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Measures to combat the rising popularity of right-wing extremism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism in the Council of Europe's member States

Motion for a resolution

tabled by Mr Jerzy MONTAG and other members of the Assembly

This motion has not been discussed in the Assembly and commits only those who have signed it

Parties with xenophobic, racist and anti-Semitic elements in their programmes, including the Greek party Chrysi Avgi and the Hungarian party Jobbik, and politicians who assert fascist and neo-Nazi views and use racist language have recently experienced a rise in popularity. In this context, the symbols and structures of Nazi and fascist parties from the past, such as party logos reminiscent of swastikas, are being used and groups of thugs who attack immigrants formed.

Most of these parties were previously only able to gain a small proportion of votes. Yet they have now managed to get into parliaments.

The Parliamentary Assembly should address the phenomenon of the growing popularity of right-wing extremism, the exploitation of people's fears and insecurities to incite xenophobia and anti-Semitism, and the reasons for the increasing popularity of right-wing extremist positions. A report should analyse and evaluate existing concepts for combating right-wing extremism and deliberate on stronger countermeasures, including the question of how the Council of Europe and the Assembly should behave towards members of such parties.

Signed (see overleaf)



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