

1 FEDERAL VOTING 9.2.20



Bild: SRF

Because a referendum was held against the anti-discrimination law, the Swiss people voted on it on 9 February 2020. The popular initiative "More affordable housing" was also put to the vote.

- a) What are the results of the vote? _____
Anti-discrimination law: _____
Housing initiative: _____
- b) The same majorities do not apply to the adoption of an initiative or a referendum. What applies to the initiative: _____ to a referendum: _____

2 FEAR AND INSECURITY OF GLOBAL INFECTION



The rapid spread of the novel, corona virus in China is unsettling people worldwide (currently around 40,000 cases of infection, 850 deaths from respiratory diseases). The Chinese government has long concealed the virus but is now taking drastic measures: within a few days it is building hospitals and quarantining entire cities and even the entire country. Despite this, the Chinese people are beginning to doubt their leadership. The virus is fuelling fears and has economic consequences worldwide. Many countries react with travel warnings, entry bans for Chinese and restrictions on international air travel. The WHO has declared an international health emergency and the FOPH is taking initial measures. Bild: SRF

- a) What's the name of the virus? _____
- b) How is the virus transmitted? _____
- c) Why is the virus also poison to the world economy? _____
- d) What does WHO mean? _____
- e) What does the Swiss BAG mean? _____
- f) What is the difference between a pandemic and an epidemic? _____
- g) Which infectious diseases have occurred worldwide in recent years? _____

ETHICAL QUESTION

Is it ethically justifiable to send people to epidemic regions at the risk of the virus possibly spreading further through infection?

3 DONALD TRUMP CELEBRATES ITSELF



counter reactions.

In the impeachment trial, he was acquitted and in the Iowa primaries, the Democrats made a disastrous start to the election; a free pass for Trump.

Bild: SRF

At the WEF in Davos, US President Donald Trump used the platform for his US election campaign. Then he presented the unilateral "deal of the century" in the Middle East conflict, which, however, triggered strong

- a) What is called the Middle East conflict? _____
- b) What does "Impeachment" mean? _____
- c) How will the impeachment affect the US elections? _____
- d) When will the US president be newly elected? _____

4 HISTORIC EXIT OF GREAT BRITAIN



to be renegotiated.

Bild: SRF

On 31 January 2020, Great Britain left the EU. A tragedy for some, a great moment for others. It is not an easy day for the British, nor for the EU. Both sides must expect economic collapse. Until the end, the relationship is

- a) What do you call Britain's withdrawal from the EU? _____
- b) What is the name of the English Prime Minister? _____
- c) What is the EU's state structure? _____
- d) What is the EU's state structure? _____
- e) GB is the _____ largest economy in the EU.

5 75 YEARS LIBERATION AUSCHWITZ



Bild: SRF

75 years ago the Red Army liberated the Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination camp. Auschwitz is the symbol of the Holocaust. More than 1.1 million people were murdered in the largest German death camp.

- a) What is called the Holocaust? _____
- b) Who is the Red Army? _____
- c) In which country is Auschwitz located? _____
- d) In which years did World War II take place? _____
- e) How many people were murdered in Auschwitz? _____

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FREMDWÖRTER

- ▶ drastic _____
- ▶ Quarantine _____
- ▶ disastrous _____

