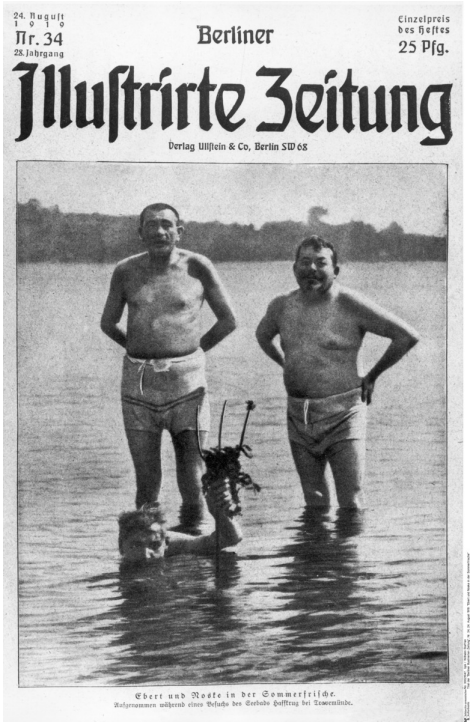
Cover of the *Berliner Illustrirte Zeitung*: Ebert and Noske on Summer Holiday (August 1919)

Abstract

The *Berliner Illustrierte* ran this photograph of Reich President Friedrich Ebert (right) and Defense Minister Gustav Noske (left) three days after Ebert took the oath of office under the new constitution. The photograph immediately aroused public indignation and became the basis of a caricature that was frequently deployed by the conservative press to delegitimize the new Republic and its leadership. Ebert responded with libel and slander lawsuits but had little success. Austrian journalist Joseph Roth called the bathing suit photograph “the most effective, if most scurrilous argument against the Republic” [*das wirkungsvollste, weil pöbelhafteste Argument gegen die Republik*].

Source


24. August 1919
Nr. 34
28. Jahrgang

Berliner

Einzelpreis des Heftes 25 Pfg.

Illustrirte Zeitung

Verlag Ullstein & Co, Berlin SW 68

Ebert und Noske in der Sommerfrische.
Aufgenommen während eines Besuches des Ehepaars Heffting bei Travemünde.

Source: Cover of *Berliner Illustrirte Zeitung*, No. 34, August 24, 1919: "Ebert and Noske in the summer resort."Photographer: Wilhelm Steffen. wikimedia commons
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Noske.jpg

wikimedia commons

Recommended Citation: Cover of the Berliner Illustrirte Zeitung: Ebert and Noske on Summer Holiday (August 1919), published in: German History in Documents and Images,

<https://germanhistorydocs.org/en/weimar-germany-1918-1933/ghdi:image-4236> [November 19, 2026].