With friends like that, who needs enemies?

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I've said it and said it again. And now they have a new friend. This isn't about whether JÃ¶rg is innocent or guilty, it's about whether this is the smartest way they could handle this situation. Now they brag about how they have someone im Bundestag, but I fail to see the Democratic process behind it. Even if you're convinced he's innocent, that doesn't mean you have to just hand over that much power like that. Not only power according to some clever party rules, but the sheer marketing power of the man. It looks like he's now the face of the Pirates, and – innocent or not – it will be hard to get that genie back into the bottle, and it seems they don't even realize it yet...

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