have been around 25% of all eligible voters in Berlin, or some 607,518 votes. Instead, the "yes" vote reached only 442,210, over 165,000 votes shy of the required total

Particularly striking—and unexpected—was the high number of 423,418 "no" votes against a narrow majority of 442,210 yes votes, to the dismay of the Green financial sponsors and their media propagandists such as the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. Many "experts" had expected that the opponents of the referendum would rather stay at home than go to the polling stations. But in six of Berlin's twelve districts, the "no" votes even had a clear majority.

The dominant SPD, CDU and FDP parties opposed the referendum, on grounds of it being "too radical." However, they did not campaign against it, and equivocated by promising to continue to stay on the "climate course."

The failure of the Berlin climate referendum is in line with the national trend, that excessive green ideology projects no longer find a majority in the German population. Nor does the Greens' drive for war against Russia have majority backing. A new opinion poll done in the southwestern state of Baden-Württemberg—the location of an oligarchical pilot project to have the Greens run the state government since 2017—shows a drastic loss of support for them among the state's voters: From their 32.6% in the last election in 2021, the Greens have dropped more than 8% to 26%; whereas the Christian Democrats, previously far behind the Greens with only 24.1%, are now up to 27%. If there were elections now, the CDU would be able to take over the state's government.

The European Union was conceived by its designers as a project to not only supplant the sovereignty of the individual European nations, but also to replace republican forms of government with technocratic rule by a combination of public and private financial institutions. But the Eurocrats have not yet succeeded in extirpating the ability of the citizenry to intervene with their votes, and the wave of political activism which is presently sweeping the continent may soon take Europe in a new and unexpected direction.

BüSo Welcomes Crashing Defeat for Pro-Climate Referendum in Berlin

March 27, 2023 (EIRNS)—The Civil Rights Movement Solidarity party, or BüSo, in Berlin issued the following statement today:

The Berlin "climate neutrality" referendum, in which oligarchic interests invested €1.2 million, including money from "philanthropic" environmental foundations in the United States, has failed, and failed very badly. The required quorum of 25% of all eligible voters in Berlin (607,518 votes) was far from reached; almost 170,000 votes were lacking.

Particularly striking—which had not been predicted—is the high number of 423,418 "no" votes against a narrow majority of 442,210 yes votes. Many "experts" had expected that the opponents of the referendum would rather stay at home than go to the polling stations. But in six of Berlin's twelve districts, the "no" votes even had a clear majority.

In the two weeks leading up to the vote, it had already become apparent that there was growing dissatisfaction among the population with the completely exaggerated climate targets. It was calculated that the measures envisaged in the bill for building renovations, transport and energy conversions would have cost around €113 billion, which would have exceeded Berlin's total budget (currently around €38 billion per year) many times over, not to mention the fact that it would have destroyed Berlin's economic substance and social fabric.

The "Berlin 2030 climate neutral" referendum would have been legally binding on the Berlin Senate [the government of the city-state of Berlin], since it involved a vote on a specific bill, unlike previous referenda on other issues. This would have made Berlin's "Climate Protection and Energy Transition" law, which in its previous version was based on "climate protection targets," a binding provision. And the Berlin Senate would have had to establish a financial dictatorship to enforce this new Morgenthau Plan. Even some politicians in the Berlin Senate were obviously not prepared to do that.

An important element in the resistance was that, for the first time, it was also questioned who financed the campaign for the referendum, because after all, more than €1.2 million flowed into the campaign—a large part of which came from U.S. networks.

Quite obviously, these circles do not see the Berlin referendum as a local German affair, but as part of an international operation for referendums in many major cities around the world, in order to get their hands on leverage against the supposed hesitancy of elected national governments. That's why money poured into the campaign's coffers from the United States. Two of the major donors were Albert Wenger and his wife Susan Danziger of New York, who gave nearly \$500,000. That's ten times, or more, than the average donation they usually make. In addition to the Wengers, the highest levels of the climate lobby in the U.S. are getting involved in these activities, including Theodore Roosevelt IV, who is a direct associate of environmentalist guru and former Vice President Al Gore.

More and more people now understand what a Davos-style green financial dictatorship means, and

they are beginning to show their opposition openly. This is the really good news of the vote. After the U.S. destruction of the Nord Stream pipelines, the effects of the Ukraine war, and skyrocketing inflation, many people have had enough of the cuckolding by the German government, and especially by Chancellor Olaf Scholz.

But now we have to go one step further, because the SPD, CDU and FDP rejected the petition for a referendum as "too radical," but want to stay on the "climate course." In the end, that means only delaying economic and social suicide a little. What can ensure our survival in the long run is the orientation toward higher energy flux densities (i.e., nuclear energy and thermonuclear fusion) instead of relying on medieval technology like wind and sun. Incidentally, that is already the orientation of countries of the Global South, including China and Russia, which are seeking a very different paradigm of cooperation and development in the world.

Dr. Wolfgang Lillge, BüSo Regional Chairman, Berlin

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