

POLITICS-ECONOMICS

Politik und Wirtschaft als aktuelle Prozesse

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1 RENEWAL OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL



The parliamentary elections are followed by elections to the Federal Council. After the landslide victory of the Greens, Regula Rytz wants to join the Bundesrat. The Greens refer to the concordance and a new orientation of the magic formula.

According to party leader, the FDP's seat will be attacked.

Due to the fact that the Green Party is the third strongest voter party, the party leader is of the opinion that the Green Party is entitled to a seat in the Bundesrat. However, the centre parliamentary group will not support Regula Rytz, so her chances of being elected remain low.

Bild: SRF

- a) Which parties are represented in the Federal Council (BR)? _____
- b) What does "magic formula" mean? _____
- c) What must be taken into consideration in the election according to the BV?? _____
- d) Who can be elected to the BR? _____
- e) Who elects the members of the Federal Council? _____
- f) Which seat do the Greens want to attack? _____
- g) The Federal Council is a collegial authority. What does this mean? _____

2 SWISS ECONOMY - QUO VADIS?



Fewer employees, declining margins: Swiss industrial companies are more pessimistic about the future than they were in the spring. The majority anticipate a recession in the euro zone.

Even if a recession were not to become a reality, there would still be an economic slowdown.

Bild: SRF

- a) What are the four phases of a business cycle? _____
- b) Why is the strong Swiss franc negative for Switzerland's economy? _____
- c) Which (geo)political risks are decisive for a possible weakening? _____

3 TO HAVE LEARNERS IN TRAINING IS WORTH IT



Training the learner is worthwhile - also for the companies: However, the cost-benefit ratio of training varies greatly according to region and occupation.

Bild: SRF

- a) Why is it worthwhile for companies to train apprentices? _____
- b) In which laws is vocational training regulated? _____

4 LOSS OF PURCHASING POWER - CONSUMER SPENDING



Switzerland has a purchasing power problem. The Swiss Confederation of Trade Unions wants to strengthen social security and cushion the loss of purchasing power with higher wages and pensions, among other things.

Mr and Mrs Schweizer spend an average of CHF 636 per month on food. In the past, expenses were up to 5 times higher.

Bild: SRF

- a) What does "purchasing power" mean? _____
- b) What is the difference between real wage and nominal wage? _____
- c) Which method is used to measure inflation? _____
- d) Why do we spend less and less on food and drink? _____
- e) Which group of people does Travail Suisse represent? _____

5 CHINA OPPRESSES THE UIGHUR PEOPLE



Secret documents of the Chinese Communist Party show how up to one million Uighurs in China are systematically persecuted, monitored, detained and "re-educated" in prison-like so-called "training centers".

A group of investigative journalists give a rare insight into this machine of oppression.

Bild: SRF

- a) What human rights (UN Charter) does China violate? _____
- b) Which state form does China have? _____

ETHISCHE GRUNDFRAGE

Is it ethically justifiable to subordinate ethnic groups to the state order? (Individual answers)

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Difficult words

- ▶ concordance _____
- ▶ margin _____
- ▶ Quo vadis? _____
- ▶ investigative _____

