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Pirate Parties

Celebrate Election Victory

Victory in Sweden and a Strong Showing in Germany

Pirate Party International proudly celebrates election success in Sweden and Germany. Claiming one seat in Sweden and seeing significant results in Germany, the Pirate Party sees itself as an up and coming force in politics.

“In just 42 short months, we have seen drastic growth and massive awareness worldwide”, says Andrew Norton, the head of Pirate Party International, “as our issues have made people aware of the damage the existing parties have done to the fundamental processes of democracy and government. Governments are supposed to represent their people, to work for their good, and yet more and more governments are sliding either to the pockets of the Special Interests, or into the role of 'Tyrant'. This electoral victory shows that people are tired of cronyism and back-door dealings.”

Sweden

With 7.1% of the votes, one seat have been won in Sweden by the Pirate Party (Piratpartiet). The announcement of who has that place will made made tomorrow.

“We have just written political history.” Says Rick Falkvinge, chairman of the Piratpartiet. “Tonight, politicians have learned that doing what the lobby asks will cost them their jobs. We're the largest party in the segment below 30 years of age. That's building the future of liberties.”

Germany

The German Pirate Party has also seen success with 0.9% of the votes. This allows for increased funding of the party, which was one of the primary aims.

“This was the first time we have run for the European Parliament,” says Andreas Popp, Piratenpartei's lead European candidate. “And although many voters have hardly known us, we got a great result. This shows, that many citizens identify themselves with our goals. I want to thank all people who supported us, we could not have done that without them. We have fulfilled our minimal goal of 0,5%. Now we can start up for real!”

From this result, the Piratenpartei will move from strength to strength and will challenge ever more strongly for seats in both German governments and The European Parliament.

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About Pirate Party International

Pirate Party International is the international association of Pirate Parties from all around the world. It's aim is to spread the aims of the Pirate movement to all democratic countries. Part of it's role is encouraging international cooperation and information exchange, while also helping with the formation of new national parties around the world. Pirate Party International currently has representation from over 35 countries, and is constantly growing.

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