

# **C:       Eco-dictatorship       – seriously?**

Almost everyone claims to support climate action – somehow. But please not too expensive, not too inconvenient and definitely not right now. The moment someone gets consistent, the reflex kicks in: “Eco-dictatorship!” Alright. Let’s play this through.

## **If we actually took climate protection seriously...**

SUV tax? 150 percent markup. Heat-pump? Mandatory for everyone. Illegal steak? Community service on an organic farm. Sounds absurd? Sure. But why exactly? Because we love to confuse freedom with convenience. Here’s the twist: if climate protection was as strict as tobacco tax or the broadcasting fee, no one would yell “dictatorship” anymore – they’d call it responsibility.

## **Power shift instead of moral lecturing**

Imagine this: fossil industries lose influence. The German car industry loses its throne, lobby groups lose their megaphones. What remains? A real chance to redesign economy and politics – towards sustainability, fairness, and future-proofing. We don’t need a green dictatorship, we need a democratic transformation.

## **Sustainability = three-part harmony**

Ecology is just one piece. Add social justice (fairer

distribution of income and wealth) and governance – meaning transparent, democratic corporate leadership.

That creates one principle:

*No justice, no sustainability. No transparency, no credibility.*

And this is where the BEcompany model comes in: owner-free, common-good-oriented, democratically controlled. And most importantly: sustainability in the DNA, not as a marketing façade.

## The state as enabler

Climate policy doesn't mean bossing citizens around. It means building the framework. Ecologized tariffs, fair prices for CO<sub>2</sub>, consistent support for sustainable production and consumption patterns.

Businesses lead, consumers follow – because the offer has to match. Systemic change instead of moral finger-wagging.

## And yes, it is political

Anyone advocating real climate protection has to be louder and more convincing than the blockers. Cultural change needs attitude – not lecturing. The decisive question isn't: "How far are we allowed to go?" It's: "How long do we want to wait?"

### Your TEC Learnings:

- "Eco-dictatorship" is nothing more than a fighting term – not a realistic scenario.
- Once fossil industries lose influence, democratic transformation becomes possible.
- Ecology must be combined with social justice and

democratic corporate governance – otherwise it won't work.

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