

1 POULAR VOTE 25.11.2018

On 25.11. the Swiss electorate will vote on three national proposals. *

The «Hornkuh Initiative» («For the Dignity of Farm Animals»)

demands better animal protection. Farmers who leave the horns on their animals should receive new direct payments. According to the bill of the parliament social security detective should monitor insured persons to ensure that as few abuses as possible occur in the social security system.

*(Self-determination initiative to follow on 04.11.18)



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- a) What should farmers get who do not remove the horns from the cows (also: breeding bulls, goats, goats)?
- b) What are the conditions for voting on an initiative?
- c) What are direct payments?
- d) Which social insurance schemes are affected?
- e) Which methods may the detectives use?

2 SAUDI-ARABIA - MURDER OF REPORTER?



After the disappearance of the anti-government journalist Jamal Khashoggi on 2 October following a visit to the Saudi consulate in Turkey, events took off in a hurry. Under worldwide public pressure, by published Turkish investigation

driven results, Saudi Arabia has admitted the death of the journalist was the result of a brawl.

In terms of the rule of law, this act violates an important fundamental or human right. Mohammed bin Salman, the Saudi crown prince, is suspected of being the mastermind. The Western community of states reacts cautiously affected to indignant and demands a precise clarification of the circumstances that led to the death of the critic of the regime.

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- a) Who is Mohammed bin Salman?
- b) What is the state and government system of Saudi Arabia?
- c) Which orientation of Islam is predominant in Saudi Arabia?
- d) Which two of the three most important holy sites of Islam are located in Saudi Arabia?
- e) Which country is fighting against Saudi Arabia for influence and supremacy in the Middle East?
- f) What fundamental right(s) was (were) disregarded in this act?
- g) What connects the USA and Europe with the Saudis?

3 CLIMATE CHANGE: 1.5 DEGREES CELSIUS



Science is convinced that the global climate is changing. Up to now, global warming has been targeted at a maximum of two degrees. The intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is now correcting this target to a

maximum of 1.5 degrees.

In 2015, the member states of the United Nations agreed to limit global warming to two degrees.

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- a) Name the causes of global warming.
- b) What maximum temperature increase was agreed in 2015?
- c) What large country withdrew from the treaty?
- d) How can climate change be clearly seen in the Swiss mountains?
- e) Which countries are the biggest climate sinners?

4 FEDERAL JUDGE: CONTROVERSIAL ELECTION



The Republican judge Brett Kavanaugh has been confirmed by the Senate as the highest lifetime federal judge in the United States. This is despite the fact that 1000 professors have submitted a petition because of the candidate's inadequate social

capabilities. He was accused by three women of raping them 30 years ago under the influence of alcohol. Bild: SRF

- a) Which political party does Brett Kavanaugh belong to?
- b) Where is the Federal Supreme Court of Switzerland located?
- c) Who elects the 38 federal judges in Switzerland?
- d) What movement emerged in the U.S. in 2017 against sexual harassment?

? ETHICAL QUESTION

Is it ethically justifiable that serious deeds committed during adolescence should also obstruct a professional career decades later?

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