

Security conference

## Vance exposes German political class in Munich

"If American democracy can survive ten years of Greta Thunberg, then you can survive a few months with Elon Musk," explains JD Vance in Munich, settling accounts with German politics. Migration is the most burning issue - in a democracy there is "no room for firewalls".

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"If American democracy can survive ten years of lectures from Greta Thunberg, then you can survive a few months with Elon Musk," said US Vice President JD Vance in Munich at this year's security conference. It is absurd to put this and similar things in the category of "influencing elections" and restrict them. He also put his finger in the wound of the issue of freedom of speech: it is Europe and not the USA that has moved away from common values, the US Vice President said, settling accounts with European and German politics.

In some countries, it is not so easy to see that they are the winners of the Cold War when it comes to freedom of speech, said Vance. He referred to restrictions on freedom of speech across the continent, for example in the UK under Keir Starmer's Labor government, but also in Brussels. There, commissioners want to remove social media posts as soon as they sense even supposed "hate".

He also referred very explicitly to Germany: "In this country, for example, the police have carried out house searches because citizens were suspected of posting anti-feminist content - all this on the occasion of a day of action to combat misogyny." Freedom of expression throughout Europe is "on the retreat".

He also had harsh criticism for the migration policy of Germany and the EU. "I believe that of all the pressing challenges facing the nations represented here, none is more urgent than mass immigration," he told the assembled elites from European government and security agencies.

At the security conference, Vance denounced the consequences of border openings and lax migration policies - and referred directly to the terrorist attack in Munich: "Yesterday, in this very city, we saw the horrors that these decisions have caused. [...] No voter on this continent went to the ballot box to open the floodgates for millions of migrants."