



# Declaration of intent widersetzen

On the 1st of September, the elections in Thuringia and Saxony yielded the expected but apprehended results: for the first time since 1945, AfD in Thuringia and Saxony, a party led by fascists, holds considerable power again.

## **This is a serious situation.**

Led by Höcke in Thuringia and Urban in Saxony, the fascist network surrounding the "Flügel"-caucus (lit. "Wing"), which has been officially recognized as anti-constitutional, forms the majority within the party. Those who believe AfD to be nothing more than right-wing populists who will expose themselves, might experience a rude awakening very soon. AfD's power already means that racist violence and terror are part of the everyday experience for many people. They are already facing constant and increasing threats. After the elections in eastern Germany, AfD is trying out for the upcoming federal parliamentary elections next year. From Saxony and Thuringia they want their "blue wave" to fundamentally change the republic by flooding and destroying democratic structures.

Racism, sexism, anti-feminism, anti-union sentiments, and anti-semitism are supposed to be the new normal. Protective rights will be stripped. Democracy shall cease. In 1924 Thuringia also was the starting point for the NSDAP's campaign against the Weimar Republic. One hundred years later we can prevent another fascist party from ruling this land.

## **What can we do? We resist!**

In April 2024, Widersetzen (lit. 'Resist'/'Defy') was founded by 170 individuals and representatives of organisations and initiatives. In a short time, we organized the so-far biggest protest against an AfD national convention. On Saturday, 29th June, a total of 70,000 people protested against AfD. In the early hours of the day, 7,000 Resisters picketed and blocked the access routes to the convention.

We are determined to defend societal space against AfD. Fascism is not an opinion, but founded on systemic violence and crime.

We now require the determination of a broad, growing coalition of antifascists who oppose the fascist violence in the streets. To that end, we want to come together again and use mass civil disobedience to block AfD's upcoming national convention before the 2025 federal elections.

To connect with each other and prepare our joint struggle against fascism, we invite you and many others to join us in Leipzig on November 1st–3rd for our Widersetzen – strategy conference.

In Leipzig we will provide space for broad strategic discussions as well as deliberate the diverse ideas for our resistance against AfD and the general shift to the right in our governments.

We are creating a space for joint organizing and discussion in solidarity. We know of our differences, conflicts and entrenchment. Yet in the face of the threat that AfD and the societal shift to the right pose, we need unity among antifascists.

We will only retain our capacity to act, if we defend the pillars of our democracy jointly.

The conference will be the prelude for the nationwide preparations of civil disobedience actions. Leipzig can become the place, from whence civil society will resist AfD's and other right-wing incursions. Here we will plan actions against AfD's 2025 national convention next year. Here we will become a joint movement.

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As a division of the organisation:

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we resolve that:

We will **jointly take away space from AfD.**

We will form coalitions locally and **jointly organize and mobilize** protest against the upcoming AfD national convention, so that it will be prevented by acts of civil disobedience.

We will **send representatives** to the strategy conference in Leipzig.

Send the the signed declaration via E-Mail as well as a contact to join the alliance.

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