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# Rising Autocrats and 'Freedom Fighters': How the Populist Radical Right in Germany and Europe Responds to the Corona Pandemic

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The Corona crisis is the "hour of the executive": European countries are taking measures to regulate public life and prevent the spread of the disease. On the one hand, these seem to be unfavorable conditions for populist radical right parties. On the other, they present themselves in many countries as the voice of those who see the interventions as an inadequate restriction of their freedom or even believe in a conspiracy of the elites. This presentation will discuss how populist parties adjust their programs in the pandemic, shed light on common narratives, assess their electoral support, and pay special regard to the case of the AfD in Germany.



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