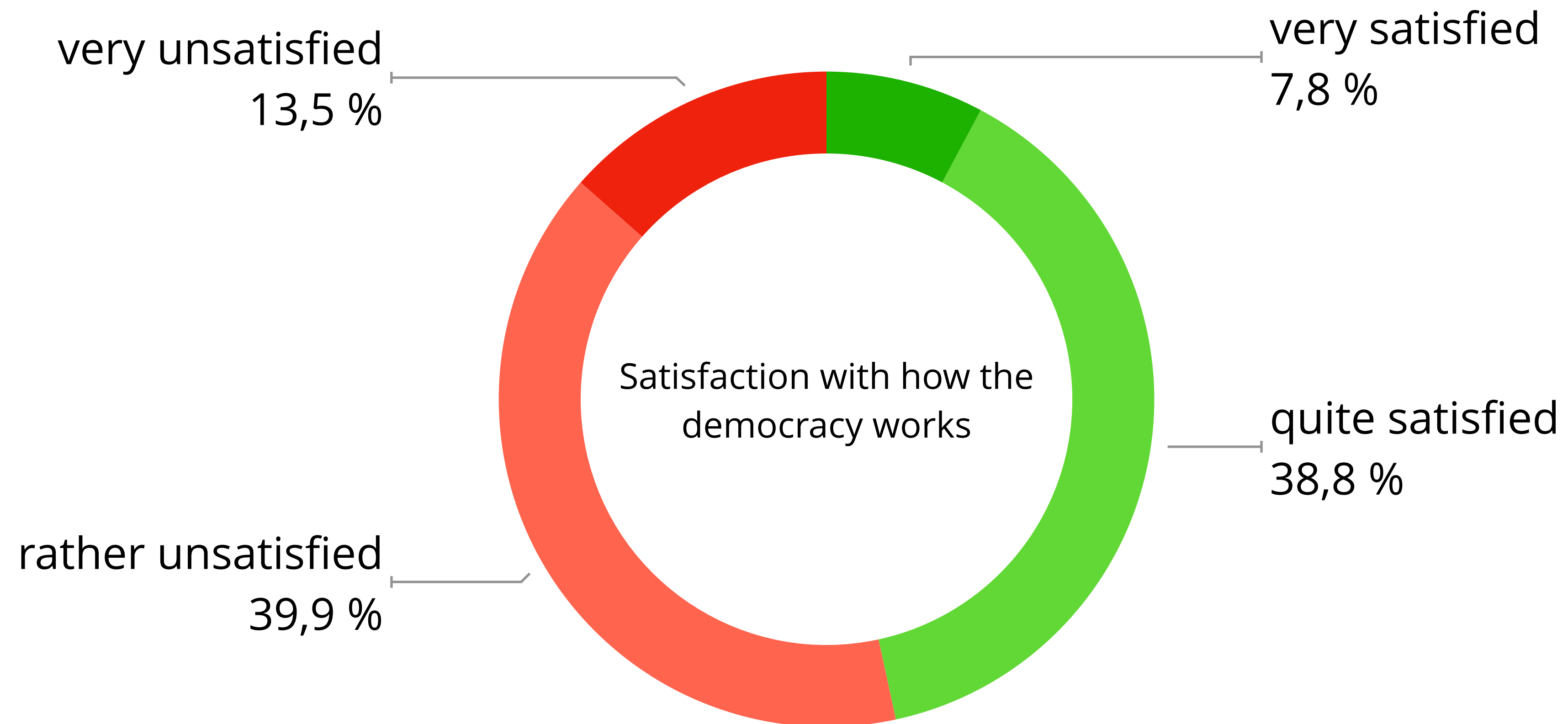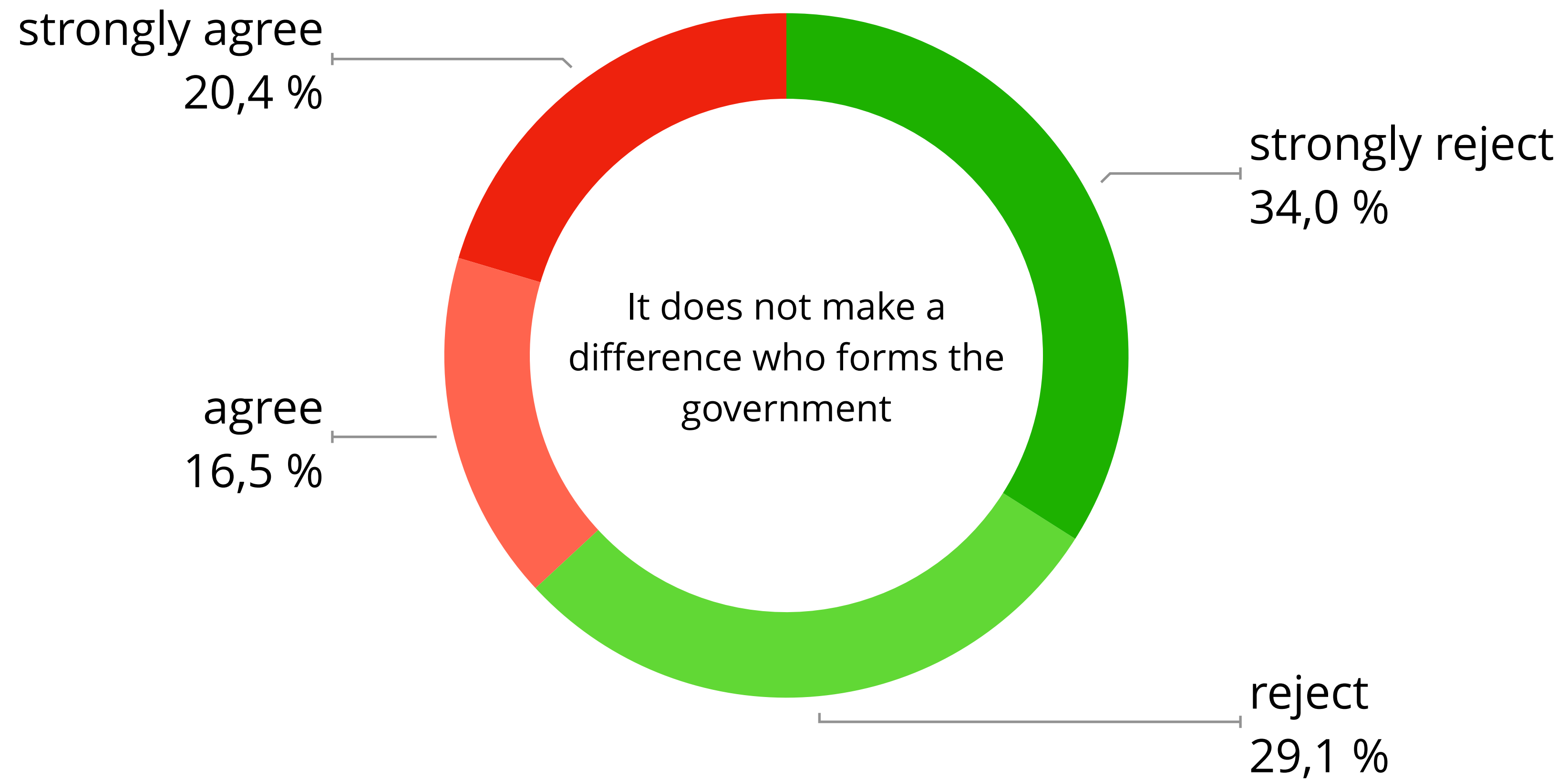# Patching Democracy

by Till Sanders
on FOSDEM21

An (even shorter) introduction to voting advice applications
and why we might not need to hack democracy

very unsatisfied
13,5 %

very satisfied
7,8 %

Satisfaction with how the
democracy works

quite satisfied
38,8 %

rather unsatisfied
39,9 %

strongly agree
20,4 %

strongly reject
34,0 %

agree
16,5 %

reject
29,1 %

It does not make a difference who forms the government

Our democracy is not broken.
It is simply not done yet.

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Designer & Developer

Achtung! Änderung
16.09.2002

DU BESTIMMST WER REINKOMMT

TIGSTE CLUB BERLINS
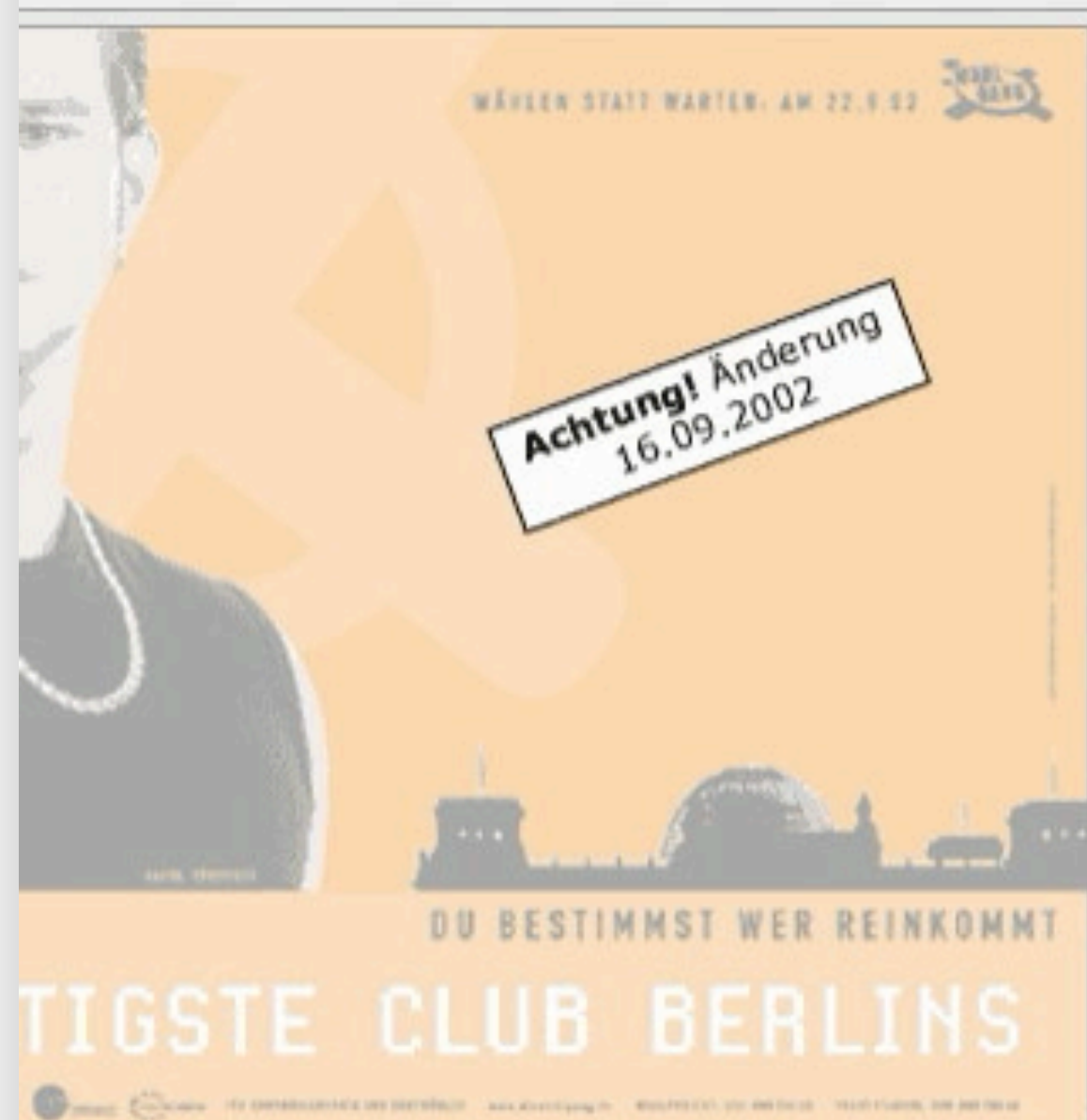
Wahl-O-Mat - Partner

WAHL-O-MAT

Du stehst jetzt vor dem Wahl-O-Mat.
Klicke oben auf "Start" um zu beginnen.
Positioniere Dich zu den Thesen – am Ende erhältst Du Deine persönliche Wahlhilfe.
Für mehr Info klicke auf "FAQ".
Viel Spaß!

Mögliche Positionen sind:

These zustimmen
These nicht zustimmen
These bedingt zustimmen
Enthaltung-nicht gewertet

JA
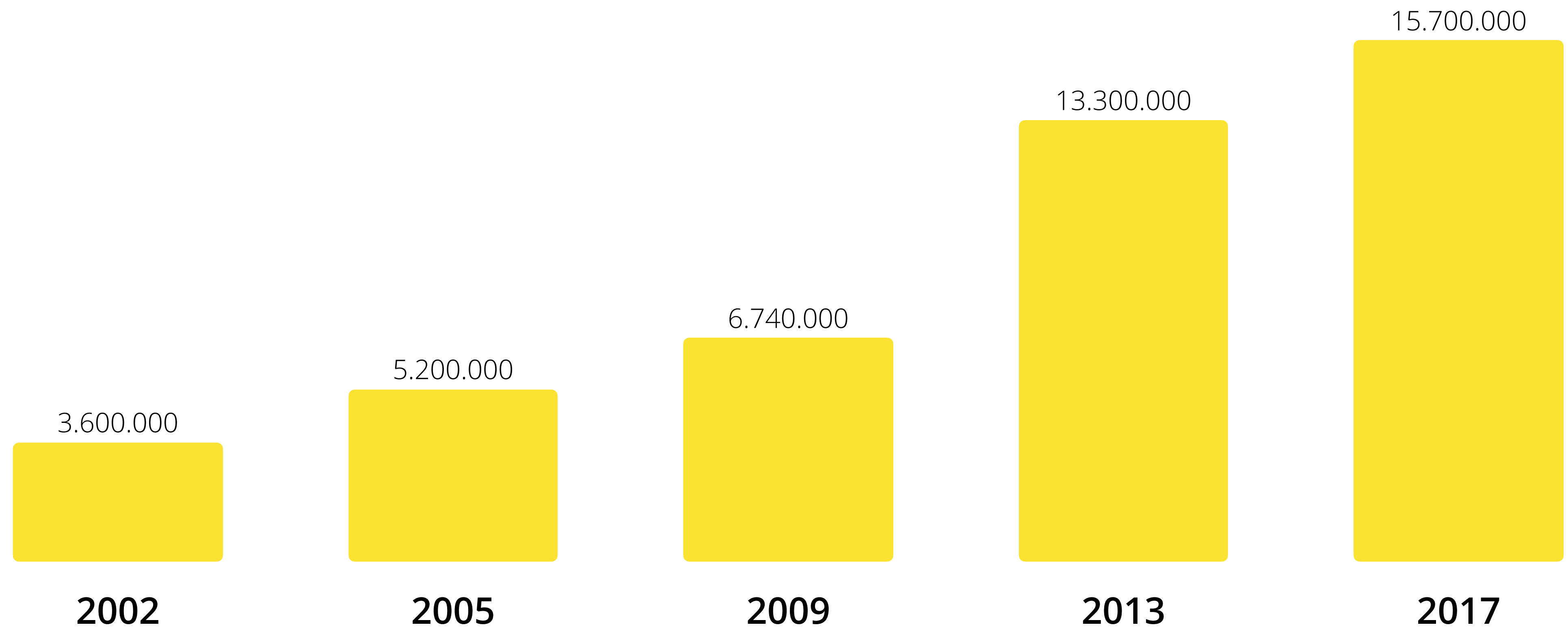NEIN
NEUTRAL
KEINE MEINUNG

? FAQ   email

Users of the German Wahl-O-Mat prior to federal elections

OpenElectionCompass

Hogwarts Head Boy and Girl Elections 1993

An election compass by Hermione Granger

Learn how this works →

"**Professor Severus Snape should be allowed to teach Defence against the Dark Arts.**"

I don't know →

✓	–	✗
Approve	Neutral	Reject

◯ Important to me

Select the parties →

https://open-election-compass.github.io/client/index.html

Menu ☰

Choose the parties you want to compare

Please select the parties you want to compare your own decisions to. You can select as many parties as you like, but you have to select at least two. The following list is presented in the same order as the parties will appear on the ballot.

✓ **SPEW**   Society for the Promotion of Elvish Welfare

✓ **SNAPE**   Society for Noteworthy Achievements concerning Potions and Elixirs

✓ **QLP**   Quiet Learning Party

✓ **FUN**   Foolish Unaccountable Nonsense

✓ **FFF**   Female Future Fortunetellers

✓ Done

Menu

This chart describes how much you and the respective parties agreed on the above theses. The higher the percentage, the more your positions match. Keep in mind, that this is no voting recommendation, but a tool for orientation and discussion.

SPEW	93%

The Society for the Promotion of Elvish Welfare was founded in 1991 and has since put great efforts into improving the lifes of those in our service.

QLP	71%

The Quiet Learning Party is a group open to anyone concerned about the quality of our learning environment.

FUN	57%

The party 'Foolish Unaccountable Nonsense' was founded by the Weasley Twins to make a 'real and lasting difference' and 'serious politics' while also being the 'a hell lot of fun'.

FFF	21%

The initiative of Female Future Fortunetellers, launched by Miss Sophie Spickboom of the 5th grade, seeks to improve education in the field of general fortunetelling.

SNAPE	7%

Read the statements →

The sole purpose and ... Potions and Elixirs is to establish Professor Severus Snape as the new Defence Against the Dark Arts teacher.

The Configuration Editor

OpenElectionCompass

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Configuration Editor ^beta

This editor helps you generate and edit configuration files easily. All your input is **persisted in your browser** so you can pick up where you left at anytime – as long, as you don't clear your browser storage / history.

↺ Load from browser storage	⬆ Load from file	🗑 Clear browser storage

1. Languages

The first language will also be the default language if the browsers language doesn't match any other language.

☰ English (en)		✎ Edit	🗑 Remove

➕ Add language

2. General information

Title

General Election of the United Nations

The title of the election.

Subtitle

This election compass is provided by your local democracy support group

Features

Single File Deployments

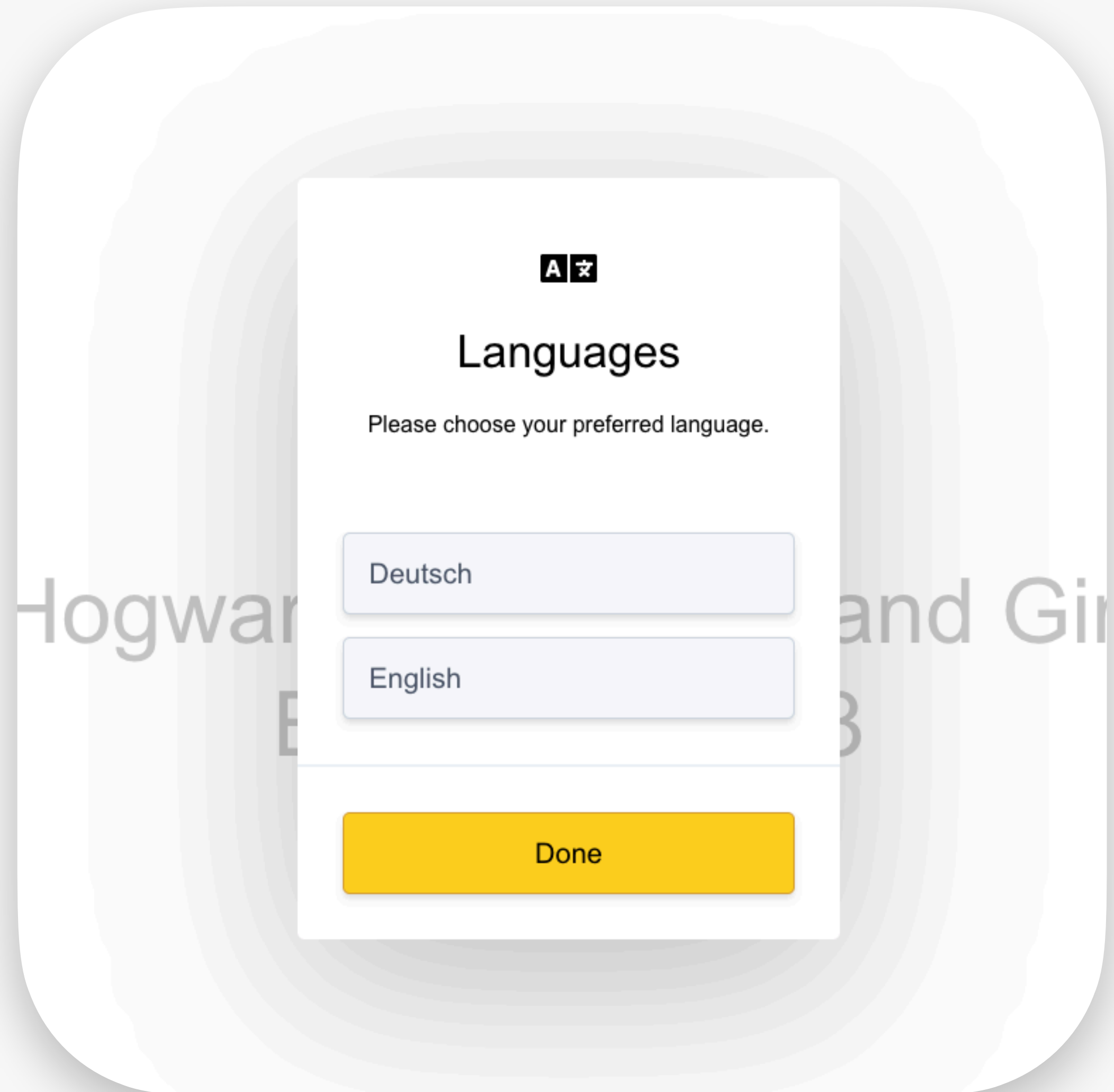deployment for beginners
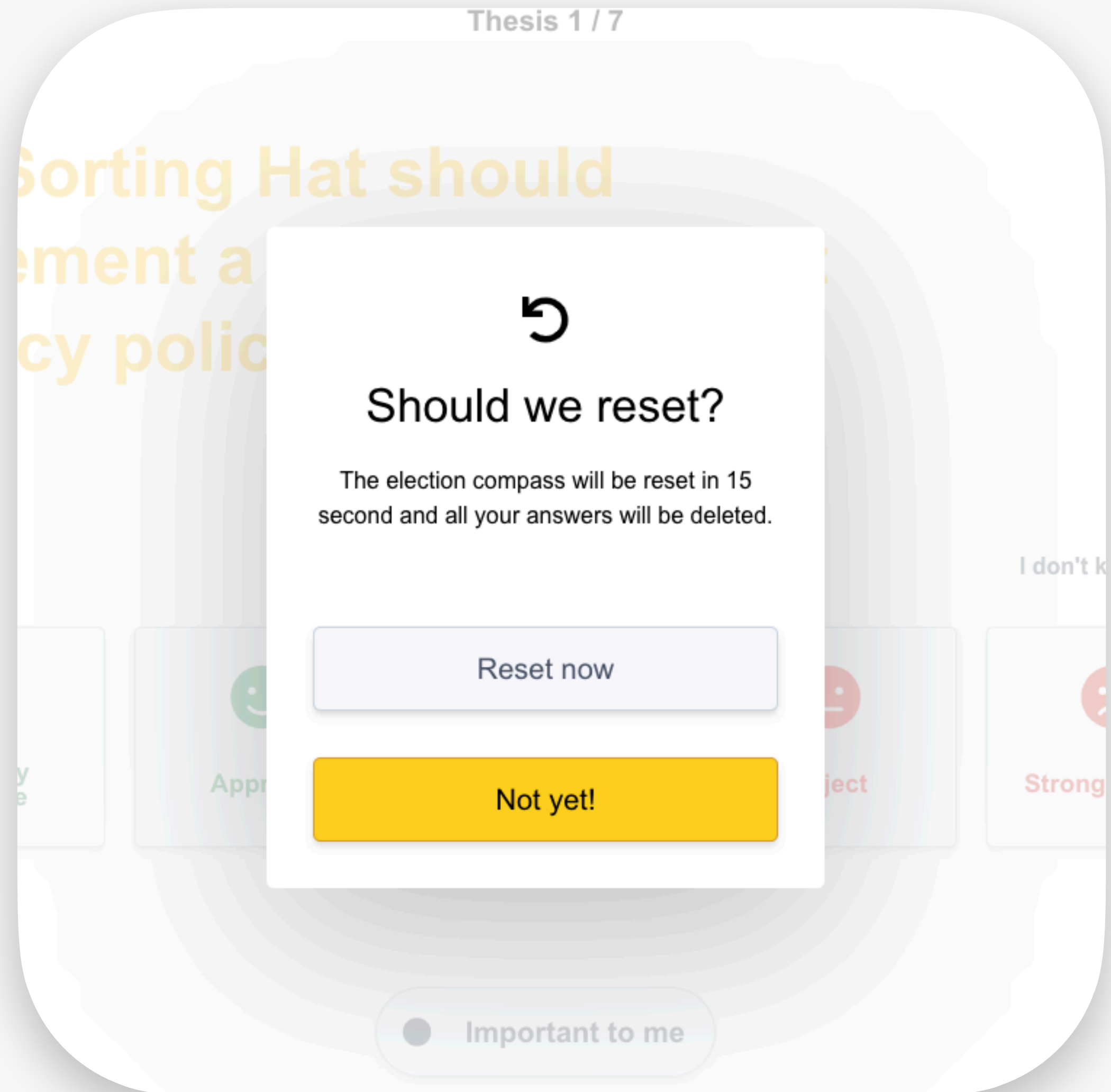
Definitions

so we're all on the same page

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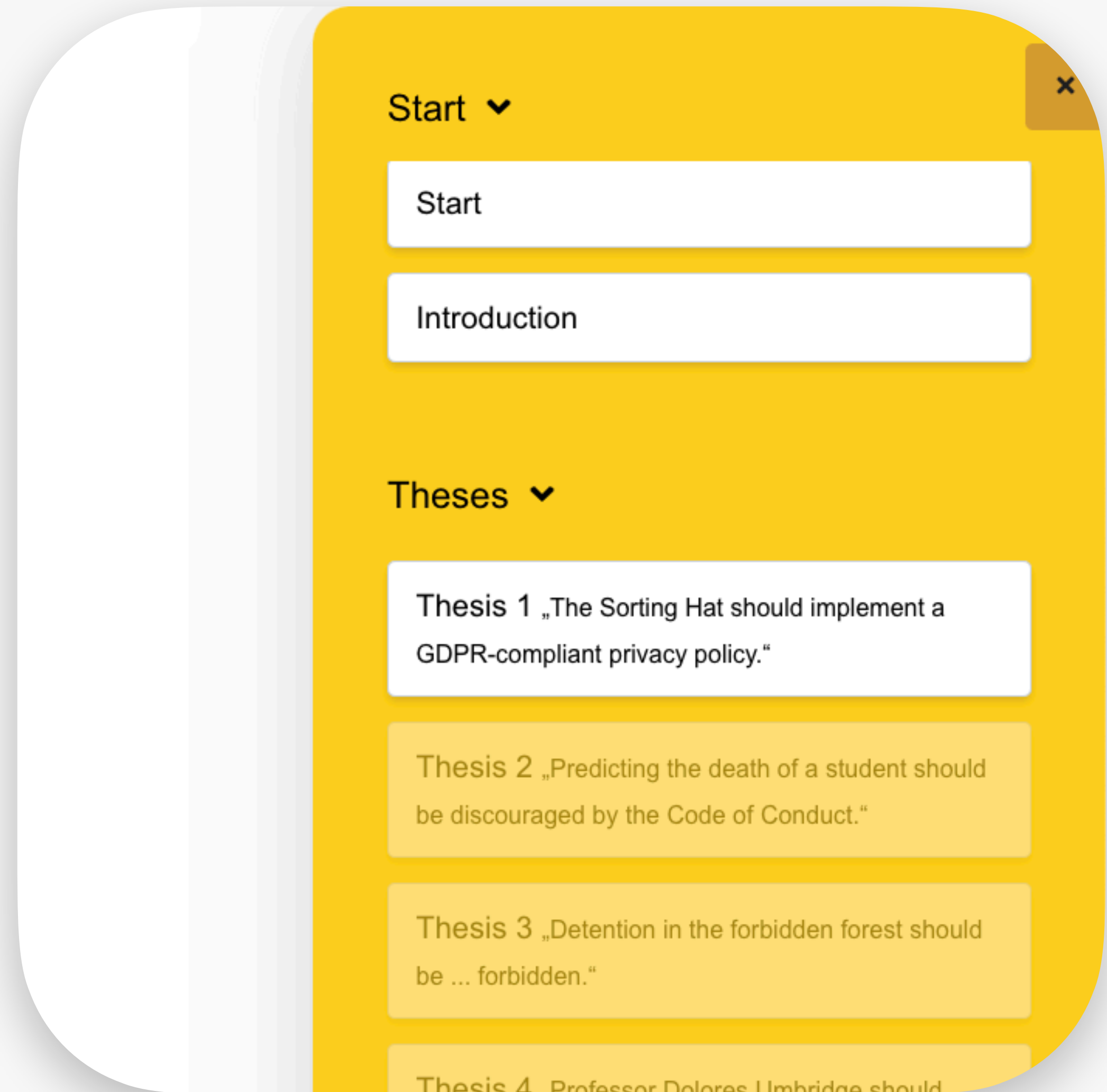
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since day 1

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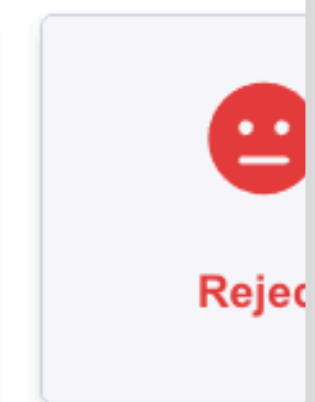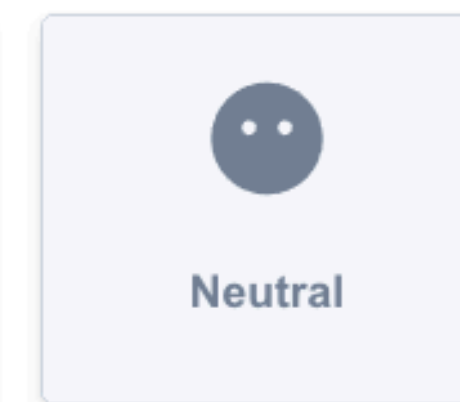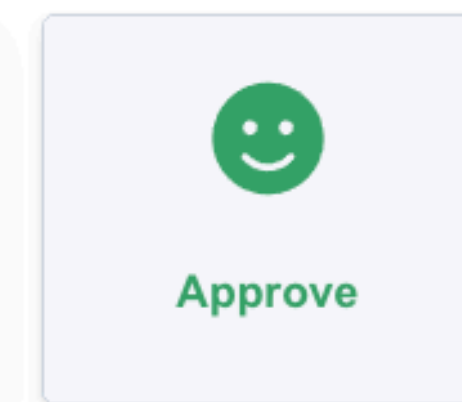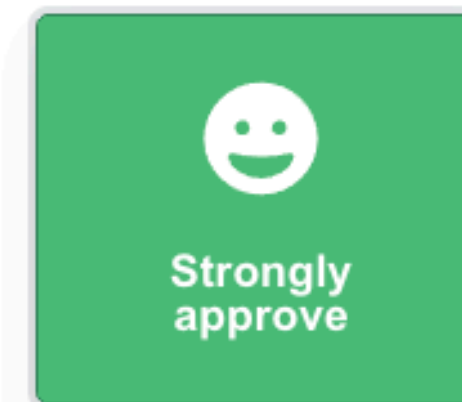
Algorithms

simply choose or BYOA

Professor Severus Snape should be allowed to teach Defence against the Dark Arts.

Strongly approve

Approve

Neutral

Reject

Important to me
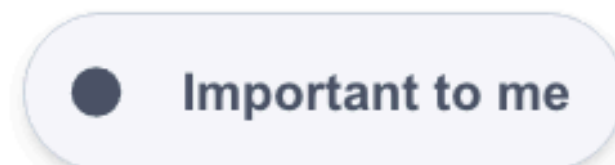
Privacy-first Statistics

donate your political opinion to science

Do it yourself

We don't need to hack democracy

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