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Tackling right-wing extremism

An example from Saxony

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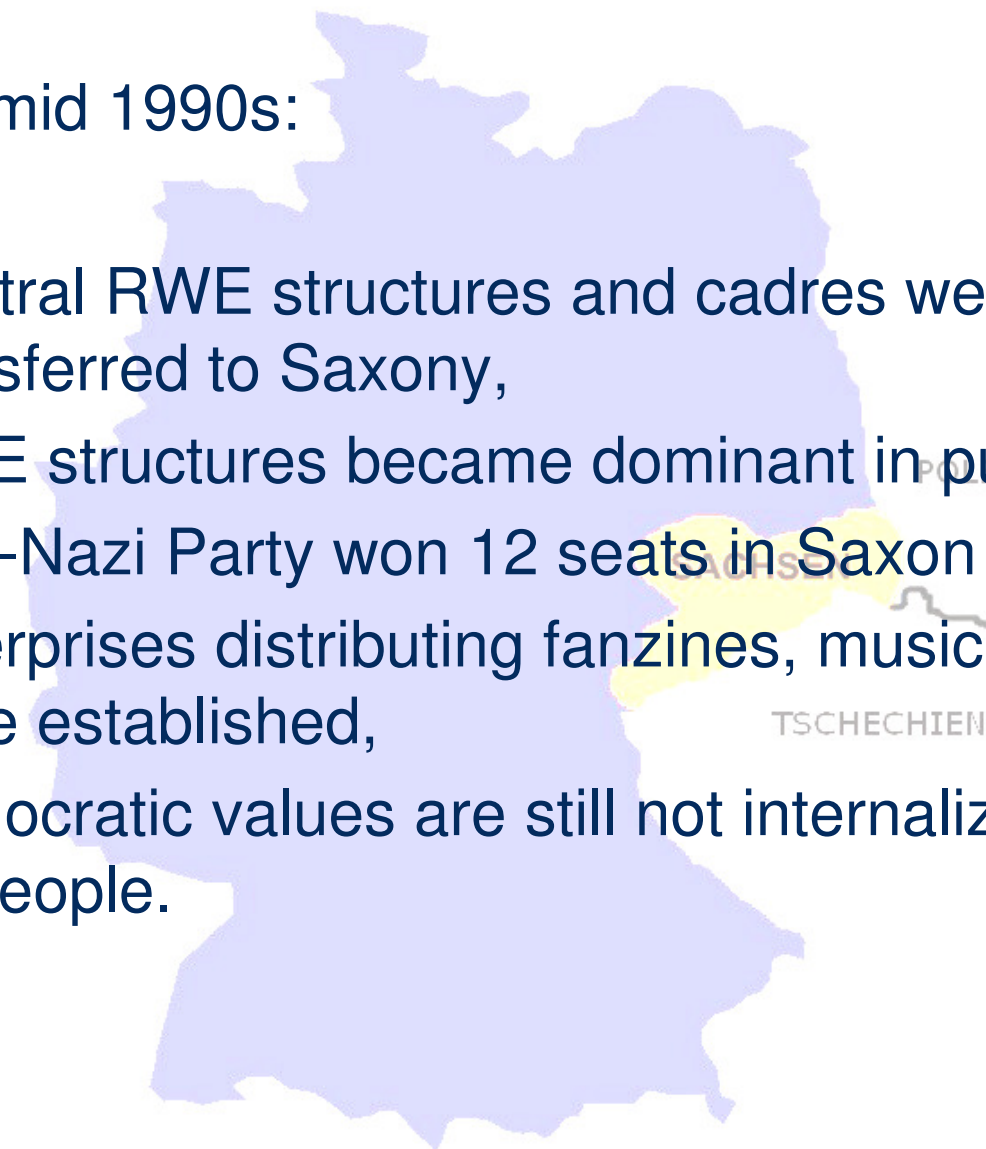




Saxony – the German centre of RWE

Since mid 1990s:

- Central RWE structures and cadres were transferred to Saxony,
- RWE structures became dominant in public,
- Neo-Nazi Party won 12 seats in Saxon Parliament,
- enterprises distributing fanzines, music, fashion were established,
- democratic values are still not internalized among all people.





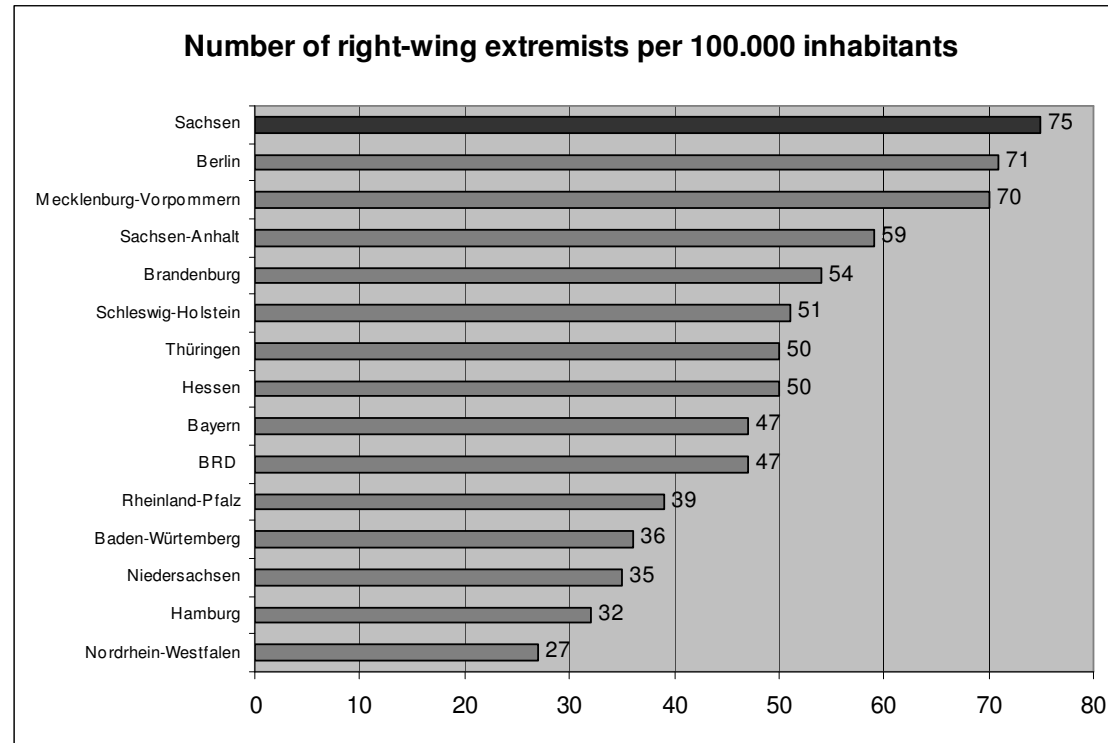
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Right-wing extremism and racism are **structurally and socio-culturally anchored** in Saxony.



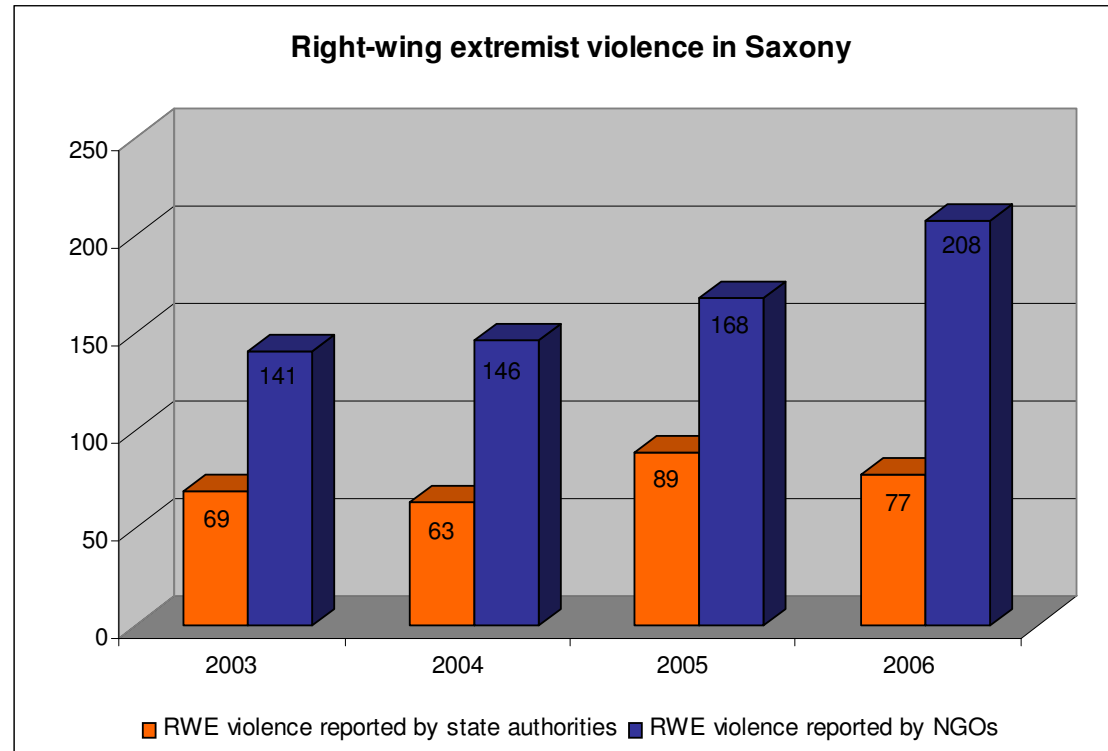
RWE in Germany and Saxony



- RWE organized within parties, comradeships, Neonazi- and Skinhead organizations
- strong subculture (internet, concerts, distributing enterprises...)



RWE violence and hate crimes



- 4 attacks every week in Saxony in 2006
- target groups mainly migrants and people not belonging to RWE scene



RWE in the middle of society

Results of a nation-wide representative study, 4.872 interviewed people, summer 2006:

- **Xenophobia:** „Foreigners come to Germany only for the reason of exploiting the welfare state.“ 37%
- **Dictatorship:** „Germany needs one strong party representing our national community.“ 26%
- **Social darwinism:** „Germans are above other people by nature.“ 14,8%
- **Minimizing national socialism:** „National socialism had its good aspects.“ 11%



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**Working for a democratic culture
is working against
right-wing extremism**



Strategies against RWE

- **Defend democracy!**
prosecution of criminal acts, limitation of RWE's influence
- **Make democracy a success story!**
promotion of participation and inclusion, i.e. in education policy
- **Make democracy perceptible!**
involvement of citizens in decision processes
- **Learning and teaching democracy!**
life-long learning of democratic values



Strategies against RWE

All societal institutions are needed!

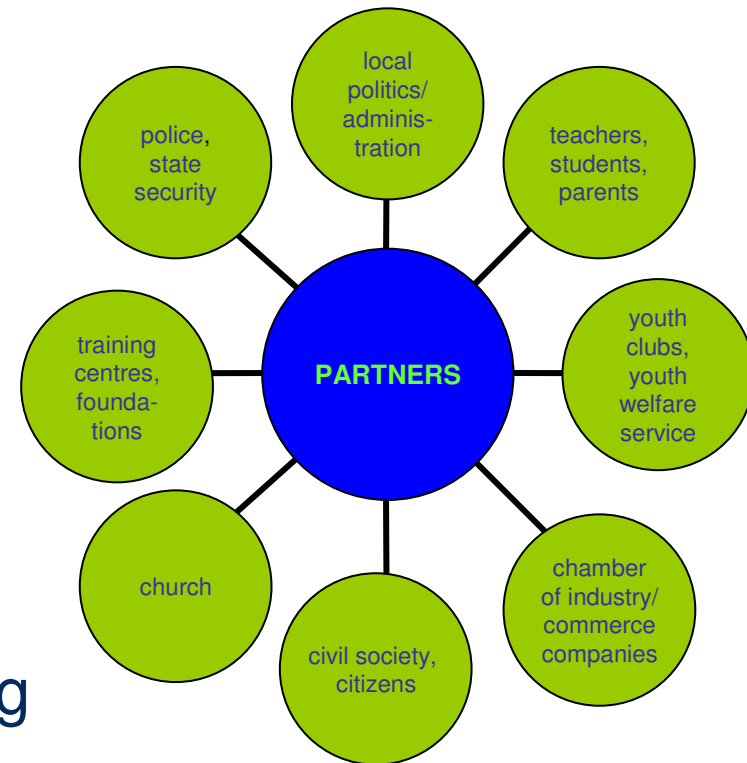
- Family
- School
- Companies
- Media
- Church
- Politicians
- Civil society
- ...



Local growth cores for democracy

Community Coaching:

- co-operation with local partners
- developing local strategies against RWE, discrimination and violence
- creating synergies by exchange and networking

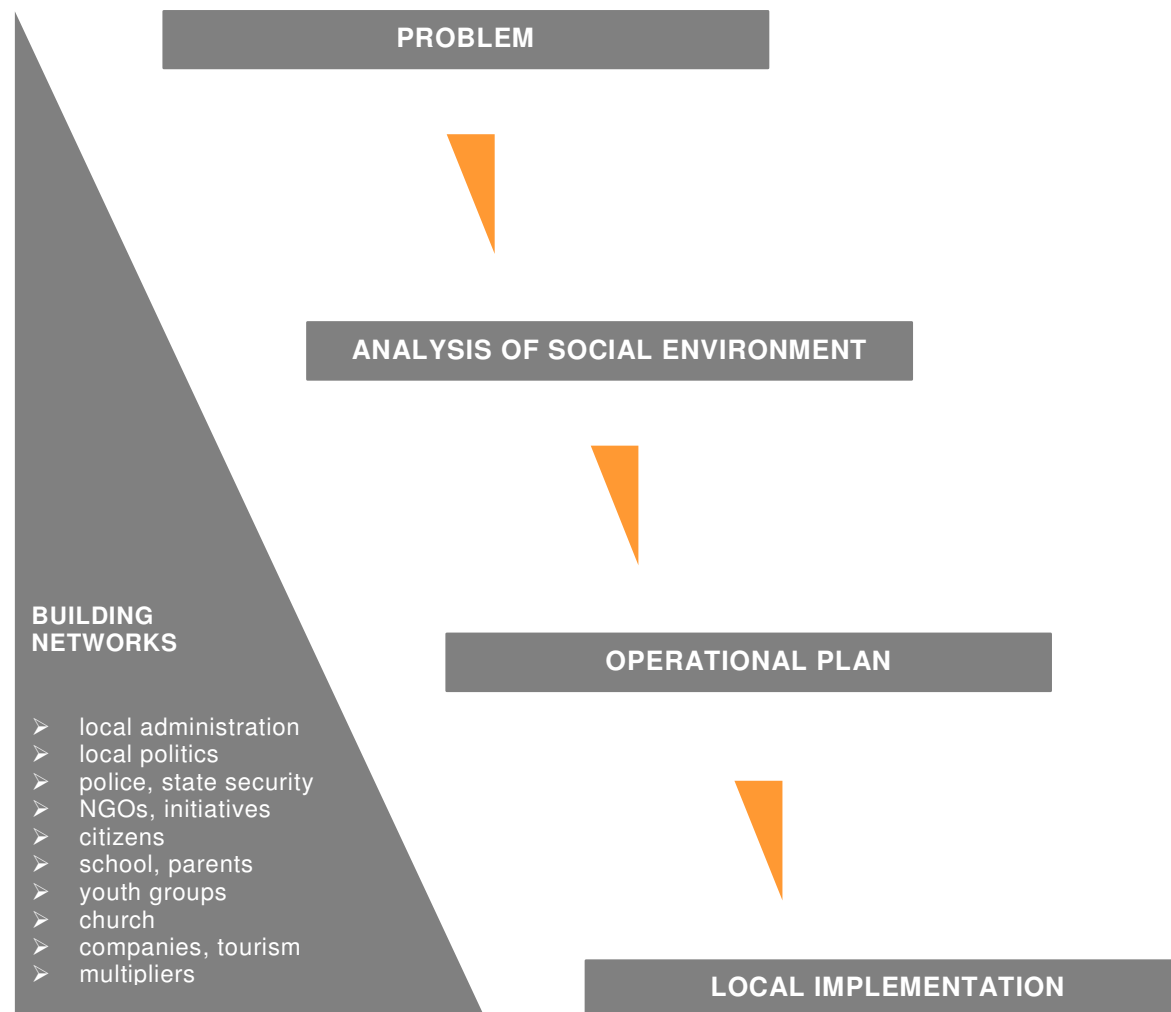


- process is initiated and accompanied by **Mobile Counselling Teams**



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Internet resources

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Thanks for your attention!

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