

# SYNOPSIS



## The End of the Welfare State

### Sozialstaat ade!

All over Europe, governments are going on the offensive: the middle classes, and also the unemployed and young people are being expected to pay the bill for the crisis in the public finances. The austerity policies in the majority of EU countries are leading to job losses and salary cuts, to hopelessness and an undermining of the principle of solidarity in society. German experts already fear a state of affairs like that experienced during the Weimar Republic. And all this comes against a background of rising profits for big business and the banks. But resistance is growing. New protest campaigns are gaining increasing numbers of supporters, under the rallying cry, «We won't pay for your crisis!»

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