Apologies are coming from all corners

More and more politicians (and other perpetrators) apologize, talking about wrong decisions.

The chosen form of language is already unbearable. You may apologize to yourself, you apologize to someone else.

We - the victims of defamation, persecution, exclusion and state violence - we can apologize or just leave it.

I, too, have become a victim of violence and arbitrariness in the last two and a half years.

I have had to endure things that I never thought possible in a constitutional state.

Even worse: I had to witness state violence and arbitrariness on others in a completely powerless state and could not help.

I don't know if I can apologize, I don't know if I can forgive either.

In order to find out, there is no need for the perpetrators to apologize for themselves or ask for an apology.

This requires the perpetrators to take responsibility.

Now it echoes again through the space of history:

"We didn't know any better."

(The decisions in the respective situation were always made to the best of our knowledge and belief)

Such statements are not only obvious lies, one should only have consulted the experts instead of politically acceptable scientists.

We can only make the right decisions for the future if the perpetrators take responsibility and we, the victims, also demand this responsibility.

Neither an avenging punishment of the perpetrators nor - in the truest sense - irresponsible forgiveness points to a better society.

It was not for nothing that Adorno said that our thoughts and actions should be arranged in such a way that Auschwitz would not be repeated, and that something similar would not happen again.

We were still a long way from what Auschwitz stands for. But mentally we were already on the way to what the Frankfurt sociologist and philosopher describes as "similar". The quotes about the "tyranny of the unvaccinated" and the resulting need for punishment up to and including the will to annihilate ("no more medical treatment for the unvaccinated") will not fall prey to oblivion.

I can only speak for myself here, because dealing with what I have experienced is something very personal.

I hope that the perpetrators will credibly assume responsibility in court proceedings, that they will make amends where possible. That they show sincere compassion where there can be no reparation.

Those who have lost relatives through suicide, those who could not accompany the dying, those who were not allowed to accompany them on the last journey or who could not dry the tears of their relatives will not (be able to) forgive so easily.

Compensation cannot take away the pain either. It will be a long process for this society - not only to overcome the division.

We will go ahead with the ZAAVV (http://zaavv.com/). There will be no forgetting.

We will work things out and the perpetrators will have to face up to their responsibility.

We owe it to our children and to the peaceful future of our society.

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