

Professional Idiot?

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Police in Germany are raiding and arresting unpowerful citizens for committing the sin of speaking harsh words about sitting officials.

Or forwarding harsh words about them.

Animus toward free speech isn't a new thing in Germany, even post-twentieth-century Germany. But it seems that the censorship, aka hate-speech hatred, is getting more intense lately because of an election.

One recent victim is a 64-year-old pensioner, Stefan Nieoff, who <u>forwarded a "meme"</u> about Green Economy Minister Robert Habeck. Habeck <u>wants to be chancellor</u>. According to

the "meme," Habeck is a "<u>professional idiot</u>" (Schwachkopf Professional).

But in consequence of Herr Nieoff's reckless act of disseminating information of merely figurative accuracy, Bavarian police (a) raided the man's home and (b) arrested him. Incidentally traumatizing his daughter, who has Down syndrome.

Why, exactly? Because the Bavarian police are idiots acting at the behest of other idiots.

In a video posted on X, Nieoff <u>says</u>, as Google-Translated: "What they did to me is awful. I'm going to court. It can't be that everyone keeps their mouth shut and lets themselves be oppressed like that.... So please, Mr. Habeck, I beg you, come to my kitchen table sometime. Like the police officers from the Schweinfurt Criminal Investigation Department."

The Alternative for Germany party asserts that although Habeck "presents himself as a 'people-friendly' candidate for chancellor, his critics are being relentlessly pursued."

Reports say that Habeck, a member of the Green Party, has little chance of becoming chancellor. Let's hope his chances are *sehr schwach*.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.