
SPIES EYE GERMAN FAR RIGHT

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Does Germany need to protect its citizens from the lure of the far right?

That question has incited passions in Berlin this week as the domestic intelligence service, known by its German acronym, BfV, weighs whether to put the Alternative for Germany (AfD) party under surveillance for suspicion of right-wing extremism.

According to Germanys constitution, parties whose * supporters behave in a way aimed at impairing or eliminating the free democratic basic order * are unconstitutional and can thus be banned by the Federal Constitutional Court.

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