

1 WORLD POLITIC IN SWITZERLAND



At the annual meeting of prominent people from business, politics and society at the WEF in Davos from January 23-26, current global problems will be discussed. More than 3000 decision

makers are expected. The framework is formed by the motto: »The _____«. The announced state visit of US President Trump to Switzerland takes place under a huge security disposition.

Recently, he called African countries «filthy holes», which further divided people's opinions about himself. His visit is not yet certain, as a budget dispute in the US led to a shutdown, which could limit his travel activities.

Bild: SR

- a) State current problems of the world:
- b) What means WEF?
- c) Welches Motto bestimmt das WEF dieses Jahr?
- d) What is the primary goal of the WEF?
- e) Which other heads of state have registered?
- f) What is a shutdown?

? ETHICAL QUESTION

Is it ethically justifiable to receive a president who makes xenophobic remarks? Please use reverse side

2 PRESSURE FROM BRUSSEL



In November, all those involved were in good spirits when the Chairman of the European Commission visited Berne. Negotiations were conducted on the framework agreement

between Switzerland and of the EU as a precondition for further bilateral agreements. However, the EU is now putting Switzerland under pressure and recognizing the Swiss stock exchange for only one year. The EU apparently wants to bind final recognition to successful negotiations. In Switzerland, this will be linked to the next billion euros in cohesion. This has consequences for Switzerland's policy and the Swiss financial centre..

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- a) What is the name of the President of the European Commission?
- b) What does the cohesion billion aim at?
- c) What concerns does Switzerland have about framework agreements with the EU?
- d) What impact does this temporary recognition of the stock exchange have on the Swiss financial centre?
- e) Why is this aramework agreement a burden on relations between Switzerland and the EU?

3 TAX REFORM IN THE USA - PROFITS OF SNB



At the end of his first year in office, the US president had a domestic success - the tax reform. It provides companies and individuals with deeper However, it is limited to 2025

for ordinary citizens and is expected to have a possible impact on the Swiss Confederation.

The SNB reported a record profit of almost CHF 54 billion in 2017. Thus, the state will also receive an unexpected financial injection. Bild: SRF

- a) Who is paying taxes in a state?
- b) How high is the new tax for companies in the USA??
- c) Who benefits above all?
- d) What impact can this reform have on Switzerland?
- e) What was the reason for this SNB profit?
- f) How much money do the confederation and cantons receive?

4 YOUTH AND MEDIA



The latest JAMES study revealed it: Nowadays, young people are often online during the day. Baselland high school students dared to take part in the

Younews «youth media days the self-experiment of living a day without a smartphone. Bild: SRF

- a) What are the main features of a smartphone today?
- b) Do estimate: How long are young people online per day?
- c) How many of the young people show a risky online behaviour?
- d) What are the signs of cell phone addiction?

Teste yourself if you are addicted.

<http://www.testedich.ch/quiz52/quiz/1514300348/Bist-du-Handysuechtig>

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- ▶ dispositiv
- ▶ cohesion

