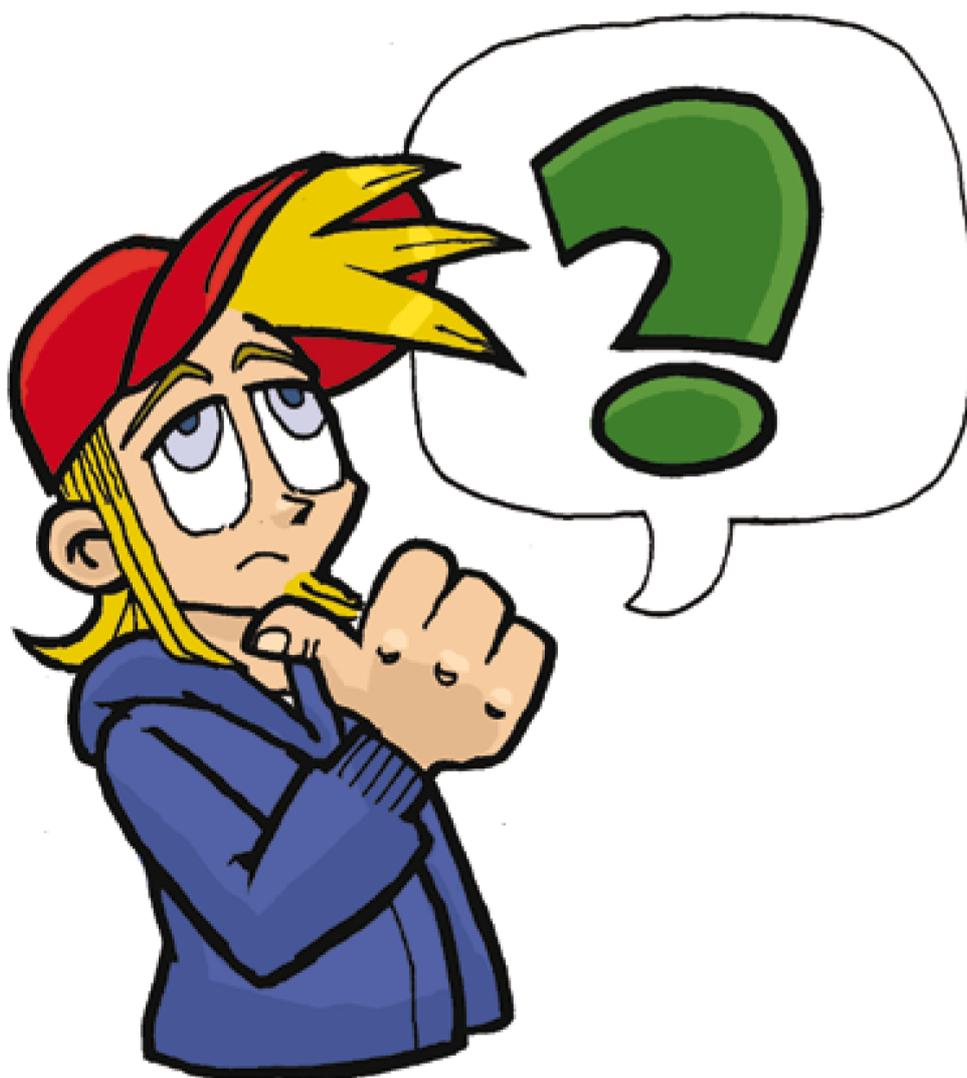


A SHORT GUIDE TO THE
GERMAN LEFT
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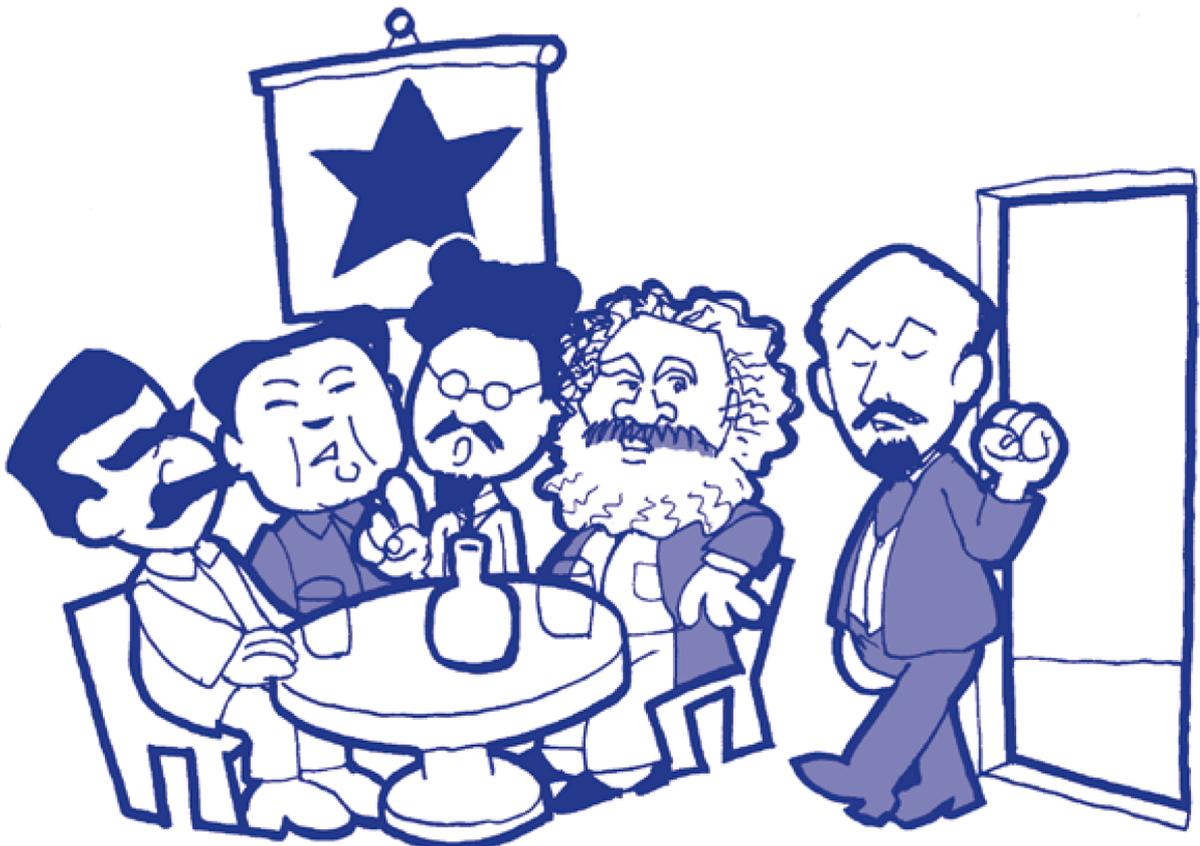
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Authoritarian scumbags; by socialism, they understand the police state; claim to introduce freedom by means of the whip; weak philosophers, bad aesthetes, big tendency for sectarianism.

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TROTSKYISTS

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Stalinists who lost the power struggle for the Kremlin after Lenin's death. Even bigger tendency for sectarianism.

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MAOISTS

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Stalinists who took over the Chinese imperial throne.



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ANARCHISTS

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- 1) Petty-bourgeois nonsense from Proudhon to the Ego and its Own.
 - 2) Current of anti-authoritarian socialism; provided some of the best class-strugglers of their time.

Representatives: Bakunin, Kropotkin, Goldman, Durruti.

Parties: Jura section, FAI.

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68ers

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The so-called 68ers are not at all what's interesting about what happened around 1968. Although at that time they weren't much like what became of them. Others from the period were still smarter and more interesting than the Germans, including Subversive Action, French workers, Yippies, Zengakuren, et al.

German Parties: University, Student Councils, SDS, then KPD-XY, later the Greens and the Federal Army.

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SITUATIONISTS

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Screw together Dutch-German council communism with Lettrism (a kind of French Dada) and Hegelian-Marxism and go beyond all, i.e., to outline a critique of the totality of the commodity-economy and late-capitalist daily life, and explore some ways to dissolve it. Overestimated their times, but made a fucking big party in May 68 in Paris, then drank a nightcap in Italy and Spain.

Party: Guy Debord.

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TERRORISTS

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Nechayevistic comrades who cause and suffer indescribable, but quite unnecessary aggravation.

Parties: RAF, June 2nd Movement, Conspiracy Cells of Fire



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UNDOGMATIC LEFT
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Doesn't exist in Germany; here each leftist and each sect has at least one dogma; after a short discussion, it's clear that this is their identity, criticism of which is hence undesirable.

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ANTIFA
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Clubs of mostly young people who reject society but are still a bit unclear about why; that's why they try to hoist their social criticism onto the nastiness of neo-Nazis. Leading the young comrades are at least two or three older people who refuse to grow up because they are too stupid to read intelligent books.



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UMS-GANZE
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Opportunistic bunch of older anti-fascists who, despite recognising that anti-fascism is not enough for the “categorical critique of the capitalist socialisation of value,” nonetheless still shy away from filling in the content of such phrases, i.e. to work towards a consistent critique of capitalist totality. “Theory” in general stands fairly indifferent as to its unification, since it's not about knowledge for them, but rather about keywords for their “praxis.” They don't want to let go of the occupational therapy learned in antifa (demos, campaigns, left coalitions, podium discussions), but of course in private they know it's pointless, that's why they don't perceive these things politically, but rather as “social events.”



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ANTI-IMPS
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Leftists who'd rather talk about peoples and cultures than classes. Obsessively passionate about reproaching the Jewish state for its crimes (of which they often exaggerate); no inclination for a materialist critique of the state. Have sympathies for even the most heinous dictatorships, as long as they are against “foreign domination.”

Parties: RAF from 1972, Baath, Hezbollah.

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ANTI-GERMANS
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Mostly responsible for making some leftists read Adorno again. For about ten years now though they've not been so different from their main enemies, the Anti-imps, even if they just adore the states that the Anti-imps most abhor. They behave like would be government advisors; their focus is geostrategy instead of social criticism. Only their early texts up to 2003 are of any interest.

Parties: Bahamas, DIG

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ANTI-GERMAN COMUNISTS
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Anti-Germans that remain communists. They try to move the reflection on Auschwitz into the center of Marxism.

Party: ISF

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POMOS / POSTSTRUCTURALISTS
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Want to abolish truth and objectivity; these poor devils cannot understand that truth is objective and not merely plausible. For them, society is based on all-powerful "discourses," not relations of production and (material) violence. Bad metaphysicians who deny the body. With their irrationalism, they prepare the way for the authoritarian state.

Successors: FLT and CW.

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WOMEN, LESBIAN, TRANS - ACTIVISTS (FLT*)*
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Substitute the main contradiction between capital and labor for the one between sexes. Love to invent new words, abbreviations and offences. Looks at the world through a microscope. Staunchly anti-materialist; don't get to the bottom of sexism. Respond often to real filth and problems by proposing solutions that are mostly worse than the problems themselves. Cementing victim roles, instead of revolutionizing individuals.

Party: Definitionsmacht



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CRITICAL WHITENESS
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Something like the FLT*-activists in the realm of antiracism, though making jokes irritates them even more. Think that reality would be different if all the bad words were censored. Pronounced paranoia. Quite often further the racialisation of individuals themselves.

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AUTONOMEN
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Are there any left?

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MARXOLOGISTS
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Former philosophy students, thus foolish schmucks that waste too much brain power on dividing up Marx & Engels according to the motto: propositions that we agree with come from Marx, and whatever we dislike is Engel's fault. After a while, the knowledge margin for others is quite small. Disarm and humiliate revolutionary criticism as an academic discipline. Don't understand that the truth of society is not a reconstruction of Marx, but its negation. Some philological diligence.

Parties: New Marx Reading, MEGA.

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(ANARCHO)-SYNDICALISTS
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Left-radical trade unionists who see the liberation of workers in their self-exploitation. Still mentally stuck in the Spanish Civil War, but on the side of the CNT and not the FAI.

Party: FAU



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CULTURAL LEFT
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Students who read subversive potential into culture industry products that meet their personal taste. At best, you can drink a nice beer with them.

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LEFT-COMMUNIST-BORDIGISTS
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Don't understand the difference between the first and second world war. What does it matter whether the CDU or the NSDAP governs since it's all merely the rule of capital and a few million dead Jews are not as important as five oppositional workers.

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ANTI-SPECIESISTS
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Vegans who can't see the difference between dogs and humans. Enjoy living in construction trailers under conditions that no one would wish upon dogs.



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ENVIRONMENTALISTS
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Petty-bourgeois opportunists who get very upset about global warming or whaling, but don't see that the destruction of the planet can't be stopped by some engagement in civil society, rather only by proletarian world revolution.

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DIE LINKE
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Retirement home for GDR politicians and West German trade union functionaries. Source of financing for everyone else on this list.



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EXIT
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Final vehicle of the late ex-Maoist Robert Kurz, who made a career borrowing ideas from everyone else on this list and passing them off as his bold new innovative thoughts.

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FelS
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Where student council radicals go once they get married and start families.



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RosaLux

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Paltry funding for lefty grad students writing dissertations on Marx. And some nice pamphlets. Without it, the left in Germany would look like the left in the Anglosphere.

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WILDCAT

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Want to abolish work. Only write about workplace struggles.

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Aging black blocs against the value-form. Antifa goes grad-school.

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ATTAC

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Where disillusioned old ex-Green Party cadre go to run out the clock. Alternately, where future Green Party politicians go to start their careers and spend their “radical youth.”



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BLOCKUPY

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Blockupy: old anti-globalization activists, ATTAC, and some spaniards who like spending weekends in Frankfurt once a year.



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FRIENDS OF THE CLASSLESS SOCIETY

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Heavy drinkers with a good understanding of Marx. Still believe in class struggle, just not in Germany. Anti-autonomists; critics of councilism, communisation and activism, hence they mostly drink. Confused about gender and the middle east.



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REFUGESS SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT

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White Germans trying to help black refugees without visas.
Confused when sexism appears.

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GEGENSTANDPUNKT

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Publish an unattractive looking, grey-coloured journal that costs 15 euro per issue. Unwitting Habermasians: the forceless force of the allegedly better argument. Similar age demographic to Die Linke.

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JUNGE LINKE

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Junior Gegendstandpunkt. Obsessed with kittens and austerity.

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PHASE 2

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Soft-anti-germans with a hard on for Foucault and Freud. A place for lumpenacademics to publish their papers.



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