

# 01: Children's Rights in the Constitution? Perspectives and Challenges

## Comment

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There are 41 existing children's rights, they have been around since 1989, how many do you know? No worries you are not alone Children's rights are not anchored in the Basic Law, although there was already a finished draft in 2021. The anchoring failed for the time being because of a lack of unity. In the Bundestag and the Bundesrat, the so-called two-thirds majority was not achieved, which would have been necessary for the amendment of the Grundgesetz. Nevertheless, children's rights generally apply to every child. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which consists of 54 articles, is a convention on the existing rights of children. It is the convention with the most participating countries apart from the USA. It applies to children up to the age of 18 and serves as a global benchmark for a child-friendly society. These should be enforced both by states and by society as a whole. However, for society to be able to stand up for children's rights, there must be a basic knowledge of the subject. This poses a problem due to the fact that children's rights are expressed or summarized in a way that is incomprehensible to the general public. This means that affected groups of people, such as parents, teachers or educators, do not have the opportunity to deal with children's rights in an easily understandable way, despite their interest or necessity in everyday life. This leads to the second problem that prevents society from advocating for children's rights. In order to be able to stand up for something and to enforce it in a practical way, a basic knowledge is necessary. As we have already seen, this knowledge is complicated and inaccessible. Here is an additional problem with the interests or the lack of interest of society in children's rights. Due to the fact that the topic of children's rights is not relevant for everyone, there is actually no reason to deal with it, right? "Wrong!!!" Everyone should know about children's rights, no matter what profession you are in, what culture or generation you belong to. Due to the two existing problems of comprehensibility as well as accessibility and the resulting ignorance, it is not possible for society to intervene in the respective situations. Everyone knows situations in which one wonders and asks the question whether something was right or wrong or whether one should have intervened. In addition, there are also quite obvious situations but one lacks the possibilities of action. For example, how do you deal with a child's obvious or less obvious disregard for his or her rights? We are all dependent on the knowledge and intervention of society. Children are not always aware of their rights or do not know how to communicate them. Therefore, everyone in society is called upon to enforce the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and to stand up for it and for the children. Yet still, no one is acting upon it. That sucks right?! That's what we thought too. Therefore we have

thought about a possible solution. With this solution we would work against the existing problems of comprehensibility as well as accessibility and ignorance.

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