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So, the Berlin State Prosecutor has launched another criminal

investigation of me. Apparently, I'm being charged with reporting on [the original investigation of me that the Berlin State Prosecutor launched in June](#).

What happened is, the prosecutor visited my blog and read a column I published in July, [The Criminalization of Dissent \(Revisited\)](#), which included screenshots of the alleged "hate-crime" Tweets that the original criminal investigation is based on, and that resulted in the [Order of Punishment](#) that the Berlin District Court handed down two weeks ago. So, the prosecutor opened a new criminal investigation and sent my attorney an official notice explaining the gravity of the additional charges.

The charges are of the utmost gravity. I am officially accused of "relativizing" or "minimizing" the crimes of the Nazis ... by republishing the two Tweets that I originally tweeted.

Here, once again, are the Tweets ...



Yes, that's right, I just published them again. I am going to explain why I published them again.

I'm not going to explain the Tweets again. I have explained them in several previous columns. I have explained them to [Matt Taibbi of Racket News](#), [Max Blumenthal of The Grayzone](#), [James Freeman](#), [Patrick Henningsen](#), [Elena Louisa Lange](#), [Dirk Pohlmann](#), and [Christine Black at Brownstone Institute](#) (forgive me if I'm forgetting anyone). I explained them to Stefan Millius of [Weltwoche](#), and to another journalist at a big Swiss newspaper. My attorney has explained them, in German, to the prosecutor, and to German audiences on [Kontrafunk](#). [RT published a piece](#) explaining them. I believe they have been exhaustively explained.

Not that they ever really needed explanation. You would have to be a certified moron to believe they "minimized," or "relativized," or in any way made light of the crimes of the Nazis. You and I are not certified morons. Neither is the Berlin State Prosecutor. Neither is the District Court of Berlin. Not to put too fine a point on it, the charges are horseshit, and everyone involved knows it. They are a blatant pretext to crackdown on dissent.

OK, now let me explain why I just published the Tweets again, knowing full well that the Berlin State Prosecutor is probably going to read this column, become extremely agitated, and charge me with additional "hate crimes."

No, I am not a glutton for punishment. I'm not at all enjoying my introduction to the so-called "German legal system." It is taking up my time. It is making me angry. It is upsetting my wife, which I do not appreciate. It is costing me a lot of money. It has forced me to ask other people for money, which is something I do not like to do. It's screwing with my sleep. It is distracting me from my work. And so on. Which is exactly the point.

The goal of horseshit prosecutions like mine (and those of many other dissidents currently) is (a) to punish us for speaking out against "New Normal" totalitarianism by making

our lives as miserable as possible, (b) to make examples of us to discourage others from speaking out, and (c) to intimidate us into shutting the fuck up.

Totalitarians, fascists, and other power freaks are essentially just glorified schoolyard bullies. They may cloak themselves in the mantle of the law, but their *modus operandi* is brute force. Beneath all the bullshit, their message is simple: "either do what we say, or we will hurt you."

OK, prepare yourself, because I'm going to give you some advice. I do not generally like to do that, but, in this case, I'm going to make an exception.

Never, ever, give in to a bully. The second you do, that bully owns you. What the bully wants, more than whatever he is demanding, more than anything else in the world, is your fear. The bully interprets your fear as respect, because the bully doesn't understand respect. The bully craves your fear, and your obedience, because they reify the bully's "authority." They enable the bully to feel powerful and important. The bully needs to feel "powerful" and "important" because the bully feels weak and unimportant, and afraid. All fascists are essentially cowards. They are cowards, and nihilists, who hate themselves, and fear themselves, and hate and fear life, which is why they are so obsessed with controlling everything.

The point is, never give in to a bully. Never reify a bully's "authority." If you do, you will find yourself sucked into the bully's sadistic, nihilistic "reality." You will be playing by the bully's rules. And that is all "reality" actually is, a set of rules we agree to play by, or, in this case, do not agree to play by.

So, getting back to my criminal case, and the Berlin State Prosecutor's latest attempt to bully me into shutting up and demonstrating my "respect" for the "authority" and "power" of the Berlin State Prosecutor, fuck that. I do not respond well

to threats. I do not take orders from totalitarians and fascists, or any other type of authoritarians or bullies. So that is why I have republished those Tweets, and why I will continue to republish those Tweets every time the German authorities threaten me with additional criminal charges for refusing to obey their “authority.”

Again, I am under no illusions. I expect the prosecutor to file new charges and issue further threats, which I will defy, which will lead to additional charges, and so on. I am not looking forward to that, but I don't have any other choice, not if I want to be able to respect myself.

If you have any doubts about whether that will happen (i.e., an endless cycle of new bullshit criminal charges stemming from my repeated refusal to respond to the German authorities' bullying), well, let me tell you about another dissident the German authorities are currently persecuting. I'll do it quickly, and then I'll let you go.

As many of my readers are aware, I am presently holed up in an undisclosed location in the Italian countryside. Michael Ballweg, the founder and lead organizer of the [“Querdenken”](#) movement, was also here for a while. Michael, who is an excellent cook, whipped up some delicious “extremist” dinners, after which we all sat around “denying Covid,” “conspiracy theorizing,” brainwashing each other with “Russian propaganda,” and “delegitimizing the state,” and so on. Late at night, when the other “extremists” were sleeping, Michael and I discussed our criminal cases.

Michael's case is a bit more serious than mine. Michael just spent nine months in jail. The German authorities have seized his assets, and frozen all his funds, so he is homeless, and bankrupt, and they are prosecuting him for attempted fraud, money laundering, and tax evasion, or, in other words, for launching a protest movement. If you're not familiar with Michael and Querdenken, you can read the official propaganda

disseminated by the usual “mainstream” media or the Intelligence officers who edit Wikipedia, or ... here’s [a Spiked article](#) to start you off. Then, go ahead, do your own research.

The most absurd aspect of Michael’s case is the German authorities’ “theory of his crimes.” According to this theory, Michael’s devious scheme was to commit serious fraud by ... well, basically, launching a nationwide protest movement that was certain to get a ton of media attention and incur the wrath of the German authorities. As any criminal mastermind will confirm, the best way to commit major fraud is to absolutely infuriate the government by organizing a series of massive protests, and generate tons of media attention, because you definitely want as much publicity as possible while you are defrauding your unsuspecting supporters of their voluntary donations to your cause.

Seriously, this is their “theory of the crime,” which would make Michael Ballweg the most idiotic and incompetent fraudster in the history of fraud.

I could go on about his case, and mine, or those of the numerous other dissidents that are currently being made examples of, and about the broader GloboCap crackdown on dissent, which is happening, not just in New Normal Germany, but all throughout the New Normal Reich, but I need to end here and go water some plants. I am serving as “caretaker” of this thoughtcriminal sanctuary, and I take my responsibilities seriously.

I’ll keep you (and the Berlin State Prosecutor) posted on my further “hate crimes.” In the meantime, best wishes from somewhere in Italy!

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