

Top Merkel Party MP: Strip right-wing ‘extremists’ of free speech, free assembly



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The former General-Secretary of German Chancellor Angela Merkel’s Christian Democratic Union (CDU) has advocated stripping right-wing “extremists” of their fundamental rights to free speech and free assembly.

Mr Tauber, who serves as an MP for the CDU in the German Bundestag, made his statements following the murder of pro-open borders CDU member Walter Lübcke and the arrest of a suspect thought to be linked to far-right extremism.

Writing for German newspaper *Die Welt*, Tauber blamed members of the populist

Alternative for Germany (AfD) for the murder of Lübcke, saying, “the political climate of this republic has changed as well. The AfD in the German Bundestag and in the state parliaments contributes to this. With the dissolution of the language, they have paved the way for the dissemination of violence.”

Tauber also singled out several AfD members including co-chair Alice Weidel, saying they were “complicit in the death of Walter Lübcke due to a language that is uninhibited and leads to violence.”

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In order to combat right-wing extremism, Tauber advocates using Article 18 of the German constitution which allows the government to strip free speech, free assembly, property rights, privacy of communication, and freedom of the press from those deemed to be fighting against the “free democratic basic order”.

Tauber admitted that the rules were to prevent another rise of the Nazi party but said, “Article 18 is today an instrument not only against right-wing extremists but also against all others who are also committed to the fight against our freedom.”

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While right-wing extremism has seen an increase over the past several years in Germany, so too has left-wing extremism, according to the German domestic intelligence agency the BfV, which released a report last year showing the number of violent left-wing extremists had increased by 27 percent from 2012 to 2017.

The number of violent incidents committed by left-wing extremists rose by a staggering 88 percent during the same period.

Tauber did not mention left-wing extremism at all in his writing, despite Antifa allegedly taking credit for nearly killing AfD politician Frank Magnitz earlier this

year in Bremen.

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