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We Need More Politically-Inclined People

Abstract text up to 15 lines in English:

People are running away from the "western" model of society. From year to year, more and more voters are opting for authoritarian, racist parties. This development is still partly a reflection of a misanthropic past. This includes the passing on of anti-emancipatory traditions in child rearing. However, it is also an expression of the fact that the political situation is increasingly reaching an impasse: the climate crisis, social deficits in education and care as well as signs of neglect in the social infrastructure are worsening and are not being effectively combated. Political influence and the power of opinion are in the hands of the super-rich, who do not want to part with it. The dispossessed majority react with anger to the feeling of their own powerlessness. There is now an urgent need for people who will courageously stand up for an open society and resolutely tackle the pressing problems. Solutions derived from the therapeutic work are discussed.