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Data protection officers from Berlin and Rhineland-Palatinate are showing unfounded attacks

the informational right of self-determination back - Smoltczyk and Kugelmann: Der

Data protection is a European success story

In an opinion piece, the Berlin Commissioner for Data Protection and

Freedom of Information, Maja Smoltczyk, and the Rhineland-Palatinate State Commissioner for the

Data protection and freedom of information, Prof. Dr. Dieter Kugelmann, against the youngest

Attacks on privacy. "The pandemic shows how privacy is a scapegoat

to be used when things go wrong. Not a day goes by without it being said

that the pandemic is easy to get under control if we only protect data protection

trimmed down," said the data protection officers of Berlin and Rhineland-Palatinate.

The direction and undertone of a series of contributions to the social debate would give cause to

great concern and important facts were not sufficiently recognized.

"It is not a problem that the health authorities are still not all digital

infrastructure are connected. The problem is not that US services

want to reserve the right to use children's data for their own, mostly commercial, purposes

to process. Instead, it is claimed that the data protection officers make learning easier for the children

want to ban."

Data protection does not stand in the way of social challenges, say Smoltczyk

and Kugelman. It's about the achievements of digitization and the civic

Fundamental rights, which are the basis of our free and democratic society

protection. "Data protection is not a super fundamental right that stands above other fundamental rights,

but it is a fundamental right. And as a fundamental right, it is in a state of constant rebalancing

Interaction with the other fundamental rights. That the decision-makers are not concerned with that

making it easy is a good thing, because a free state based on the rule of law makes this a requirement, also and especially in times of crisis."

Smoltczyk and Kugelman emphasize: "Adequate data protection must not prevent the virus

fall victim. Data protection is not an obstacle, but an important regulator and

control factor. It contributes to acceptance and trust in the population. Of the

Data protection standard in the European Union, which is being imitated worldwide, must be considered a success

to be celebrated. You can be proud of this success."

The full opinion piece can be downloaded [here](#).

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