

# Extreme right in Austria

## Who are “the people” ?

The case of the “Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs” (FPÖ)

François Debras

francois.debras@uliege.be

Université de Liège

Rise of extreme right political parties and movements in Europe and its implication for  
Human Rights - International experts Workshop

February 23 – Liège (Belgium)

Traditional extreme right	Strache's FPÖ
Positive perception of the historical fascisms	Proclaimed rejection of the past
Open rejection of democracy	Tactical defense of 'direct democracy'
Call to destroy the system	Transformation of democracy by the introduction of new legislative principles
Authoritarianism in social, economic and security policies	Interventionism in economic and sécurité policies (national preference)
Bogeymen: Jews, freemasons, left-wingers, the EU	Bogeymen: Muslims, multi-culturalism, hegemony of the « left » (political correctness), bureaucracy, the EU, theory of the 'grand population replacement'
References: white race, nation	References: tradition, culture, religion, nation
Acceptance of violence	Rejection of violence, theory of cultural hegemony