

1 VOTING 10.11.2018



On the 25th of November, the Swiss electorate will vote on the SVP initiative «Swiss law instead of foreign judges (self-determination initiative)» alongside two other proposals. It demands that the Swiss Constitution stands above international law. This does not apply to mandatory international law. The supporters want to save Switzerland's sovereignty. Opponents criticise that human rights, in particular those of the ECHR, are at stake. Moreover, international (economic) agreements with Switzerland could be questioned, which would contribute to a weekend Swiss Economic.

Bild: SRF

- a) What is meant by „international law“
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- b) What does the EMRK mean?
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- c) If accepted, will human rights no longer apply in Switzerland?
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- d) What is mandatory international law?
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- e) What is the most important international source of human rights law?
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2 CONGRESS ELECTIONS USA



Congress elections take place every two years in the USA. For President Donald Trump there is a lot at stake - it is about the congressional elections. The refugee group, which is on its way to the USA, comes just in time for him. He calls it an invasion and offers the US military to the border and recommends the soldiers to defend themselves with a gun.

Bild: SRF

- a) What's at stake for Trump and the Republicans?
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- b) What do the Senate / The House of Representatives in Switzerland correspond to in Switzerland?
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- c) Where do the refugees come from?
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- d) Why did they leave their home countries?
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? ETHICAL QUESTION

is it ethically justifiable to shoot refugees in an emergency?

(Individual answers)

3 MERKEL – THE RETIREMENT



After the election debacle for the CDU/CSU and the SPD in Hesse and Bavaria, the pressure has probably become too intense: German Chancellor Angela Merkel is withdrawing. First she relinquishes CDU party leadership. At the end of her legislative term, she will also relinquish her chancellorship. There is also speculation about the continued existence of the GrandCoalitio. There were also resignations in the Swiss Federal Council. Substitute elections will take place at the beginning of December.

Bild: SRF

- a) Which seat will Angela Merkel give up at the beginning of December?
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- b) Since when has A. Merkel been Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany without interruption?
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- c) What does «GroKo» mean?
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- d) Which Federal Councillors will resign at the end of the year?
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- e) Who can be elected to the Federal Council?
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- f) Who elects the Federal Council?
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4 INFLATION EATS WAGE INCREASE

Bild: SRF



According to the UBS wage survey, Swiss wages will rise by an average of one percent in 2019. However, prices will also rise by one percent. The nominal wage will change, but the real wage will probably not.

Bild: SRF

- a) What is the economic term for price increases?
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- b) What does „nominal wage“ or „real wage“ mean?
Nominal wage:
Realwage:

5 HEALTH SURVEY - BAD AIR ENDANGERS CHILDREN



According to a survey by the Federal Statistical Office, healthy living for the Swiss population is very important, although not the same in all age groups. Seven million people die every year as a result of air pollution,

as new figures from the World Health Organization (WHO) show. 90 percent of the children breath polluted air every day.

Bild: SRF

- a) How high do you estimate the proportion of smokers in the total population?
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- b) For which group of people has drinking into intoxication increased significantly?
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- c) How many people die each year from the consequences of air pollution?
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FREMDWÖRTER

- ▶ Sovereignty
- ▶ Invasion
- ▶ Legislation

