



**November 1, 2024, 12:05 p. m., Berlin and worldwide
Protest event “For science, democracy, women and children – against the German
Self-Determination Act (SBGG)”**

On the occasion of the so-called “Self-Determination Act” (SBGG) taking effect, there will be protests against the SBGG in Berlin and worldwide on November 1, 2024, called for by the initiative “Lasst Frauen sprechen!”, together with “Frauen sprechen!”

In Berlin, twelve female scientists, publicists and women's rights activists – including the Irish bestselling author Dr. Helen Joyce – will stand up for the preservation of the sex-based rights of women and girls in their speeches.

The connection between the new truths decreed by the SBGG, “Sex is a feeling” and “Men are women”, and George Orwell's novel “1984” will be explained and illustrated visually.

In numerous countries, including the United States, the United Kingdom, Argentina and Japan, protest actions will take place in front of German embassies and consulates at 12:05 p.m. local time. International reports with pictures and videos will be available online under the hashtags #SelfIDHarms and #WomenRise.

The goal of the protest is to draw the attention of politicians and the public to the destructive effect of the SBGG on women's and children's rights, science, freedom of expression and democracy. Counter-protest is expected.

Our demands on politics:

1. Repeal of the so-called “Self-Determination Act”
2. Removal of the so-called “gender identity” from laws
3. Prevention of the inclusion of “gender and sexual identity” in Article 3 of the German Basic Law.

International connections and international solidarity actions in front of German embassies and consulates

The introduction of laws that allow sex registration based on self-identification (“self-ID”) is a global phenomenon¹. This undermines women's rights. Germany has a great deal of influence in Europe and internation-

¹ <https://www.buecher.de/artikel/buch/womens-rights-gender-wrongs/69137898/>

ally. The introduction of particularly extreme self-ID legislation in Germany can put pressure on other countries to introduce similar laws or to tighten existing ones. It is therefore in the international interest that Germany introduces a "self-ID act".²

For the first time in history, women around the world will demonstrate together for the preservation of women's rights and the realistic category of "sex". Feminists from numerous countries have agreed to express their solidarity – including women from Spain, Norway, England, Scotland, the Netherlands, Italy, France, Iceland, Canada, Australia, Argentina, Japan, New Zealand, USA. They will protest at 12:05 p. m. local time in front of the German Embassy or German Consulate in their countries and/or present protest letters to the German ambassador in their country. A particularly large gathering is expected to take place in front of the German Embassy in London.

The international reports with pictures and videos will be shared online under the hashtags **#SelfIDHarms** and **#WomenRise**. Several live streams are also planned. Further information on the protest and the **campaign video** in 15 languages so far can be found at:

www.lasst-frauen-sprechen.de/selfidharms

For science

The SBGG consistently substitutes a non-validatable, vague concept for scientifically based facts by replacing the previous civil status entry "sex" with a so-called "gender identity". That so-called "gender identity" is a purely subjective feeling that can be changed at any time without any restrictions. We consider the fact that the scientifically undisputed fact of "sex" should be replaced by a purely ideological term to be highly anti-scientific in principle, but especially in legal contexts³.

For democracy

The prohibition on disclosure contained in the SBGG makes it a criminal offense to disclose a person's sex as soon as they have undergone a change of civil status. The self-declared "gender identity" must be validated unconditionally. Failure to do so may result in a fine of up to €10,000 (SBGG §13). This "ban on disclosure" will force all citizens to deny the factually verifiable reality of sex and their own perceptions. We consider this to be totalitarian. Furthermore, the ban on naming scientific facts is in clear contradiction to freedom of opinion and freedom of the press⁴.

For women

By ratifying the Istanbul Convention⁵ and the UN Women's Rights Convention CEDAW⁶, the German state has committed itself to protecting the rights of women and girls. These rights are based on actual sex, because oppression, discrimination and violence against women are also sex-based. If every man can be a woman, these conventions lose their value and women's rights will be undermined and eroded. The UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls - Reem Alsalem - already sent a 17-page letter to the German Foreign Ministry in June in which she expresses her great concern about the consequences of the SBGG for women and children, calling on the German government to comment on how it intends to continue to guarantee the rights and safety of women and children⁷. The Permanent Mission of the Federal Government to the UN only replied in a three-page email⁸.

² https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/over-the-rainbow-the-road-to-lgbti-inclusion_8d2fd1a8-en.html

³ <https://www.netzwerk-wissenschaftsfreiheit.de/transaktivismus-vs-wissenschaftsfreiheit/>

⁴ German Basic Law Article 5

⁵ <https://unwomen.de/die-istanbul-konvention>

⁶ <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/cedaw.pdf>

⁷ <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadPublicCommunicationFile?gId=29160> and

<https://www.welt.de/politik/deutschland/article252966862/Brief-an-Baerbock-UN-Sonderberichterstatterin-kritisiert-Selbstbestimmungsgesetz.html>

⁸ <https://spcommreports.ohchr.org/TMResultsBase/DownloadFile?gId=38566>

For children

The SBGG allows parents to assign their children a sex of their choice from birth. From the age of 5, children must give their consent at the registry office. From the age of 14, minors can determine their own sex entry, but they will still need their parents' consent. If the parents refuse to have the sex entry changed, a family court can overrule the parents' wishes. Even though the SBGG explicitly states that it does not regulate medical interventions, recent studies have shown that changing one's sex entry and name (so-called "social transition") increases the urge for physically invasive measures⁹. The "social transition" is usually followed by a physical "adaptation" to the opposite sex, in which healthy body parts are irretrievably surgically removed and many minors lose their ability to reproduce. Puberty blockers are used in an attempt to "delay" puberty. The benefits are still unclear to this day, but the possible side effects are numerous and serious¹⁰¹¹. It is actually the task of parents and the government to protect minors from decisions with serious consequences, but the SBGG undermines parental rights.

Reference to Georg Orwell's book "1984"

"The Party told you to reject the evidence of your eyes and ears. It was their final, most essential command." (George Orwell, 1984). Just as in George Orwell's novel 1984 ("War is peace, freedom is slavery, ignorance is strength"), the SBGG in 2024 will force people to accept and internalize the distortion of facts (men are women, sex is a feeling) as the new truth, without protest. People should not only act, but also think as desired by the government. This corresponds to the ideal image of a person in totalitarian regimes. **Feminists, on the other hand, encourage people to take their own perceptions seriously and to resist the compulsion to lie and deny reality.**

Helen Joyce reading on November 2 in Berlin

Irish journalist and bestselling author Dr. Helen Joyce will read from her bestseller "Trans: When Ideology Meets Reality" (Book of the Year 2021 Sunday Times, Spectator, Observer) on Saturday, November 2 at 2 pm. For security reasons, the location of the reading will be announced at short notice. The reading is being organized by the Magas publishing house, which has published the German translation of Helen Joyce's book entitled "Facts about Transgender" in 2024¹².

List of speakers (alphabetical order)

1. Special guest:
Dr. Helen Joyce, Irish journalist and bestselling author, Director of Advocacy for the human rights organization Sex Matters, graduate mathematician
2. Adenin, biologist
3. Prof. em. Dr. Monika Barz, social scientist, professor (em.) at the Protestant University of Applied Sciences Reutlingen and Ludwigsburg (women's and gender issues), recipient of the Federal Cross of Merit
4. Sabine Beppler-Stahl, Chair of Freiblickinstitut, graduate economist
5. Birgit Gärtner, journalist, book and blog author
6. Susann Enders, MdL, secretary general of the party Freie Wähler Bayern
7. Bev Jackson, founding member of Gay Liberation Front, co-founder of the LGB Alliance
8. Dr. Dipl.-Psych. Ingeborg Kraus, psychotherapist, trauma therapist, supervisor
9. Dr. med. Martina Lenzen-Schulte, a medical doctor and medical journalist, editor at the German Medical Journal [Deutsches Ärzteblatt]

⁹ <https://cass.independent-review.uk/home/publications/final-report/>

¹⁰ <https://www.aerzteblatt.de/nachrichten/150630/Umfassende-Untersuchung-in-England-zu-Geschlechtsumwandlungen-bei-Minderjaehrigen>

¹¹ <https://lasst-frauen-sprechen.de/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/geschlecht-selbst-bestimmt-rz-web-200523.pdf>

¹² <https://www.magas-verlag.de/p/fakten-ueber-transgender>

10. Dr. Isabel Rohner, cultural scientist, expert on the history of women's suffrage movements, co-host of "Die Podcastin"
11. Gunda Schumann, lawyer, sociologist, author, board member of the Lesbian Action Center (LAZ) reloaded e.V.
12. Marie-Luise Vollbrecht, biologist

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