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**Bad faux pas**

To claim that Napoleon was a political genius is more than just a bad faux pas on the part of Peter von Matt. Napoleon was one of mankind's biggest war criminals. It is also unworthy of you as journalists to print such a statement.

PROF. DR. HERMANN HOFER,  
GERMANY

**Happy I no longer live there**

Barbara Engel sounds like a former Communist in her editorial. Switzerland has become so left-wing that I am really happy I no longer live there. Australia has been taken over by the Left in recent years, and the result is obvious, financially and so-called morally. I always thought that Switzerland was

more astute and far-sighted. Unfortunately not.

LEONIE KRISTENSEN, AUSTRALIA

**Narrow perspective**

It is evident that Berne is already scared stiff about the referenda in 2014. And it is now rallying whoever it can, even the Swiss abroad. But you know what? It won't be enough this time around. There comes a point when all the scare tactics no longer work. What's more, it really surprises me that the Editor-in-Chief of "Swiss Review" has such a narrow perspective. Europe is not the EU. I am already shaking in my boots that old man Putin will run me out of the country due to the referenda in Switzerland... But, Russia, this evil country of oppression with-

out human rights, isn't in Europe, is it?

URS WOLLENMANN, RUSSIA

**Positive impact**

I really enjoyed the article on pioneers who crossed borders. It again shows the positive impact of immigration. If immigration were a coin, we wouldn't ban it simply because it had two sides.

ANDRÉ BRUNNER, VIA EMAIL

**You have to distinguish yourself somehow**

Incapable of thinking of anything better, the SVP is having to resort to its old hackneyed tactics. I suppose you have to distinguish yourself somehow in order to justify your mandate and keep obsolete structures in place come hell or high water. No matter what the cost. We can only hope that enough

voters see through the old tired SVP refrain and vote no to the SVP initiative.

ERWIN BALLI, VIA EMAIL

**Immigrants needed**

The SVP trots out the same refrain again and again. But its party bosses also employ immigrants in their companies. Mr Blocher's EMS Chemie is a prime example. Where would it be without immigrants? Not where it is today, that's for sure. We can't get around the fact that we need immigrants, whether in Switzerland or in the EU. I am also an immigrant, a Swiss abroad living in Germany. I am doing really well here, as there is also a demand for skilled workers in Germany. So I will vote against the SVP initiative.

THOMAS GANTENBEIN, GERMANY



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