The successful battle against inflation was lead in Germany- but not from the German government but from the European central bank in Frankfurt. Their strict interest rate policy kept prices down, but initially cost growth. which is why schroder was also responsible for the weak increase in economic output is only partly responsible. The same applies for the development of the Bruttoeinkommen. The economic policy of the Chancellor is less decisive than the collective bargaining policy of trade unions and employers. The major and minor crises did their bit to prevent growth and unemployment from being directly accessible to politicians.

Whoever now replies that such relativization cannot only be done for Schroder's chancellorship is right. A look back to the 1960s shows that no German government managed more than marginal corrections. Whether unemployment rate, growth or inflation rates: the long-term trends hardly changed, no matter who was in office. …..politics has sometimes been more influential. There the social consensus for reforms, for example for the tightening of the social network, is easier to reach than on the 'supertanker' Germany. And let's not forget: German unity represents an investment that initially costs about five percent of the gross domestic product once a year….. regulations.

the limited power of politics - a sickening insight, especially for economists. their promise to be able to 'optimally' steer macroeconomic development, had once increased its popularity among politicians and helped to push up the number of economics professorships in Germany.

seemingly frustrating for politicians, too. Apparently, because in fact they are not measured so much by unemployment and growth rates. The averageburger makes the economic data the standard of his choice in the event of a crisis at the most. empirical studies for germany show that the influence of unemployment on electoral success is small. the same is true for the inflation rate. only the change in income plays a certain role.

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