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### **Imagined Identity: Immigration, Ueberfremdung, and Cultural Chauvinism in German Far-Right Partisan Discourse**

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In recent years, issues of an imagined ethno-cultural identity and revived nationalism have received renewed attention in German partisan public discourse. Initially, this came as a shock to both Germans and non-Germans. Both inside and outside of Germany the rise of right-wing partisan rhetoric has evoked fearful memories of the Nazi past. Yet, given the political parties responsible for bringing this nationalist, xenophobic and anti-semitic discourse to the forefront, most notably the Die Republikaner (REP), Deutsche Volkunion (DVU), and Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands (NPD) such reactions should hardly be surprising. The radical right's adherence to racist ideology is both openly xenophobic and anti-Semitic and centers around the threat of elimination of the German kulturelturnation.

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