

# “People are looking at Switzerland!”

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Ralph Bosshard. (Photo nachdenkseiten.de)

(Ed.) *The divided world needs mediators – but only those who are neutral can be mediators. Switzerland should strengthen its neutrality not only to avoid being drawn into a war itself, but also to be able to play an active mediating role in serious conflicts between other countries!*

*The world needs mediators!*

Having almost sunk into oblivion due to the lack of armed conflicts on the European continent, neutrality is once again an issue that we have to be seriously concerned about. In the years after 2014, we have been able to observe how increasingly all conceivable areas of state action and social life has been used for the purpose of conflict management.

We should stop listening to Russian composers and stop reading Russian literature. This went so far that transatlantic soup casper swatted about the fact that *borshsh* was a Ukrainian dish, and Crimean sparkling wine was a sparkling Ukrainian wine, which should no longer be consumed. We need therefore to draw a line of interference in our daily life.

We are currently confronted with a group of states that divides the world into black and white, good and evil, according to the motto “Whoever is not with me is against me”. This group of states came about to realize in recent



*Hundreds of thousands of people from all regions of the world come to Switzerland, to see it: the Matterhorn. But Switzerland has more to offer than just tourist attractions.*

(Picture Christian Müller)

months that they can no longer create or enforce majorities in the *UN Security Council* and the *UN General Assembly*. They usurp the powers of the UN Security Council, seek to replace the UN as a new system of collective security and is thus shaking the foundations of the global post-war order. Over the past 25 years, these states have accumulated enough dirt on their own, which they are now throwing at others. Today it's Russia's turn, tomorrow it's someone else's turn.

It is astonishing that the Swiss Federal Council is cooperating so willingly with such group of states after it had previously made great efforts to get Switzerland on the UN Security Council. This inconsistent foreign policy must end. Today it's about much more than just Switzerland; it's about the principle of neutrality itself and the sovereign right of states to refrain from participating in a military conflict and also in economic wars. It is therefore about the rights of all approximately 150 states in the world that do not belong to one of the Western alliances and those 100 states that were not invited to *Joe Biden's* democracy conference.

Over the 25 years following the collapse of the *Warsaw Pact*, it has become clear that the conflicts that are really difficult to resolve are those in which it is not black against white, but grey against grey. It is precisely the contradictions that are difficult to resolve legally that are most likely to lead to the use of force. And it is the absolutely self-confident, the self-righteous, who

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