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## **Vom Wunder der Freiheit**

Die subversive Rolle der Person in der modernen  
Verfassungsgeschichte

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**Abstract:**

In the course of the history of democratic voting rights a remarkable development has taken place: collective privileges to vote were completely replaced by a personalisation of voting rights. Today, it is perceived as self-evident that every adult citizen has the right to vote. But neither the classical forms of democracy acknowledged such a right nor is it promoted by the conditions of modern mass society. Therefore, its emergence and dissemination is a historic ‚miracle‘ and an achievement that is based on the fundamental political concept of a ‚person‘. This concept has to be protected at all times – and today afresh – against the ever-present dangers of erosion and neglect.