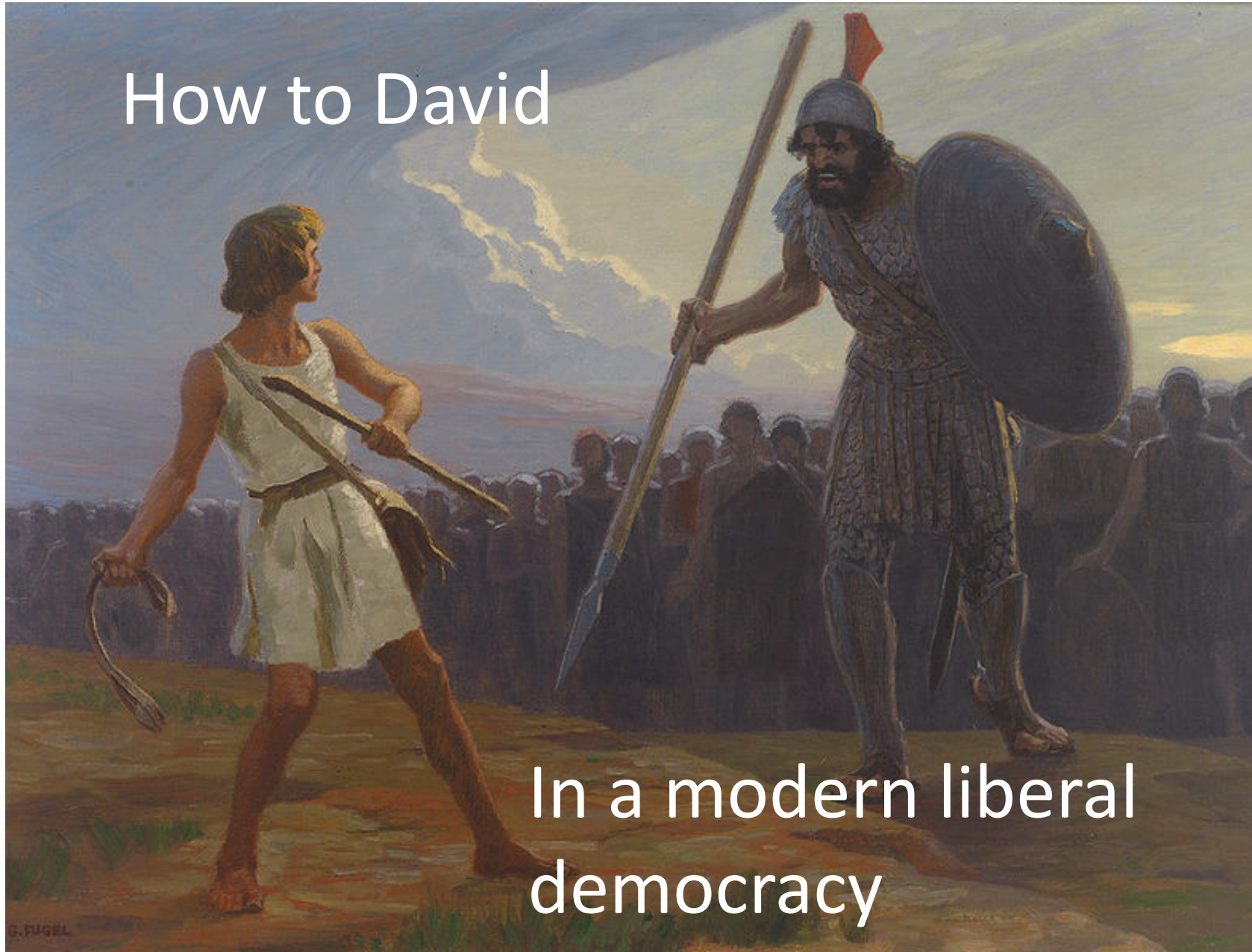


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How to David in a modern liberal democracy?



1. Have the better arguments
2. Build alliances
3. Get the medias attention
4. Avoid being unattractive for the majority
5. Keep the pressure up
6. Get a decision when the public watches

In short teach Goliath a lesson in democracy.

No 3. Runway at Munich airport

- 1974: MUC gets build – historical Protest starts
- 1998: Local Groups gather together
- 2005: Planing of the 3 runway starts
- 2012: “Bürgerentscheid” – Munich says two runways are enough.

Who was involved:

- More than 80 local groups
- More than 10 institutions of the churches
- More than 10 Environmental organisations
- All opposing parties locally and countrywide

Strategy: Keep up the pressure and mobilize a public decision.



Anti-Nuclear protest in Germany

1950 -1960: local protest starts

1970: Wyhl

1986: Wackersdorf / Tschernobyl

2011: Fukushima – Merkel states: “One cannot say it is safe any longer.”

Who was involved:

- local groups
- institutions of the churches
- environmental organisations
- Green party

Strategy: Keep up the pressure until the government changes its position. We could not foresee that Fukushima would happen. We actually hoped and wished nothing like that would happen.



Big picture in 2022

1. The Paris Agreement on stopping climate change has been signed.
2. Corona is the opportunity to question public spending.
3. Aviation has no longer a progressive image.
4. The governments will have to prove progress and problem solving in order to win the next elections.

Thus a trigger for decision is welcome 2022 and the following years.
Make sure the public watches when it happens. Keep the pressure up.

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yet. — Read Saul
Alinsky.

