“The Germans like to be frightened“
Hurdle-champion Florian Schwartoff about the current situation in Germany and the media

In the 1990s this man was the fastest white man on the planet Earth – for over a decade. Florian Schwartoff rushed over the hurdles on the 110m lane like a hurricane. Now he is a well-known architect and we also happen to be good old school friends. He agreed to a spontaneous interview in Erlangen.

Florian, which sort of media do you use to get tuned to the news in the world?
The usual media, print like “Der Spiegel”, some radio stations. But no TV.

No Internet sources?
Only the online version of the “Der Spiegel”.

A hot issue nowadays in Germany is…
...the refugees’ crisis. You know, the Germans like to be frightened. They are now fearful about many issues like the refugees, the Euro crisis. They fear the EU will fall apart. This feeling is nourished by populists and extremists like Trump, le Pen, and Wilders. On April 23 there will be elections in France. And later in September elections in Germany. I fear that the “Alternative for Germany” could enter the Parliament.

So will the EU fall apart?
No, I am positive about it. Hope that reason will keep the upper hand.

Which parties should the people vote for in order to avoid chaos?
Everybody has to choose for himself. Best choice would be the moderate parties. The left party “Die Linke” has some moderate elements except its leader Sahra Wagenknecht, but certainly not the AfD.

The populists as you call them argue that they want to push back the overwhelming and destructive impact of globalism. Aren’t they right?
No, in reality they do not cover these complex topics because they wouldn’t gain votes if they brought them up. People like simple answers. The populists try to sell them their positions by fear mongering. For example, the topic of refugees. First they stir up fear, then they sell a remedy.

But isn’t the real globalism a problem when transnational entities get huge profits at the back of national interests, of the people?
In reality, it is more complicated. Protectionism, as now pushed forward by Trump, won’t solve the problems. And actually, it would be wrong to call Trump an enemy of globalism.
Recently, the Irish government renounced on collecting 13 billion Euro of taxes from Apple while the EU claimed it to be paid. The multinational concerns are so powerful that the local politicians don’t want to anger them. Otherwise the loss would be much higher than 13 billion.

Soon after it the US “retaliated” by punishing the “Deutsche Bank” with 12 billion Euro. You mean that meant: don’t tease the greatest company in the world, otherwise we will remind you of your toxic papers!

Yes. We speak about capitalism and capitalists, socialism and socialists, imperialism and imperialists. But “globalists” still sounds weird. Shouldn’t this make us curious to question: Who is the driving force in history?
The people. The sum of all destinies, interests and events.

Not a tiny number on the top of the pyramid who happens to be so smart to make themselves “invisible” to better manipulate the masses?
I am not a friend of conspiracy theories and the simple pyramid model of power. The world is too complex to steer it by a handful of people. There are just many interests floating around.

A man like George Soros, is he really just like any other man? There is a connection between him and the refugee crisis. I don’t see any connection. I would like to see evidences before speculating about it.

He is seen as an influential player against Germany in favor of some Anglo-American groups who thought that the EU and especially Germany was becoming a rival on the geopolitical arena. Authors like Thomas Barnett wrote about creating a mixed race in order to replace titular nations. This would help to better control them. The German people thus become a target of this approach. Who belongs to the German people in your view?
Whoever has the citizenship of the German state.

Is Germany a sovereign state?
Of course. Do you have doubts?

Sources in the alternative media even doubt that it is a state. Besides from still being under occupation after WW II. By the way, the allies control the media in Germany until 2099 by law. Really? Sounds strange.

Operation Mockingbird was an act to ensure that the Western media would underlie the influence of the CIA. And we have influential institutions like the “Atlantic Bridge” who have their eye on “Der Spiegel”, for example, and the whole spectrum of the mainstream media. Hard to believe. They seem to be critical and cover a wide range of critical views. “Der Spiegel” belongs rather to the leftist-liberal spectrum.

Many say that the open borders order of September 4, 2015 by chancellor Merkel, which allowed hundreds of thousands of foreign people to enter Germany without being controlled, was a deliberate choice to put humane motives higher than the law. This was uttered by one speaker of the government. What do say about this dilemma and the massive breach of law?
There is no such dilemma. No breach of law. There was no alternative.
We don’t like to think in terms of war. But some sources claim that there is a permanent war going on. Sanctions, embargos, migration crisis are just part of the covert warfare. Again, this smells to me too much of simplistic paranoia. In reality, there are interests colliding. Everybody wants to sell his product.

**Do you see a necessity to revise the German history of the first half of the 20th century?**
Why should I?

**There are many new evidences about the start of WWI.**
I don’t see much use in warming up old questions about the past. We live in the present.

**The present provides us with new sources which show how many events in the past and the present are interconnected.**
You talk about sources, new media. I don’t trust them. There might be many opinions but this is not enough for solid facts. When did you arrive in Germany?

**One week ago.**
You should live here for a few more months, absorb our reality, then I will make an interview with you.

**Great! Do you still jump over the hurdles?**
No. But I still do sports.

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