimated health care cost for 2018 in Switzerland?
- Who is mainly responsible for the cost of healthcare?
- Name the players in the healthcare system.
- Is health insurance compulsory in Switzerland?
- What do the basic health insurance benefits cover?
- How can I personally reduce health insurance premiums?

4 ABOVE AVERAGE SUGAR CONSUMPTION



Swiss consumers consume 100 grams per day, four times the amount of sugar recommended by the WHO. Doctors and consumer protectors are therefore demanding a sugar tax. Until now,

Switzerland has relied on voluntary action and self-responsibility on the part of industry and consumers instead of punitive taxes.

- How many cubes of sugar are equivalent to 100 grams of sugar?
- What are the health consequences of consuming too much sugar?
- Name foods in which there is hidden sugar.
- Explain the WHO.
- Would you support a sugar tax?

5 ESPIONAGE IN SWITZERLAND



Suspicious facts are intensifying. One of four Russian diplomats in CH is said to be a secret service agent. Federal Councillor Ignazio Cassis now wants to inform his counterpart. Next week he will personally inform this person that he

will not tolerate any espionage activities anymore.

- What is the name of the Confederation's security policy instrument?
- What does the service deal with?
- Name internationally known secret services.

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