

Wer are the Falcon Youth of Trier!

We are excited to be able to talk to you today on this demonstration.

Today, we want to stand together against the racist agitation by PEGIDA and their spin-offs. Racism and prejudice against Muslims are nothing new to Germany. But PEGIDA scarily shows how many people do not have a problem joining in in racist agitation. Some of these people are Neo-Nazis and other organized people of the extreme right. The majority, however, is part of the so called “centre” of our society. This shows that racism is not exclusively right wing topic, but that it is wide spread within our society.

What are the reasons that people in such a liberal society support these views? Capitalist society causes competition between states, companies and people. This competition leads, on one hand, to fear of loss; be it the living standard, the wealth of a society or your job. This fear can be targeted at immigrants and finds its

expression in racism. On the other hand, those modes of competition lead to a desire for unity, for example in a nation or in a cultural concept. The sentiment of being united by a nation or a cultural phenomenon is deceiving because it does not abolish the conflicts of interest nor can people escape the constraints of society. Nevertheless, this sentiment of unity seems to provide them with protection and self-affirmation. It also enables them to see so called “aliens” as hostile. Whoever breaks away from their norm becomes a target for hate and contempt. Racism and other forms of exclusion therefore root within our society and are not just imagined by some honest citizens. To overcome those problems it is necessary to radically challenge the society that shelters these concepts.

The racism by PEGIDA and their spin-offs hides behind irrational fears and the worry about the “own culture”. At the same time they feel betrayed by politics and media. They don’t even stop at calling the press liars when they do not portray things as PEGIDA sees them. To call the press liars has been a popular motif of anti-Semitic movements and conspiracy theorists. They both show the inability to understand a complex world. Systemic crises and problems but disagreement within society, as well, is traced back to small, evil cliques. Another factor that leads to hate and violence.

What racist agitation leads to in practise we have seen in Rostock in 1990 and elsewhere. During the last years there has been a pogrom-like atmosphere against the accommodation of refugees. Lives and self- determination are threatened by nationalism, racism and jihadism in Germany and all over the world. We want to counter that decidedly and in solidarity.

Solidarity has to become practice – against exlusion – everywhere!

Friendship!