



Central Council of Jews Calls For Crackdown on Internet

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'JUNGE FREIHEIT' website, a 'WOCHENZEITUNG FÜR DEBATTE'. The main headline is 'Zentralrat der Juden fordert härteres NetzDG' (Central Council of Jews demands stricter NetzDG), dated 20. März 2019. A sub-headline reads '„Gefährliche Entwicklung für das Gemeinwesen“' (Dangerous development for the community). The article features a photo of Josef Schuster, President of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, with a caption: 'Josef Schuster: „Die antisemitischen Ressentiments waren nie weg“ Foto: picture alliance/dpa'. To the right, there is a sidebar with a search bar, social media links, and a preview of the magazine cover with the headline 'Billy ist endlich frei!' (Billy is finally free!).

(The following is Google Translation to English)

BERLIN. The Central Council of Jews has called for a tightening of the Network Enforcement Act (NetzDG). "The NetzDG was an important and correct step, but it does not seem to grab me on all points," said Central Council President Josef Schuster Heilbronner voice. It must therefore be quickly "optimized".

In Germany, the borderline of the word is deliberately shifted to the right. As an example, he mentioned remarks by the AfD chairman Alexander Gauland and the head of state of Thuringia, Björn Höcke. "And at the regulars' table it could mean: **If they are allowed to say that, then surely the average person will not have to remain silent.** And in social networks, such linguistic changes can be instantaneously spread to millions of people. **"This is a dangerous development for the community."**

It can not be understood that **hate messages** are still not deleted immediately, criticized Schuster. In social media, one should still express insults, without having to worry about being prosecuted. "What is especially bad is that the anti-Jewish clichés from the Nazi era and **conspiracy theories** occupy a large space."

"Increasingly dangerous mix of nationalism and extremism"

In addition, Schuster warned of a strengthening of populist parties in view of the EU general election in May. "In my view, there is an increasingly dangerous mix of nationalism and extremism in many countries. All citizens in the EU are called upon to stand up for democracy."
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The debate should not, however, be left to politicians alone, but must also be conducted in associations and churches. "There is a need for a broad discussion on the merits of a free and a few Europe. The topic concerns us all. "He hopes for a" clear commitment to Europe and the European Union ".

The Central Council President praised the proposal of the CSU politician and top candidate of the European People's Party, Manfred Weber, to conclude a **pact against anti-Semitism in Europe**. "The anti-Semitic resentments were never gone, but smolder in many states long under the surface. Now, unfortunately, we find that it is again anti-Semitic and argued. "(Ls)

<https://jungefreiheit.de/politik/deutschland/2019/zentralrat-der-juden-fordert-haerteres-netzdg/>