

## Socialist Leaders Are Discovered by Police (c. 1890)

### Abstract

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Not long before the Anti-Socialist Law expired on September 30, 1890, police were still doing their best to discover and break up clandestine meetings of Social Democratic leaders, as depicted in this woodcut. Wilhelm Liebknecht (1826–1900) stands by the window; to his right is Wilhelm Hasenclever (1837–1889), a disciple of Ferdinand Lassalle (1825–1864) and leader of the General German Workers' Association [*Allgemeiner Deutscher Arbeiterverein*] from 1871 to 1875. August Bebel (1840–1913) sits at the end of the table. Clandestine papers and notes are hurriedly being hidden from view.

### Source

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Source: Police break up a meeting in accordance with the Anti-Socialist Law. Wood engraving (ca. 1890). Liebknecht standing at the window, Wilhelm Hasenclever to his right: the papers were quickly removed from the table.

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