

# A Difficult Decision: Kosovo and the Green Party (Retrospective report, 2019)

## Abstract

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In 1999, German troops were deployed in a war for the first time since the founding of the Federal Republic. Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer was heavily criticized by many members of his party, the traditionally pacifist Greens, for supporting the deployment of NATO troops to Kosovo without a UN mandate. At the Green Party conference in the spring of 1999, the internal party conflict escalated when Fischer was pelted with a bag of red paint. In the end, the majority of delegates voted to support troop deployment. The decision represented a turning point both for Alliance 90/The Greens and for Germany. This report produced by *Bayerischer Rundfunk* (BR) also revisits the main points of criticism against the deployment to Kosovo.

## Source

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<https://youtu.be/wM0ADwUrONU?si=MjRiEYGC9MFEiWLD>

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