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Moral Courage

About risks and side effects ...

Moral courage, often and frequently invoked in speeches by politicians, can quickly become dangerous for the people who live it. We are reminded of Dominik Brunner, who was beaten to death because he had protected students riding a S-Bahn in Munich from attacks by some youths.

Only recently, the honorary mayor of Tröglitz, a small town in Saxony-Anhalt, **was forced to resign**. Right-wing extremists had threatened him and his family because he has been a champion for refugee accommodations in the community. He apparently did not receive any help or support from the authorities.

What is moral courage? Is it doing something whenever there is violence committed by right-wing extremists or any other perpetrators? Or is it also refusing the political dogma that you should always continue whatever you are doing, disregarding all threats of violence?

What are the risks? When you get attacked violently for your moral courage, is that because you were negligent? Is it a courageous person's own fault if they get attacked, hurt, or even killed?

What are side effects? Does this cause people to refrain from standing up for their fellow citizens and look the other way? Do we really want to live in a society in which verbal and physical violence in the public arena are accepted as a fact of life, because people are too afraid to help?

We will examine questions of **moral courage, personal risks and societal side effects** at the Postplatz Concert next **Monday, the 16th of March, 7 pm.**

The invitation goes out to all people living in and around Dresden who want to demonstrate for unconditional human rights, religious freedom and against discrimination. The rally will last an hour and will be accompanied with cultural contributions and short speeches. The networks Dresden für Alle and Netzwerk Kultur Dresden as well as dedicated citizens are the organizers of the event. We kindly ask all social interest groups from culture, business, sports, religion and politics to join our call and invite their members.

