

What defines us – what unites us

Human
Dignity

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"What defines us – what unites us" is the name of a comic film and book series produced by the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung. This series deals in a simple and practical way with the central values of our society. The topics human dignity, equal rights, freedom of expression, freedom of religion and the main pillars of our foreign policy are covered. Through this project we wish to invite the broad public to engage in a reflection about what defines us in Germany and what unites our society.







Germany has learned from its violent past.





United Nations Declaration of Human Rights

Therefore the individual person and the protection of human dignity not only stand in the center of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights ...



Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union

... and the Charter
of Fundamental
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... but also form the essence of the German Constitution, our Basic Law, called Grundgesetz.



GRUNDGESETZ

Article 1 says:

“Human dignity shall be inviolable.

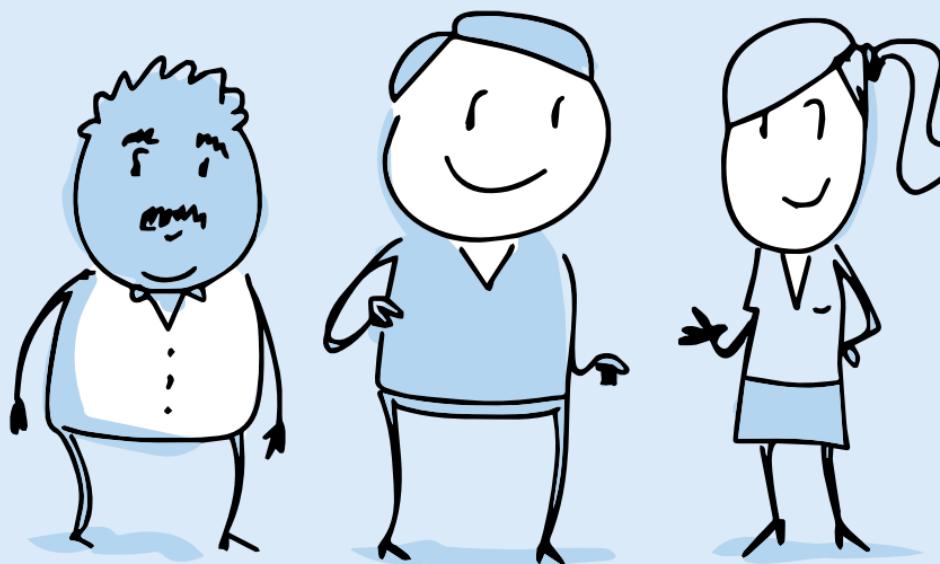
**To respect and protect it shall be the duty
of all state authority.”**



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This means that the state has to protect all citizens ...



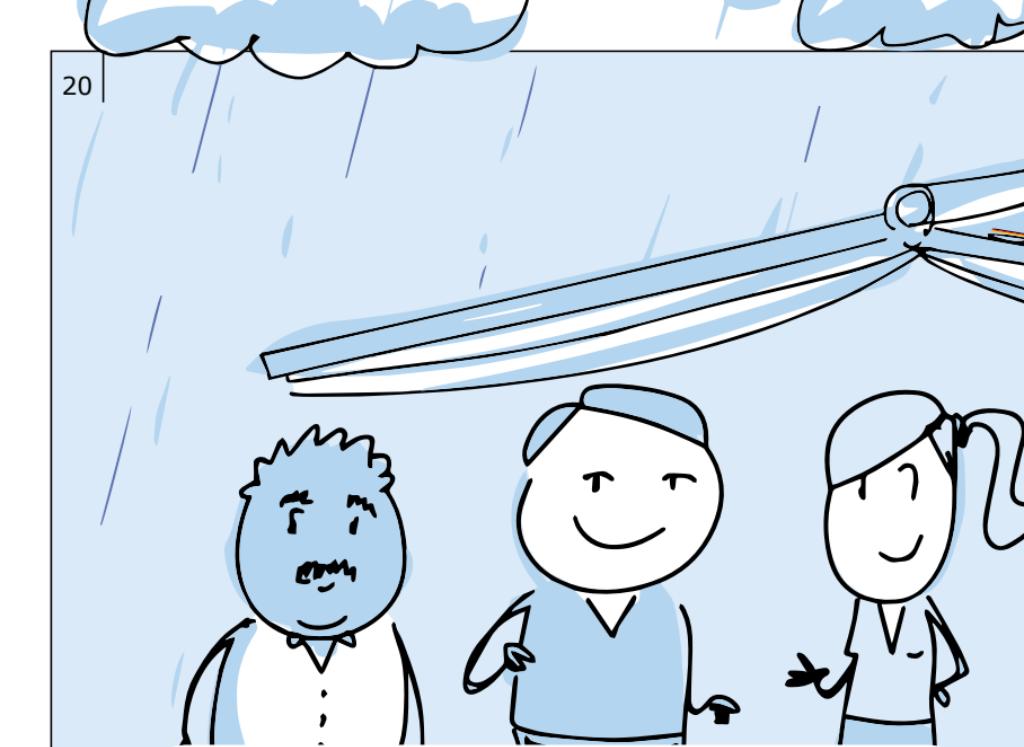
... from government and societal injustice.



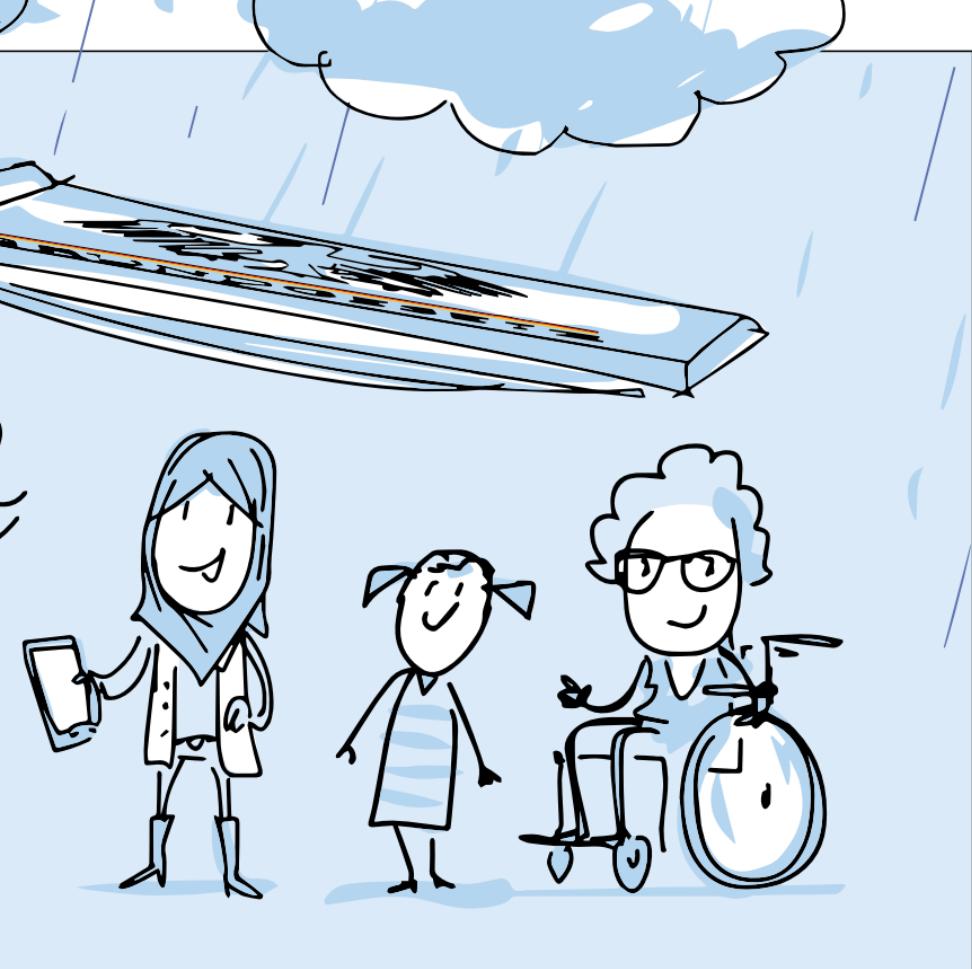








Respect, esteem, support and protection is equally valid for all people in Germany – independent of origin, birth, gender, age or physical condition.

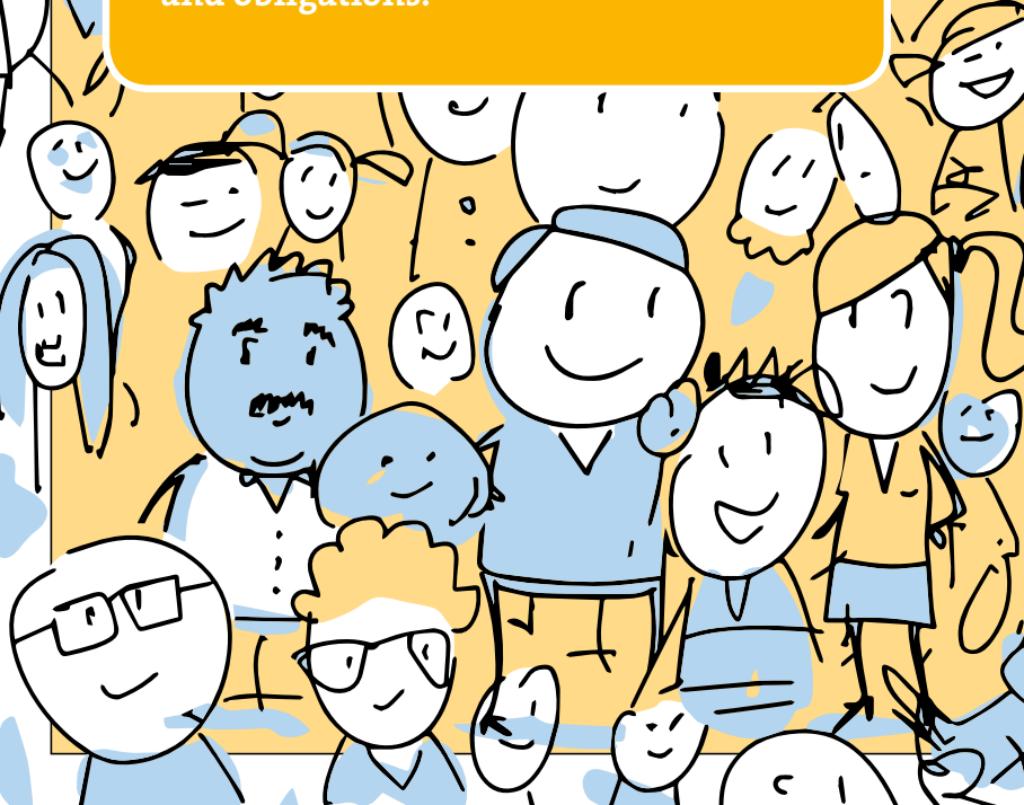




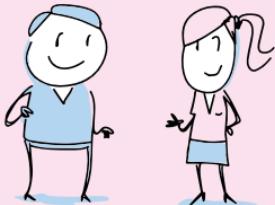
But not only the state abides to this principle. It is obligatory to all to adhere to the golden rule.



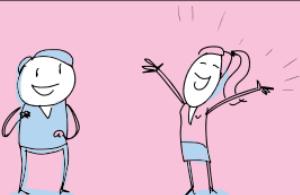
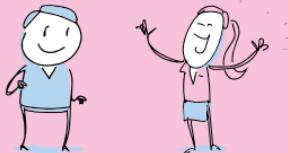
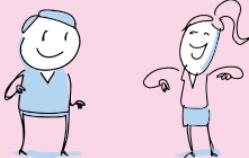
All humans possess identical dignity.
Therefore, all persons who live in
Germany, have the same freedom, rights
and obligations.

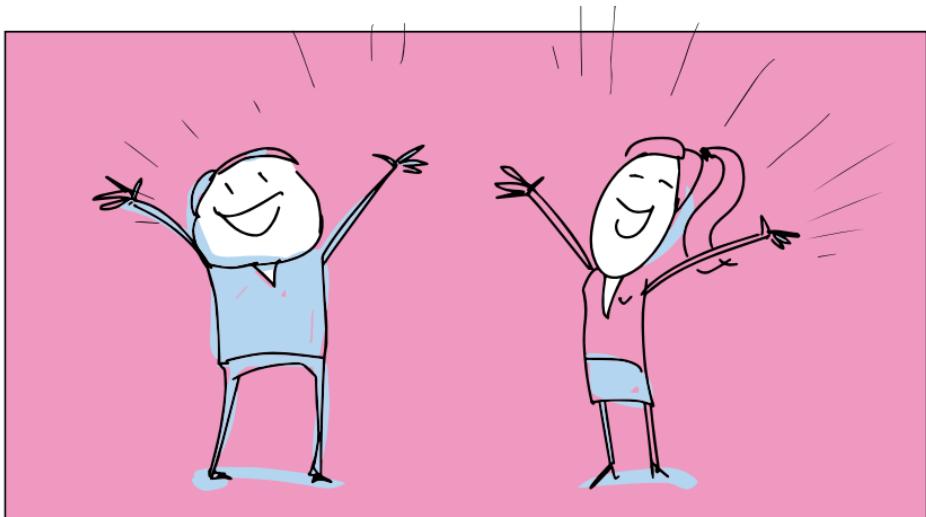
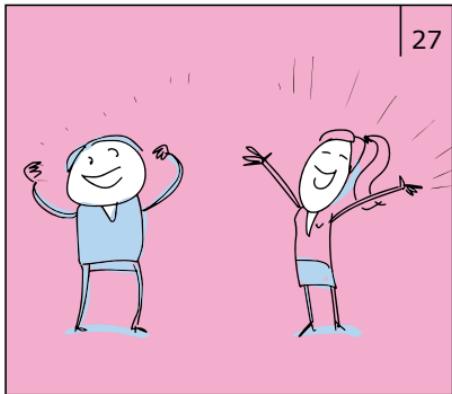
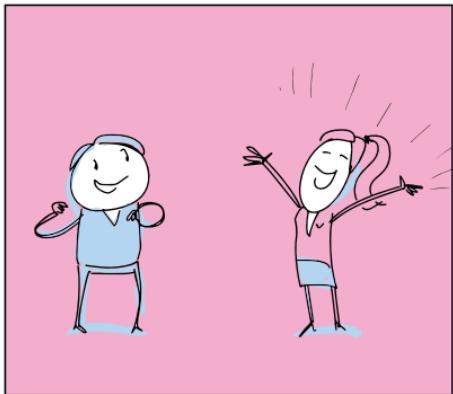


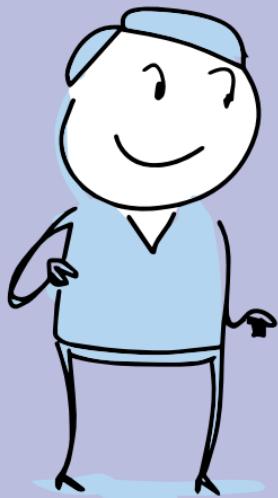




In Germany the right to live, the right to freedom and the right to a free development of personality are guaranteed.

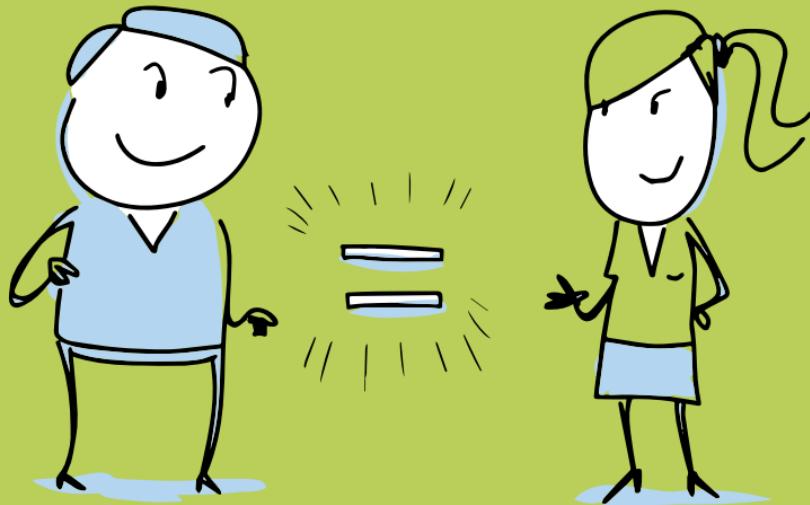






**Men and women have
equal rights.**

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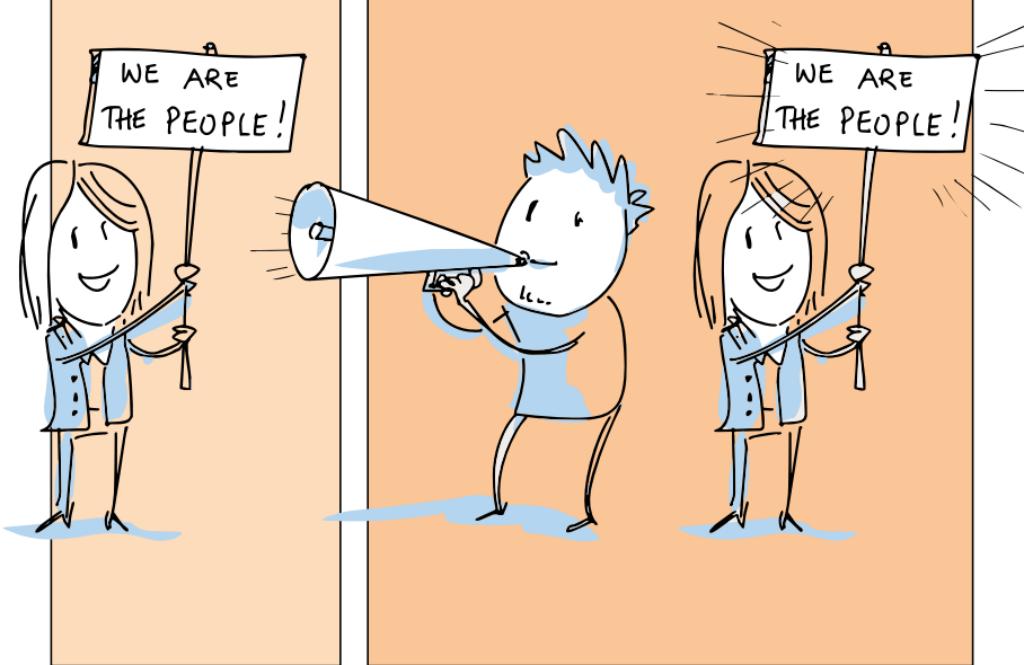
**Freedom of faith and of conscience
is ensured.**

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Freedom of
expression, ...

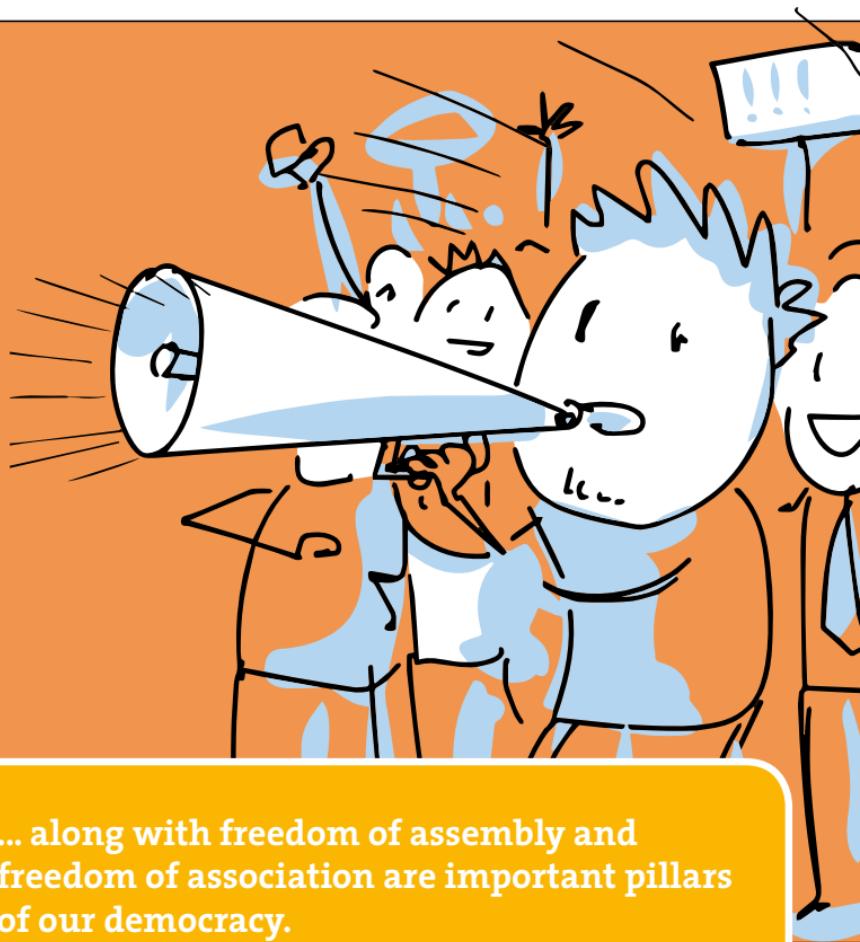
... freedom of
information ...



... and freedom of
the press ...

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... along with freedom of assembly and freedom of association are important pillars of our democracy.

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THE PEOPLE!



The right to education is binding ...



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... and ensures all possible chances on the labor market.

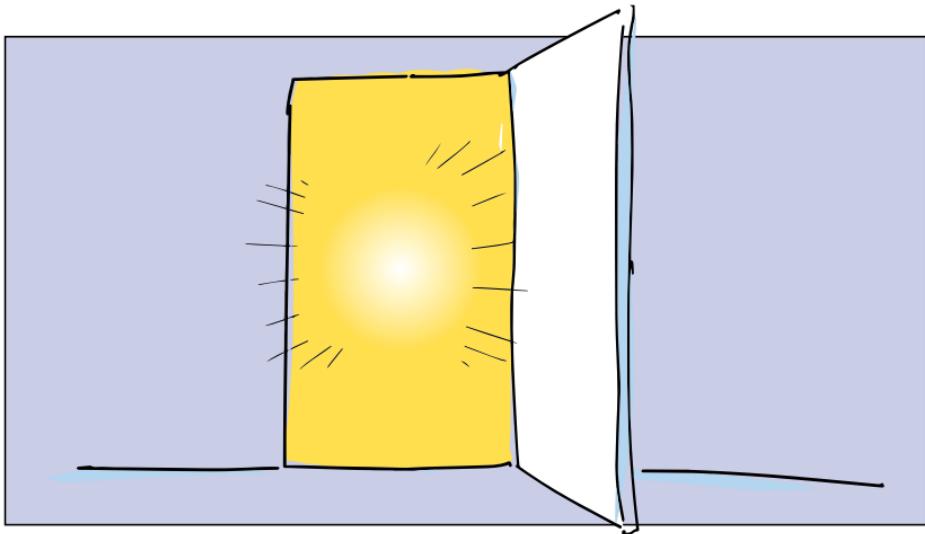
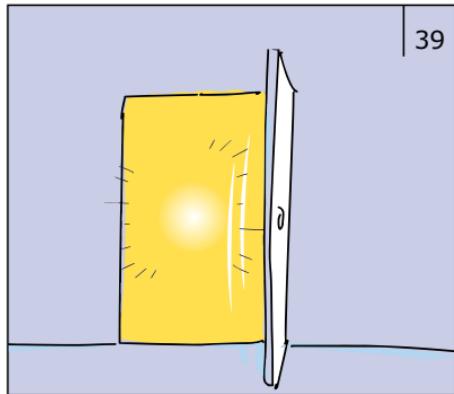
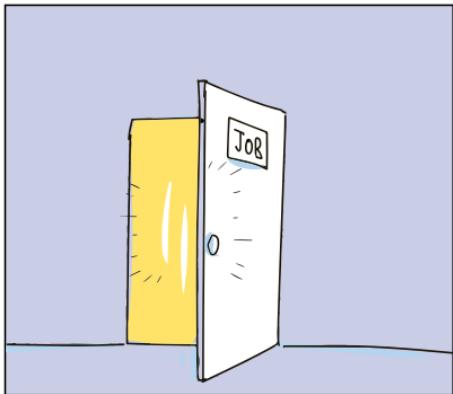


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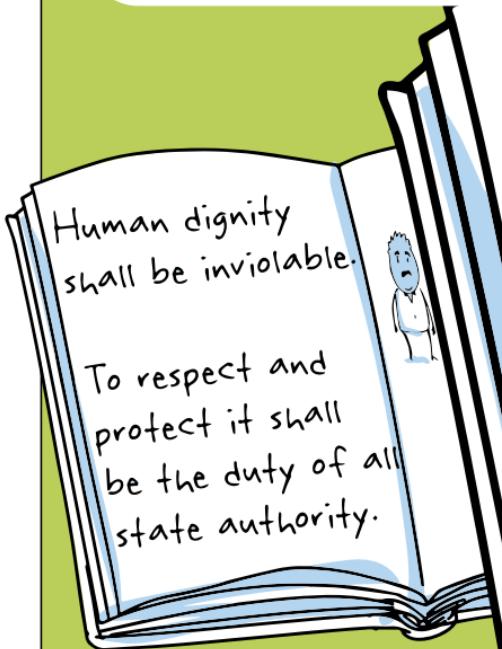


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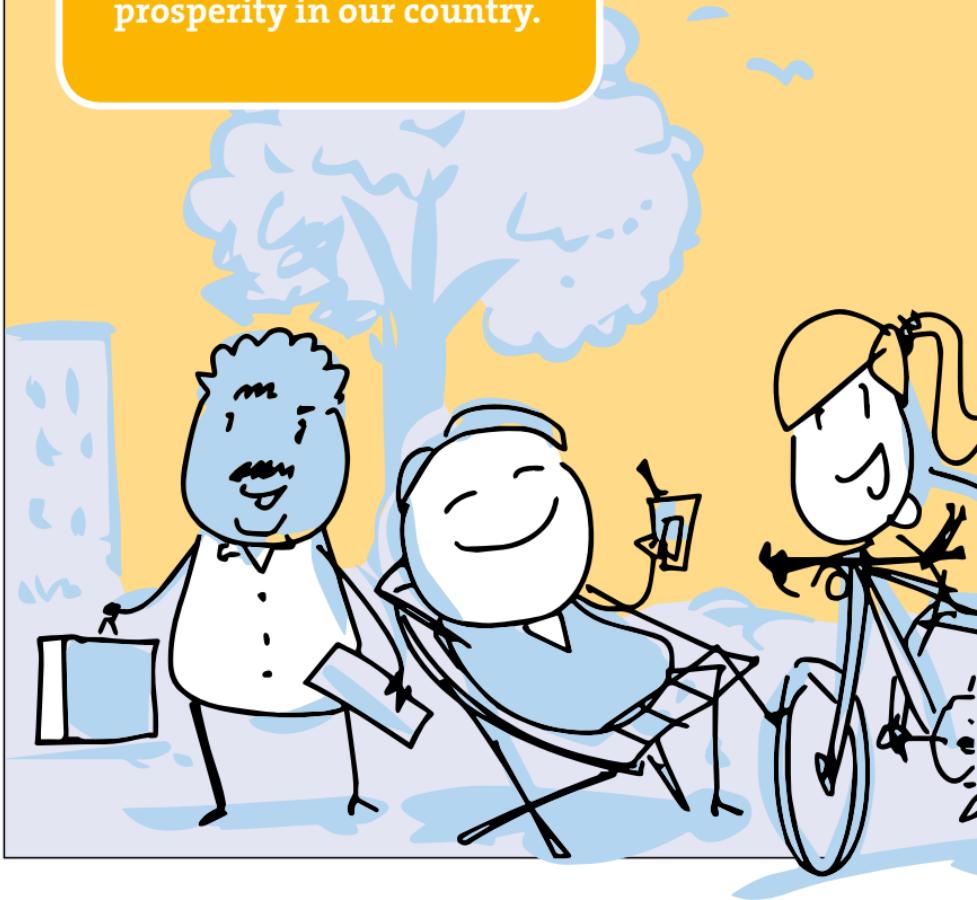
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... constitute peace and
prosperity in our country.

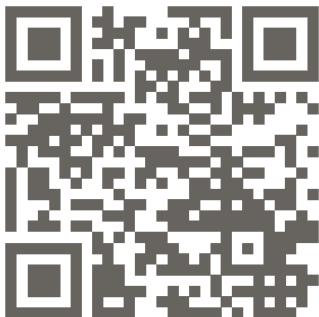




The respect of human dignity forms the foundation of our society.







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