

1 FEDERAL VOTE OF 09.02.2020 "ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW"



The referendum is an adaptation of the already existing anti-racism law, which up to now has punished discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, race or religion and will now be extended to discrimination on

the basis of sexual orientation. The amendment of the law is intended to protect people who are discriminated against on the basis of another sexual orientation.

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- What is the aim of the proposal?
- What are the arguments of the proponents?
- What are the arguments of the opponents?
- What does "taking the referendum" mean?

ETHICAL QUESTION

Which legal interest is more important? Freedom of opinion or protection of minorities? (individual answers)

2 FEDERAL VOTE OF 09.02.2020 "MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING"



The popular initiative "More affordable housing" demands that more affordable housing be made available to the general public. This is done with targeted subsidies and the right of first refusal

from the public authorities.

For some, the referendum is a socio-political necessity, for others it is an economic sin.

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- What is the goal of the initiators?
- What are the arguments of the proponents?
- What are the arguments of the opponents?
- How high is the tenant share in Switzerland?
- What are the prerequisites for the realisation of an initiative?

3 USA-IRAN CRISIS AT ITS PEAK



With the execution of Iran's top general Qasem Soleimani, the USA is applying the law of the jungle in world politics. The conflict between Iran and the USA enters a new dangerous phase. Both sides

are already secretly fighting each other with all means. Trump justifies the targeted killing with thousands of dead Americans who were Soleimani's responsibility and with self-defense in favor of his own citizens. Immediately after the assassination, Iran swore revenge and attacked American military bases in Iraq.

Switzerland is the mediator between the USA and Iran.

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- What reasons does Trump give for the attack?
- Why is the killing of an important foreign military force problematic?
- For what reason did a Ukrainian airliner crash near Tehran hours after Iran's retaliatory strike?
- What role does Switzerland play?
- Why is this assassination so dangerous?

4 AUSTRALIENS' INFERNO



Since November 2019 the bush has been burning in Australia, there are hundreds of fires, 1.25 billion animals and plants have already died. The bushfires are larger in area than the fires in Brazil and California last year (about three times the size of Switzerland).

The extent of the bush fires is also a consequence of climate change. The government is playing down the disaster, as the country is one of the world's largest coal producers and exporters. There is growing criticism of Prime Minister Morrison for his crisis management and his proximity to the coal industry.

- Which fossil fuels do you know?
- What is the damaging effect of these energy sources?
- What do you call economies that have specialized in one area in particular (e.g. Australia and coal)?
- Why are the bush fires, which have been raging since November 2019, hardly controllable?

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Difficult words

- ▶ Discrimination
- ▶ Subsidy
- ▶ Execution
- ▶ Inferno

