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Die FPÖ wurde 1956 gegründet. 1. Vorsitzender: Anton Reinthaller ehemaliger NS-Landwirtschaftsminister & SS-Offizier. Er wurde durch einen anderen früheren SS-Offizier, Friedrich Peter, ersetzt. Die FPÖ legte ihre Nazi-Vergangenheit 1967 ab, als der extremere Block austrat.

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National Socialism in Austria before and after 1945

Nazi Minister Anton Reinthaller and the Origins of the Austrian Freedom Party

MARGIT REITER

TRANSLATION BY SINÉAD CROWE

After 1949, many former Austrian National Socialists reorganized in the Federation of Independents (VdU, *Verband der Unabhängigen*) and its successor party, the Austrian Freedom Party (FPÖ, *Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs*). As the first party leader of the FPÖ beginning in 1955/56, Anton Reinthaller (1895–1958) played a central role in the postwar political mobilization of former National Socialists, known in Austria as the *Ehemaligen* (formers). On the basis of the hitherto unused personal papers of Anton Reinthaller, Margit Reiter's contribution sketches the political career of the founder of the FPÖ from his time as a member of the illegal National Socialist Party during the era of Austrofascism, through his appointment as a Nazi minister in 1938 and to various other positions during the Nazi period, to his postwar denazification and reentry into politics. The correspondence, personal notes, and court documents contained in his papers not only provide a good overview of the networks and the discourse among former Nazis after 1945, but also allow for an investigation into Reinthaller's attitude towards National Socialism and his retrospective self-presentation in front of the denazification court. The early history of the FPÖ is analyzed by interweaving party history with a biographical approach. In its tension between biographical and ideological continuities, on the one hand, and a willingness and ability to adapt to changed political circumstances, on the other, the example of Anton Reinthaller reveals a typical "Austrian" perpetrator biography of a sort that has been neglected in historical research.

Introduction


The Austrian Freedom Party (FPÖ, *Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs*) was officially established on April 7, 1956, by Anton Reinthaller, a former high-ranking Nazi.¹ At the time Reinthaller, who also became the party's first chairman, was a national rallying figure for Austria's former Nazis. The FPÖ emerged from and supplanted the Federation of Independents (VdU, *Verband der Unabhängigen*), a party that had held seats in parliament since 1949 and had widely been regarded as a hotbed of former Nazis. Indeed, as I will demonstrate, contemporary observers believed that the new party, often

For the first decade of its existence the FPÖ was regarded as overtly right-wing extremist due, in large part, to the number of former Nazis within its ranks. Until the mid 1960s, it was considered a pariah and was excluded from government at every level. In 1966, however, under the leadership of ex-SS officer Friedrich Peter, the party began a move to the political centre-ground. It promoted economically liberal policies and even joined the Liberal International in 1979. This apparent conversion led a number of right-wing members to leave the party in 1967 and to set up the *Nationaldemokratische Partei* (NDP). For many observers this confirmed that the FPÖ had finally shed its Nazi legacy. The party's relations with the both the ÖVP and the SPÖ improved throughout this period and, in 1983, under the stewardship of Norbert Steger, this process of liberalization culminated in the FPÖ becoming the junior partner in an SPÖ-FPÖ governmental coalition.

In den 90ern mit Jörg Haider an der Spitze konzentrierte sich die FPÖ auf Anti-Zuwanderung & Euroskeptizismus. Da sie 2000 an einer Koalitionsregierung beteiligt war, verhängten 14 EU-Länder Sanktionen gegen Österreich wegen „Legitimierung der extremen Rechten“ in Europa.

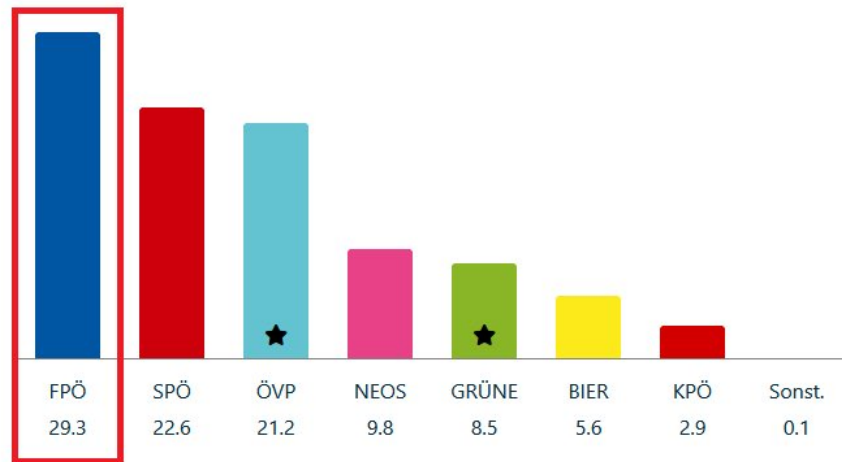
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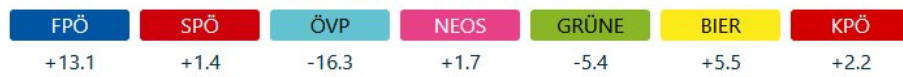
Bei den bevorstehenden  Parlamentswahlen 2024 könnte die FPÖ die größte Partei werden; laut jüngsten Umfragen soll sie 26-31% aller Stimmen erhalten. Ihre Popularität steigt seit dem sogenannten „Ibiza-gate“ wieder - einem politischen Skandal, der Österreich...

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Far right steadily leading Austria's polls

By Tobias Gerhard Schminke | EuropeElects ⌚ Est. 3min

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Polls suggest the party would win about 29% if an election were held today – 13 points stronger than their 2021 election result. This means the party would beat its 1999 record of 26.9%. FPÖ has defended their pole position in the polls for a year now. [EPA-EFE/DANIEL NOVOTNY]

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Austria's far-right FPÖ (ID Group), which has maintained its lead over other parties for a year now, is currently on track to become the country's strongest party in the national elections set for autumn next year.

2019 erschütterte: die Veröffentlichung eines heimlich gefilmten Videos. Das Video vom Jahr '17 zeigt den ehemaligen österreichischen Vizekanzler & FPÖ-Vorsitzenden Heinz-Christian Strache und den ehemaligen stellvertretenden Parteivorsitzenden Johann Gudenus im Gespräch...

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Ibizagate: Former Austrian vice-chancellor Heinz-Christian Strache convicted of corruption



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Austrian far-right ministers to resign en masse amid 'Ibiza-gate' fallout

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Norbert Hofer (L), Austrian Transport Minister and designated leader of the right-wing Austrian Freedom Party (FPÖ), and Austrian Interior Minister Herbert Kickl (R) of the FPÖ deliver a press statement at a FPÖ parliamentary group office in Vienna, Austria, 20 May 2019. (Christian Bruna/EPA/EFE)

...mit einer Frau, die sich Aljona Makarowa nannte. Während der Diskussion bietet „Miss Makarowa“ den FPÖ-Führern positive Berichterstattung als Gegenleistung für Regierungsaufträge an.

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Sie behauptete, die Nichte des russischen Geschäftsmannes Igor Makarow zu sein. Was die FPÖ-Jungs nicht wussten, war, dass der gesamte Austausch inszeniert und aufgezeichnet wurde.

Siehe Appendix für den Link zum Video.

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Das Video wurde wenige Tage vor der EU-Wahl veröffentlicht & führte zum Zusammenbruch der Regierung und dem Rücktritt von Strache. Einige Zeit später traten die verbliebenen FPÖ-Minister, darunter der Innenminister und derzeitige Parteivorsitzende Herbert Kickl, zurück.

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Austria's FPÖ ministers resign en masse to protest colleague's sacking in wake of video scandal

By [Alice Tidey](#) with AFP

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Doch seit dem Skandal hat die FPÖ ihre Popularität zurückgewonnen, indem sie sich gegen COVID-19 Sperren und Impfungen aussprach, den EU-Sanktionen gegen Russland negative wirtschaftliche Aspekte zuschrieb und die Österreicher als Opfer der „westlichen Eliten“ darstellte.

Exploiting every crisis: why the FPÖ is topping the polls

GABRIELA GREILINGER 5th June 2023

At the heart of the scandal that broke the right-wing coalition government in 2019, the Freedom Party is now riding high.



That was then: a screenshot from the 'Ibiza-gate' video, with Heinz-Christian Strache right

We want to build a media environment similar to that of Orbán.

I want a role like Orbán.

So **said** the former Austrian Freedom Party (FPÖ) vice-chancellor Heinz-Christian Strache during a short 2017 trip to Ibiza, where he and a party colleague met an alleged niece of a Russian oligarch. They wanted to talk business—and did so openly and candidly, while also discussing how they could influence the media and build a quasi-autocracy in Austria, akin to **that established** under Viktor Orbán in Hungary.

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Austrian far-right leader swats at rumors he was secretly vaccinated

Passionate antidote critic sees his credibility under attack.

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Austrian former interior minister and club chairman of right-wing Freedom Party of Austria Herbert Kickl addresses a session of the National Council in Vienna | Roland Schlager/APA/AFP via Getty Images

Die FPÖ ist seit langem die krenlfreundlichste Partei in  Früherer Vorsitzender Strache unterzeichnete schon 2016 ein formelles Kooperationsabkommen mit Putins Russland. Die FPÖ macht „westliche politische Eliten“ für Spannungen zwischen Westen & Russland verantwortlich.

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effective curb on Western liberalism. The FPÖ signed a formal cooperation agreement with Putin's party United Russia in 2016 and became a defender of Kremlin policy. It has generally blamed Western political elites for the deterioration of international relations and the conflict in the region, including Ukraine. The FPÖ has repeatedly called on the Austrian government to adopt a neutral stance, criticized Western sanctions on Russia, and labelled Ukraine a corrupt state. Especially on the Radical Right, the current conflict is seen as part of a broader contest between liberal and anti-liberal agendas.

Die FPÖ hat Russland offen für die Ablehnung des „westlichen Liberalismus“ gelobt und die Sanktionen gegen Russland nach der Annexion der Krim scharf verurteilt. Das Kooperationsabkommen zwischen der FPÖ und Putins Russland wurde kürzlich formell bis 2026 verlängert.

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Before the invasion, the FPÖ maintained close political relations with Russia and President Putin based on shared anti-liberal ideological positions (Weiss 2020, Weidinger et al. 2017). Members of the FPÖ openly praised and admired the Russian regime for its aversion to western liberal principles and shared Moscow's criticism of Brussels during the refugee crisis. The FPÖ condemned the EU's sanctions against Moscow and defended Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014. This position was reinforced by a formal partnership agreement between Putin's party, United Russia and the FPÖ in 2016 (Weiss, 2020; Cede & Mangott, 2023). Although the FPÖ under Kickl publicly distanced themselves from this agreement, the party let the deadline for terminating the accord pass, thereby allowing it to be renewed until 2026 (Die Presse, 2021). Nevertheless, as Cede and Mangott (2023) note, no Austrian government opposed extending sanctions against Russia over the annexation of Crimea in 2014, including the one in which the FPÖ was a coalition partner from 2017 to 2019. Moreover, the FPÖ has been careful not to be seen as defending Moscow's conduct of the war but rather reframe the conflict in ways that fit the party's political narrative.

FPÖ phases out cooperation with Putin party



Herbert Kickl sees no sense in the cooperation with the Putin party. (c) APA/GEORG HOCHMUTH (GEORG HOCHMUTH)

"We simply do not need that," says party leader Kickl for the agreement concluded in 2016. However, the FPÖ has failed to give notice.

The FPÖ does not want to extend the cooperation agreement with the **Putin** United **Russia** party, which expires at **the** end of the year. "We simply do not need this," party chairman Herbert **Kickl** confirmed a report of the "**Standard**" at a press conference on Thursday. However, since the FPÖ had a notice period passed in June 2021, the agreement reached to five years was formally extended until the end of 2026.

Bzgl. Krieg in der Ukraine behauptet die FPÖ, dass es ein „Kampf zwischen gegnerischen Seiten“ ist & nicht ein von Russland begonnener Angriffskrieg. Die FPÖ sagt auch, dass Sanktionen und die EU für die Inflation & den Anstieg der Energiepreise verantwortlich sind.

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Austria split over Russia sanctions

By Nikolaus J. Kurmayer | Euractiv.de ⌚ Est. 2min

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The far-right pushing against sanctions reflects a deeply divided country where support for Ukraine is becoming increasingly tenuous. [EPA-EFE/DANIEL NOVOTNY]

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Austria's far-right FPÖ continues to uphold its stance against sanctions on Russia, as surveys demonstrate that while Austrians, by and large support punitive actions, the far-right voters do not.

Sanctions against Russia are generally recognised as important punitive measures in the country that maintains its neutral stance towards conflict and has historically close ties to Russia, though the far-right, polling at 28% according to a 23 February poll, continues to disagree.

"Only 46 of 193 UN member states have imposed sanctions on Russia, 27 of which belong to the EU," the FPÖ's secretary general Christian Hafenecker told parliament on Friday.

Dabei erhielt die FPÖ geopolitische Ratschläge und geheime Dokumente vom Wirecard-Betrüger und Russland-Spion Jan Marsalek die aus dem  Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz und Terrorismusbekämpfung (BVT) & dem Innenministerium stammten.

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März 2023 verließen Abgeordnete der FPÖ das österreichische Parlament, als der ukrainische Präsident Wolodymyr Zelenskyj eine Rede hielt. Laut FPÖ geschah dies „aus Protest gegen eine angebliche Verletzung des nationalen Neutralitätsprinzips Österreichs“.

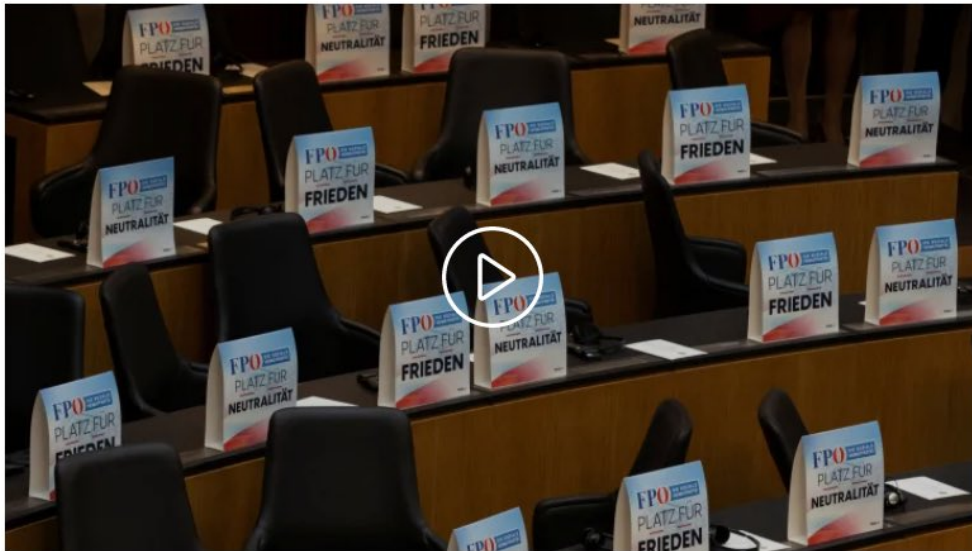
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Austria's far-right lawmakers walk out of Zelenskyy speech

The far-right politicians said they were protesting against the speech because it violated Austria's principle of neutrality.



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Die FPÖ arbeitet mit anderen  rechtsextremen & populistischen Parteien zusammen, die auch mit Russland kooperieren, etwa der italienischen Lega Nord, dem belgischen Vlaams Belang, der slowakischen ultranationalen SNS, Orbans Fidesz und der serbischen Fortschrittspartei.



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Suspected Vlaams Belang-China spy tried to influence his younger brother MP

Friday, 12 January 2024

By Ugo Realfonzo



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The Federal Public Prosecutor's Office has opened a formal investigation into the former Vlaams Belang politician Frank Creyelman for Chinese espionage, while his younger brother Steven, a sitting Vlaams Belang MP, is also now being investigated in Parliament.

Justice Minister Paul Van Tigchelt announced the formal investigation into Frank Creyelman in the House Justice Committee on Wednesday afternoon, with the prosecutor's office confirming the news but refusing to give more details to the Belga News Agency.



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Slovakia forms coalition government with pro-Russia party

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New Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico had promised to end military aid for Ukraine in his electoral campaign. He is in coalition with the pro-Russia and far-right Slovak National Party (SNS) and the left-wing Hlas-SD.



Slovak President Zuzana Caputova has appointed a new coalition government under populist Robert Fico

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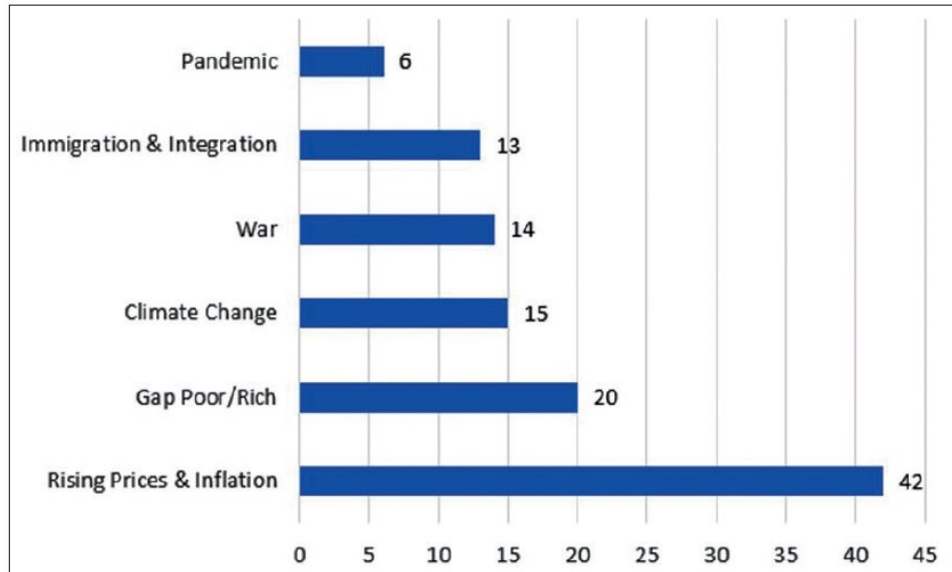
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Die Wähler rechtsextremer und populistischer Parteien in ganz Europa sind oft an anderen Dingen interessiert als am Krieg in der Ukraine. Sie machen sich vor allem Sorgen um alltägliche Dinge wie steigende Preise, Inflation und die Kluft zwischen Arm und Reich.

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Figure 6: Important issues for Austrian voters, 2022



Source: Compiled by the authors based on data from SORA (2022, p. 8).

Und hier florieren die populistischen Parteien. Sie bieten keine Lösungen an, aber stellen die anderen Parteien als „Eliten“ dar, die das „einfache Volk“ im Stich lassen. Als Alternative bieten sie „Neutralität“ & eine Ausweitung der Geschäfte mit Ländern wie Russland an.

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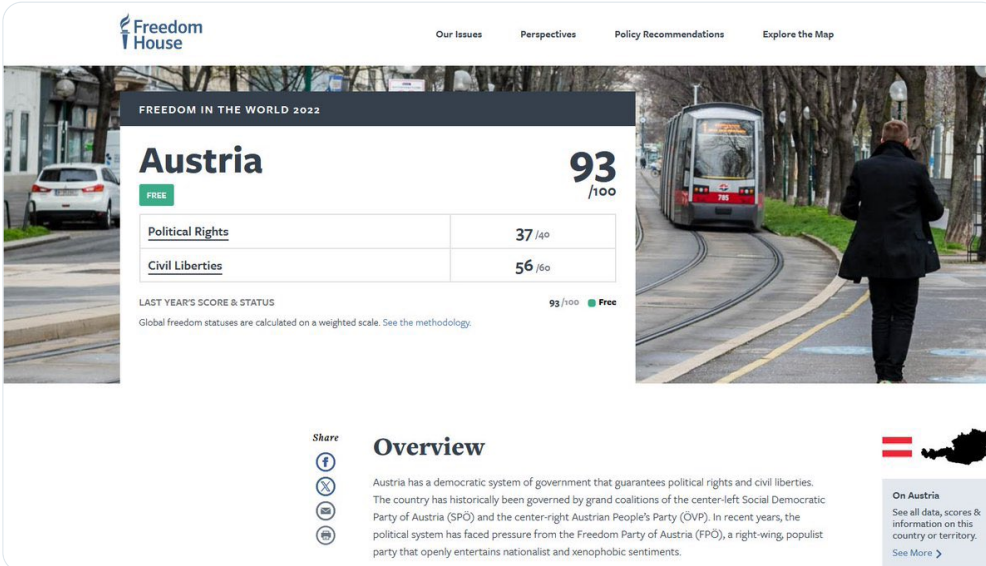
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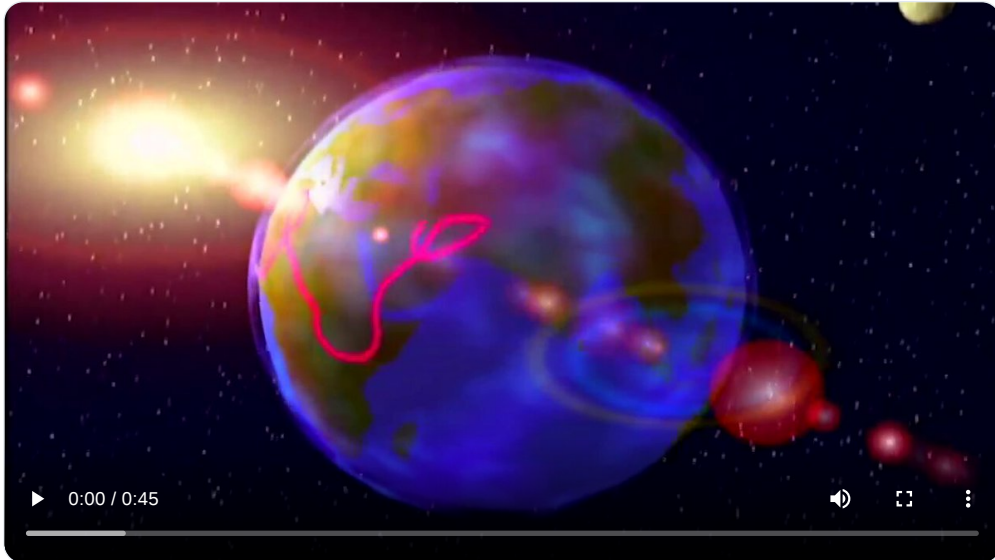
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Austria has a democratic system of government that guarantees political rights and civil liberties. The country has historically been governed by grand coalitions of the center-left Social Democratic Party of Austria (SPÖ) and the center-right Austrian People's Party (ÖVP). In recent years, the political system has faced pressure from the Freedom Party of Austria (FPÖ), a right-wing, populist party that openly entertains nationalist and xenophobic sentiments.

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Dabei war die Partei über Jahre hinweg von Korruption geplagt. Aber um fair zu sein, die FPÖ hat nach dem Ibiza-Skandal auch etwas Gutes erreicht: Das fantastische Lied „We're going to Ibiza“ der Vengaboys erreichte nochmals Platz 1 in der österreichischen Hitparade.

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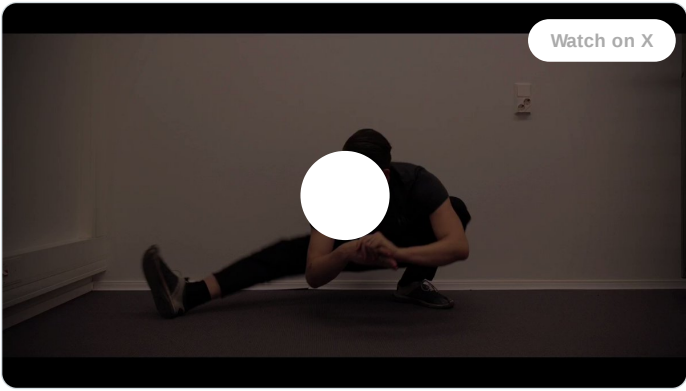
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During the discussion, "Miss Makarova" offered the FPÖ leaders positive news coverage in return for government contracts. She also claimed to be the niece of Russian businessman Igor Makarov. What the FPÖ boys didn't know was that the entire exchange was staged & recorded.

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