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SEXUAL SELF-DETERMINATION IS A HUMAN RIGHT!

Living and loving without paternalism

On September 21st once again a „March for Life“ will begin in front of the Federal Chancellery in Berlin. Anti-abortion activists want to demand a complete ban on abortion and the penalization of all abortions – not only in Germany but all over Europe. They try to deny all girls and women the self-determination of their own life and body.

The ideological foundation of these anti-abortion activists lies in a reactionary, Christian-fundamentalist world-view, in which abortion is described as „prenatal murder“. Their idea of „pro-life activism“ contains complete control over women and the reconstruction of an „old order“ with the „holy family“.

The reality in Germany obviously differs from this unprogressive order of society these groups wish for. People live in diverse and self-chosen relations, e.g. as patch-work families, same-sex couples, as single parents, in temporary relationships, flat-sharing communities, with or without kids of their own.

The opponents of the right to abortion want to create an atmosphere in which abortion is seen as an immoral act, or even murder, and ostracized by society.

With militant activities, such as „pavement counseling“ in front of medical facilities, the defamation of doctors as „mass-murderers“, and the aspersion of specialized personnel on web pages, spreading false statements concerning the course of pregnancy and biological facts etc., women are intimidated and harassed.

Therefore, it’s about time that the democratic forces in our society counter these defamations and reactionary world-views and stop their growing political and societal influence.

On these grounds we call for a demonstration for the right to every person’s sexual self-determination on September 21st at 1 p.m. at Brandenburger Tor!

WE DEMAND

- a gender- and culture-sensitive sex education for all young people
- Information about and access to contraception
- a prescription-free disposal of the morning-after pill
- unlimited access to legal abortion and the abrogation of §218 from the criminal code
- that people who decide to have a child are able to sustain their own life planning.

Therefore, they need social and economic assistance from the government and, above all, the necessary infrastructure

Sexual Self-Determination is a Human Right. We call on the federal government and the political parties to secure that women and couples can freely decide about their family planning without fearing or suffering discrimination, and with the support of the administration of their rights, irrespective of their background, sexual identity or social, economic and health-related situation.