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***“AND THE WINNER IS……… EVERYONE!”***

**Covid and Climate Change tell us to cooperate.**

**So the ‘Bundestag’ has ‘*elected’* an all-party coalition?**

<http://www.deborda.org/home/2021/9/24/2021-14-a-matrix-vote-for-germany.html>

In an on-line role-play ‘in’ Munich,

a ‘mini-Bundestag’ elected an all-party coalition.

5 CDU, 4 SPD, 3 GP, 2 FDP, 1 AfD and 0 Der Linke, 8 men and 7 women.

Robert Habeck (GP) topped the matrix poll, to take on Environment. Olaf Scholz (SPD) was second, Christian Lindner (FDP), third… and (needless to say), Alice Weidel (AfD) came last.

In break-out rooms, the six ‘parties’ first decided who to nominate for which Ministry, next (in negotiations with other ‘parties’) how to cast their lower preferences, and then to vote.

+ As in PR-STV, the PR matrix vote prompts parties to nominate only as many candidates as they think can get elected.

+ Preferential decision-making encourages the MPs to state, not only their favourite. but also their compromise option(s).

+ And the matrix vote incentivizes all concerned to vote across the party-divide.

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