

Interview between Jens Lehrich and Dr. Heiko Schöning  
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- JL: We live in turbulent and moving times, the corona crisis poses great challenges for all of us, but the corona crisis also offers great opportunities.  
One of these chances is right here at this table, at Fairtalk-TV we want to offer a format, a forum for people who have a different opinion, who see things differently in the corona crisis, who are active, who have a vision for the future and I am very happy about my guest, Heiko Schöning.
- HS: Hm
- JL: Hello Heiko, I greet you. We have known each other for many years and that's why we said we would stay with being on a first name basis, because everything else would be nonsense. You are a doctor, you come from Hamburg and you created an organization in the corona crisis, which is called "Ärzte für Aufklärung" ("Doctors for Enlightenment"). Can you explain to viewers what exactly that is and - yes, what are your goals?
- HS: First of all, many thanks for the invitation. Yes, in fact, I founded the "Ärzte für Aufklärung" with a few colleagues, which is now an association of around 500 doctors and around 1,000 supporters, from all health care professions, but many others as well ... It is only a few weeks old and has been such a success. And of course, it's about the topic, mostly, Corona.
- JL: But how can it be that we now need such an association to deal with it? Are we not well informed?
- HS: Indeed, we are not well informed. I always say that we have leading media, they lead, but, yes, we do, and I also think that a lot of others in the Federal Republic also think that they are more likely to be misled and receive no balanced information. Mostly, only a medical colleague is shown in the leading media ...
- JL: So we're talking about Professor Drosten or Wieler from the RKI ...
- HS: Yes, exactly, yes. Mr. Wieler is a veterinarian, Mr. Drosten is a human doctor and virologist. But there is a lot, a lot more to say, around it, and a lot of information to give, and that's why we are happy about the encouragement we have. We have set up a website: [aerzte-fuer-aufklaerung.de](http://aerzte-fuer-aufklaerung.de), have posted interviews there, also gave other information that we give in individual reports, so to speak, and, yes, we are also partly on the street with the people and are invited to talks and give lectures.
- JL: I've known you for a few years now, you invest a lot of time in it. Why?
- HS: Yes, why is relatively easy, so it's actually a sense of responsibility. Not? Mainly, I'm a father, I have two school-age children - that's a big point. I am a doctor, so - I say - committed to the well-being of everyone, and what the doctor's oath expresses is a very big point, which we also have on our website "Ärzte für Aufklärung" in one updated form, the doctor's oath - that is the motivation, so to speak. Yes.
- JL: From your point of view, how did it get so far that we're at this point?  
- that's how I also perceive it - that there is a big split among the medical professionals in Germany when it comes to the subject of "corona"?
- HS: Yes, I would not even speak of a split there, it is just that there are different levels of information, and in particular also whoever is getting information from which sources and it is always good to have both, so to speak the state radio of the public service broadcasting authorities, but also alternative media that also allow people to speak, who otherwise do not have a say.  
And there we simply have a great chance on the Internet that we can broadcast now, that people can also watch and also get information, because what they experience every day and ask themselves "Yes, what actually happens in our country? "And ... there are real fates behind it, so relatives ask themselves" Why can't I visit my parents in a nursing home? Why are necessary operations postponed?

- Why are people harmed? "In particular, " Why is it not reviewed and discussed? "
- JL: In your opinion, what did the federal government do right? What did it do wrong?
- HS: Yes, I think what it did right, it represents in sufficient form by itself. What it did not do right, obviously, that says its own ministry, its own staff. And there is an internal report from the Federal Ministry of the Interior, from a staff that is there especially for crisis prevention, risk prevention. This department had a sitting, yes and there a person also wrote an expert opinion, together with the advice, with many experts, not an individual opinion, there accumulated a lot - and in the original text, which is also available on our website in the original, can be downloaded there, it says in March and April 2020 90% of the necessary operations, were not carried out or postponed, 90% of the necessary operations. And it also says literally "because of the government measures, about 2.5 million people were not properly cared for" and according to experts, this will cost the lives of between 5,000 and 125,000 patients. So there it says:  
100,000 to 125,000 patients in Germany have died or are about to die still die from these measures now.
- JL: So if I understand that correctly, the measures are the much bigger evil from your point of view.
- HS: Yes, indeed. This also coincides with the call that we put in there initially as "Ärzte für Aufklärung". We "Ärzte für Aufklärung" criticize the measures in the course of COVID-19 as excessive. We require transparent data BEFORE taking restrictive measures and not afterwards. In short, first the evidence, then the measures and not the other way round.
- JL: But as a health minister or chancellor you don't have to react, if such a wave hits you, can you really wait until you have this data? Corona could have been Ebola. At least we know that it is not.
- HS: Of course, sure, it could have been that way, right? So that's why you have to look at the data very matter-of-factly, and the campaigns we have there are, so to speak, in the media, but just as in politics ... Ultimately, it was assessed as if we had a kind of killer virus as if we had the plague, as if we now had something new, a pathogen that now costs life of a lot more people.
- JL: But Mr. Drosten said in the Spiegel interview when asked, whether through the politics, as it was carried out, whether it saved human lives, he said: "Yes, up to 100,000 people."
- HS: Well, that's not the case. And if you look at the numbers very dryly, I can only say to every responsible person in the Federal Republic:  
"Just have a look at the numbers. Do we have such a killer virus, do we have the plague? Do we have excess mortality, so are more people dying?  
And now the Federal Statistical Office (Bundesamt für Statistik) in Wiesbaden has published the mortality numbers for 2020. So from January through April we have the numbers there, and they have also provided the last five years, and we see cumulative, so summarized from January to April inclusive, 320,000 to 360,000 people die in Germany – unfortunately, that's always very tragic, of course. So that's the area of the past five years. And now you have to ask yourself: "Good, and 2020, is a high value of 360,000? Has something happened there, do we have to do anything? And there we see: "No, the number for 2020 is 335,000. So we are right in the middle. Quite simply, very clearly, we do not see any killer virus, we do not see any increased danger – and these measures that we have, personally, economically, psychologically, especially the children, very, very particularly also - the children - that is absolutely disproportionate, and we criticize that.
- JL: How can you explain that as a doctor? Without slipping into the conspiracy theories, that happens very quickly these days.
- HS: Yes, so I am, I try to soberly just give the numbers, right? So again: 320,000 to 360,000 people die in the months from January to April inclusive, and we now have 335,000, so we are just normal Medium. That's why I can't explain it medically. I can't explain it with other things either, because if you say yes, that's because of the

measures, then you can clearly see the number of illnesses and infections has absolutely decreased BEFORE this lockdown was in place, yes that's just a fact. In that sense, no, I can't explain it medically at all, and that's one reason why so many doctors dare to speak against public opinion, which is very, very difficult with this public pressure. But we have around 500 doctors and about 50 doctors and supporters come every day who also dare, sometimes even take to the streets, write books, write articles and simply present these facts. And that's good news, we don't need to be more scared than the past few years.

JL: We tried to do this here at Fair Talk TV, to invite doctors, we also invited Mr. Drosten, we invited Mr. Kekoulé, we invited Mr. Streeck, we tried to establish a contact and say, so to speak : "Let's talk to each other!" But we have only received rejections so far, and we very much hope that this will change in the future, because I think only about the conversation, about the understanding, we will become a better one in the future and not to a worse society.

HS: Absolutely. Yes, and I just think it's a good thing that there is an opportunity to just let people speak and listen, right?, you have to do that in the medical field too, take people seriously, let them speak and also understand what is there ... I mentioned it earlier: we had around 100,000 deaths, yes, now threatening, only because of the necessary operations that have not been carried out.

JL: And that's why you founded ACU, which is an "extra-parliamentary corona Investigation committee".

HS: Yes, exactly!

JL: That sounds totally crazy ...

HS: Yes ...

JL: What is it and how is it supposed to work?

HS: It's actually just that, it's very logical. A lot of people, including in the media, have already said: "What we need now is an investigation committee. Parliament should have sat down long ago, the health committee, yes, or sometimes an initiative of the opposition parties, if it actually existed, yes, and of course so many members of parliament from the government parties that they said: "So, this one Thing that affects our country, the people so much, that we examine it there - and that didn't happen. And that is not even in the planning stage - and so, in short, we citizens are called upon if these government agencies and also the Parliament basically fail, yes, people will suffer if 100,000 deaths now threaten, yes, you have to imagine, as a result of government measures, and that is not investigated, so - well, if no one else does, you have to do it yourself.

JL: Where do you get your commitment, your courage from, I almost have to say, because that's something where you have to expect strong headwinds - right?

HS: Yes, that was the case, even when I came out with my first interview last September, where on September 11, 2019, where I have these structures ...

JL: Right, that was on September 11th ...

HS: Yes, that's right, it was broadcast there, so to speak, even before that, when I already laid out these structures that were in preparation. I can only invite everyone to take a look at it again. Well, a sense of responsibility, I don't want that for my family myself, but also for my patients. Yes and by the way, quite honestly, I do not find that brave myself, in principle everyone can do it, and there is also the fact that I am still a reserve officer of the Bundeswehr, that was a long time ago, but still, I did sometimes swear there to bravely defend the people and the Federal Republic. Now I can only say that to all officers, for example, the Bundeswehr, and also to all officials, yes, just to be brave now and speak the truth, because it is what it is. And then you just have to, yes, now it's time to put things out. Well, headwind, well, there is. But it's not about me, it's just about the facts.

JL: How can you be supported

HS: Yes, we have a website: [www.aufklaerung-fuer ...](http://www.aufklaerung-fuer...) Sorry

JL: Aerzte für Aufklärung ...

HS: [www.aerzte-fuer-aufklaerung.de](http://www.aerzte-fuer-aufklaerung.de) we have there, a donation account has just been set

up from scratch, because it is really about making this ACU, this extra-parliamentary Corona committee of inquiry, this ACU, ACU, really professional to carry out, to carry out objectively and also to carry out rapidly, because people are suffering now, there are more and more terrible cases, we see this in the emails, in the letters ...

JL: I think you got 300 emails a day, you told me in the preliminary talk.

HS: Yes, that is correct, relatives, doctors are desperate, and they also say: "Why is it not talked about, people die here. These are terrible fates and that is why I can only count on the figures that came from the internal report from the Federal Ministry of the Interior, these around 100,000 deaths due to the postponed operations ...

JL: UP TO 100,000...

HS: Yes, up to ... I can only confirm that and also our colleagues, that read our e-mails and try to answer them... It is simply necessary now to work this up really professionally with experts.

JL: Heiko, thank you for this first conversation. We'll be in regular contact to hear what happened to ACU.

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Thank you, Heiko! Bye!