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Foreword

Far be it from me to attack anyone here or to judge anyone. Rather, it is my view of things, as I interpret it below. It may well be that one or the other thinks that would be a radical view of things. But sometimes it seems to me that you stick your head in the sand. Don't react, it will resolve itself. I believe this thread runs through the whole writing. As I said, this is not patronizing anyone, but my opinion on various things at home and abroad.

April 2022

Ukraine War

Can it be that one person has been given too much power, or is it perhaps the case that a single man can do as he pleases. You have already seen how this developed over the course of the last 2 decades and you have let it switch and act as it pleased. In addition, he was courted by importing raw materials in large quantities. Nothing seems to have been learned from history. It has often happened that individuals used power and others had to suffer for it. I am thinking, among other things, of the Second World War or perhaps of the times of the Roman Empire, when people knew how to help themselves by liquidating the despot named Caesar. But that doesn't mean that you eliminate such a person. But in this context, I have to ask myself why we have well-endowed secret services that react accordingly. You know, for example, how to deal with opponents and we saw that not too long ago, for example when a person was killed in an embassy or a regime critic disappeared into prison for life. It may well be that such actions backfire, but what is the alternative. We are now seeing this in the Ukraine, where tens of thousands of people are being massacred and the world is more or less watching as a man wants to elect himself "Tsar". In this context, I also cannot imagine that if one carries out the whole thing effectively, anyone else would be tempted to follow in the footsteps of this despot. As I said, this should by no means be a call to eliminate a human being, because

nobody is entitled to do that. The root of the problem, in my opinion, is giving one person too much power, which has proven to be a mistake throughout the story. Of course, this president shouldn't lack money, so he has to look around for further influence and what could be easier than securing and expanding power. Only the whole thing has an expiry date and such people, as the past shows us, usually do not have a long-life expectancy, let alone a natural death. The people only have to suffer when such people are alive and I don't see that.

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Advertisement

It always amazes me when you say in an advertisement for a retail chain that more of the Tyrol is included. In my opinion, it's all well and good to refer to one of Austria's nine federal states, but as I said, our country is made up of more federal states. The FRG does not only consist of Bavaria. If you look into it, you can see that a retail chain had been sold abroad and now such statements are being made.

Deaths with Covid

It is not clear to me how it is possible that no precise data can be created as far as Covid diseases and the resulting deaths are concerned. Isn't it the case that the first thing you do when you enter an ordination is that you are asked for an e-card. Of course, this also applies to all other health services. The social security number is of course noted on this card and therefore there is at least one indexed number throughout Austria that only exists once. So, you have a single number that, in my opinion, can be linked very easily. It's clear that the criteria that lead to death should be clearly defined, but then I have meaningful data. This material is then certainly one that can be used for appropriate evaluations, and it should also be the basis for political decisions.

Climate change

It always amazes me how long it takes until there is a movement in society and I don't just mean my homeland, I do believe that this is an international problem. For years people leaned back and imported a lot of energy from abroad. Yes, the price was probably right, but the whole thing also had the disadvantage of being immensely dependent on these exporting countries. We are now feeling this accordingly and do not know how we can get out of this cycle. Okay, there are alternative energies in the meantime, but it's all going too slowly. When I read from the media that 2/3 of our entire gas requirement in Austria is consumed in Vienna and Lower Austria, I have to ask myself why there are so many houses with roofs. In my opinion, these roofs can be used very well for solar panels and, in addition, it doesn't necessarily spoil the appearance of the environment. Additionally, one can note that the energy harvested can be used in the same building, which in turn would minimize some pipework to and from the building. Yes, the idea of the wind turbines is certainly a good one, but it doesn't necessarily contribute to the appearance of the surroundings. If one speaks of reducing CO₂ in this context, then the targets with periods of more than 10 years are very long for me. The approaches in this area are good, but in my opinion, it is taking far too long. What natural disasters have to happen before you finally realize that we're running out of time, it's not five to twelve, it's already twelve o'clock.

Vaccination obligation

To send ahead is that I am vaccinated 3 times. Why? It's not necessarily about me as a person, but rather about the fact that I'm always among people. I can get infected and infect others. In addition, I see it as my civic duty to protect those around me should I actually be ill. I live in this country and therefore have rights and obligations. I see getting vaccinated as one of these duties. Apparently, I am one of the few who share my view, otherwise there would not have been a need for a political discussion as to whether vaccination should now be introduced or not. Certainly, has two sides of view. On the one hand, I'm certainly against encroaching on my private sphere through legal barriers, but as I said, one could have spared oneself the discussion about it if one had fulfilled one's duties as a citizen. It's clear that even after two years of the pandemic, we still don't know how to deal with it, it hasn't been researched enough for that. We will certainly have to live with this dilemma for a longer time. It is also clear that there are side effects with these vaccinations, but I prefer the risk of suffering from a side effect to being on a ventilator for weeks and then maybe dying. Especially since the percentage of an illness from a side effect is lower than suffering from Covid.

300 hp and more

It's possible that I'm of advanced age and therefore perhaps have antiquated views in this regard, but some things in the production of automobiles and other technical devices never cease to amaze me. In principle, I think the idea of e-cars is a good one, although it occurs to me that the plans for this have been in the "drawer" of the auto industry for a long time. The reason for this could be that one wanted to use the resources of crude oil until they were exhausted. But the whole thing has the only disadvantage that this is not

necessarily beneficial to our climate, which is repeatedly shown in various disasters. Another point I have to point out is that the car industry produces vehicles with excessive engine power. 100 hp are not enough, you need at least 150 and even more. I can remember my first car had 34 hp and that was enough. Yes, more horsepower is an advantage when overtaking, but where should I drive a vehicle with more engine power when there are speed limits in almost every country. Yes, and then no one can convince me that the consumption is low, with an engine output of less than 100 hp this would certainly be less, which is also good for the environment. Okay, I have a car with 200 hp, can maybe do a maximum of 130 km/h and pollute the environment. It's clear, and I don't want to blame either the industry or society, but apparently a car with a lot of power and lots of technical frills is a status symbol, which both of the groups mentioned take into account. What kind of status symbol was it then when there were no cars?

Quality of technical devices

If you buy any technical device today, whether it is a computer or a household appliance, you have to consider how long it will last. In the past, a batch was produced in larger quantities and some devices were taken out of this production and put through their paces. A verification label had then been stuck to the entire batch. Apparently, that is no longer the case today. They are produced in tens of thousands of pieces, maybe still in Asia, and the entire production goes to the dealer without being tested. It may well be that putting a production through its paces is expensive, but the end customer remembers the manufacturer, where he knows whether he has checked or not. Because if he sees that this device has worked

flawlessly for years, he will be happy to use this manufacturer again and will then be more willing to pay a reasonable price for it.

Throwaway society

Is it the case today that you always have to have the latest device, otherwise you are not up to date? I can remember something where a laptop was bought new in the appropriate store and after opening it, one had to realize that the keyboard was defective. So, we stood at this dealer, who accepted this device without hesitation and gave us a new laptop in return. When I asked what would happen to the broken device, the answer I got was that it would be disposed of at the retailer's headquarters. Yes, what does that mean? Since this is hazardous waste, it should also be disposed of accordingly. Okay, so again a piece of more hazardous waste somewhere in Africa. But what is completely incomprehensible to me is that food is traded even worse. It's not just about the disposal of food in the household, but in my opinion it's much more about the trade, which thinks at the end of the day that the food in question won't be for sale the next day. In my opinion, if the blame falls on both sides, i.e., retail and customers. Some think it won't be for sale the next day, others only want nice goods. Yes, but in the end the customer pays the price for tens of millions of tons of food ending up in the mill. Can we afford that, because the producer rarely takes goods back?

International food

I'm always amazed when I hear or read how food is transported across Europe. It starts with meat, living or dead, and continues with potatoes and the like. Surely, we are a stable agricultural country where this does not have to be done. We have enough farmers that are happy to see their products on sale in their local area. Such food does not necessarily have to be carted through half of Europe. Above all, there is a second aspect, in my opinion, namely that of the cost-benefit calculation for the producer, especially with such low prices, transport is not exactly cheap and it also damages our environment if more and more trucks are on the streets with groceries, which are also available inland.

Dependencies from abroad

Decades ago, it was assumed that domestic production was too expensive, so cheaper production facilities were sought. These were also found in the former Eastern Bloc countries and were therefore relocated there. Well, that went well for a few years, but then it was probably the high costs that had an impact again and so one had to look for even cheaper production facilities. They were also found in Asia and the production went there. But what was not considered was the fact that one made oneself dependent on this production. Only Asia is not just “around the corner”. In the meantime, a chip is built into almost every technical device or motor vehicle and they became more and more expensive, up to the point when the production facilities also lacked the raw materials for the production of such chips or became less and less. This was all before the pandemic. Then came Covid and in addition a container ship that blocked the Suez Canal and therefore fueled all of this even more. Now we are in the year 2022 with an additional aggressor who thinks his neighboring state is part of Russia.