

## UPF Peace Talk: Interview on the Topic: 'Attack on the Family'

On Saturday 20.05.2023, to commemorate International Family Day, UPF Germany hosted an hour-long online Zoom interview.

UPF chairman Karl-Christian Hausmann spoke with Hedwig von Beverfoerde, chairwoman of the association *Ehe-Familie-Leben e.V.* (Marriage-Family-Life) and spokeswoman for *Aktion für Ehe & Familie - Demo Für Alle*, (Action for marriage and family-demo for all) about the importance of strengthening and stabilising the nuclear family: father-mother and children which is nowadays greatly under attack.



In his introduction, Hausmann explained why UPF considers the family to be a God-given institution, the first 'school of love' and the best foundation for the development of human life. The subsequent interview was very informative and lively because the speakers already were acquainted with each other as a result of many joint ventures. Hausmann paid tribute to Beverfoerde as one of Germany's driving forces to save the family.

When asked about her career, Beverfoerde explained that her commitment had been triggered by the introduction of a compulsory care plan for primary school children in Sachsen-Anhalt against which she successfully launched a state-wide parent initiative. This experience motivated her to defend the rights of parents. 'Parental rights are rights of protection', she explained 'the obligation and responsibility to care for children can be done no better than by their parents.' Nowadays the state attempts to patronise and curtail parental rights. We need to resist this and protect our children.

'But there are some who rightly see the family as the breeding ground of neuroses' Hausmann pointed out. 'Is that not a reason to abolish the family and replace it with a better institution?' 'It has become quite clear that nothing can replace the family, not Kibbutzim, orphanages or even the best kind of child-care' replied Beverfoerde. 'Of course, not every family is ideal, and injuries and hurt can be inflicted. However, it is a fallacy to see the family itself as the problem or as a false construct because it is people who make mistakes. The art of building good relationships in marriage and the family must be practised.

When asked why there are so many forces today that are out to abolish the family, Beverfoerde suggested two reasons: firstly, people who have been hurt attain a position where they try to reshape the world so that they themselves can no longer be hurt (one example is the gender theorist Judith Butler). Secondly, the intact family is a bulwark, a strong small unit that is resistant to external influences and control. 'All groups seeking to exercise power, whether Marxist or globalist, attempt to isolate and thus manipulate people', ascertained Beverfoerde. The

weakening of family ties can be seen as an instrument of domination. To this end, people with real problems are often used. It is no coincidence that things develop in a way that people themselves would not take, but behind this are forces which do not seek a better society but rather wish to weaken people in order to manipulate them for their own ends.

Hausmann drew attention to the fact that all parties claim to be in favour of the family. To this Beverfoerde commented: ,Anti-family politics are often hidden behind expressions which sound good but are misleading, such as ‘good nursery law’ (which deprives mothers of freedom of choice) or the demand for ,constitutional rights for children , (which is unnecessary and dangerous since children already have all fundamental rights). Childrens’ rights would have to be interpreted by the state and under this guise parental rights would be undermined.



In a short overview of laws passed over the preceding decades, Beverfoerde pointed out the anti-family trend: ,with the pill, women can decide when to become pregnant-but it prevents the conception of children. Abortion is carried out in the name of sexual self-determination. Pornography, the simplification of divorce law, ,marriage for all ‘, and state propagated diversity sex education are further milestones. The latter turned out to be sexualising and abusive of children, and its paedophilic background was recently exposed by *Kentler Gate*.

The interviewees then explained the dangers of a new legislative initiative being prepared by the coalition government: the *Selbstbestimmungsgesetz*. This law will enable anyone over the young age of fourteen to change gender as they chose simply by self-disclosure and without any psychological report or parental consent. Beverfoerde warned that the ,trans-hype‘ which is being spread by social media and other vehicles of youth culture, misleads young people to think that their mental health problems can be resolved with a change of gender. There is a whole medical industry that has no compunction in helping young people to attain their seemingly desired sex by means of puberty blockers and surgery. Thus, at a young age, an irreversible and even dangerous course is set in motion. Many of those affected will later want to reverse the conversion procedures.

Furthermore, it is established that gender is not only present in the transformation of speech. Unlike the women’s movement, the gender movement is not concerned with equal rights and opportunities, but with abolishing the category of gender itself. Our biological sex, which is enshrined in every cell in our body and is the most essential basis of our identity, should be ignored and denied. Such an identity confusion makes one weak. If it is no longer clear what a man and a father is, and what a woman and a mother is, family can no longer be properly lived and expressed. There is even a planned reform of the family law which would expand parenthood to up to four people.

In view of this situation, the question arises as to what can be done to warn people about damaging trends and attempts at manipulation. Through education by books, brochures, video clips, documentaries and symposia, family organisations are drawing attention to the dangers.

A personal visit to or telephone call to the parliamentary representative of one's constituency is considered to be especially effective.



Following a question and answer session from the audience, moderated by Gudrun Hassinen, the speakers presented literature and web-addresses on the topic, such as a position paper on the bill on the right to self-determination, to be found at [www.demofueralle.de](http://www.demofueralle.de), where it is also possible to order free pamphlets about the transgender-hype, *Kentler Gate*, and the rights of children. The parents' initiative [www.elternaktion.de](http://www.elternaktion.de) for example offers support and tips for child-orientated education. And at [www.keinmaedchen.de](http://www.keinmaedchen.de) girls who are thinking of becoming trans can find material gently suggesting they reconsider.



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Recording of the webinar (in German) can be found under:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4FTk0zmc4M>