

**Priority question for written answer P-003887/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Questionable measures against demonstrators in Berlin

On 31 July and 1 August 2021 there was a series of protests in Berlin against restrictions on fundamental rights. The demonstrations were banned by the government for being in breach of the provisions against the spread of COVID-19.

The previous week saw Christopher Street Day, with 85 000 people in attendance, held at the same location. There are images of crowds without masks and not observing social distancing. There has still been no resultant increase in COVID-19 cases.

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the unequal authorisation of demonstrations along the lines of 'good demo or bad demo' according to whether the aim of a demonstration corresponds with political objectives?
2. What is the Commission's assessment of the police brutality against the demonstrators, which even prompted UN Special Rapporteur on Torture Nils Melzer to call for action to be taken?