

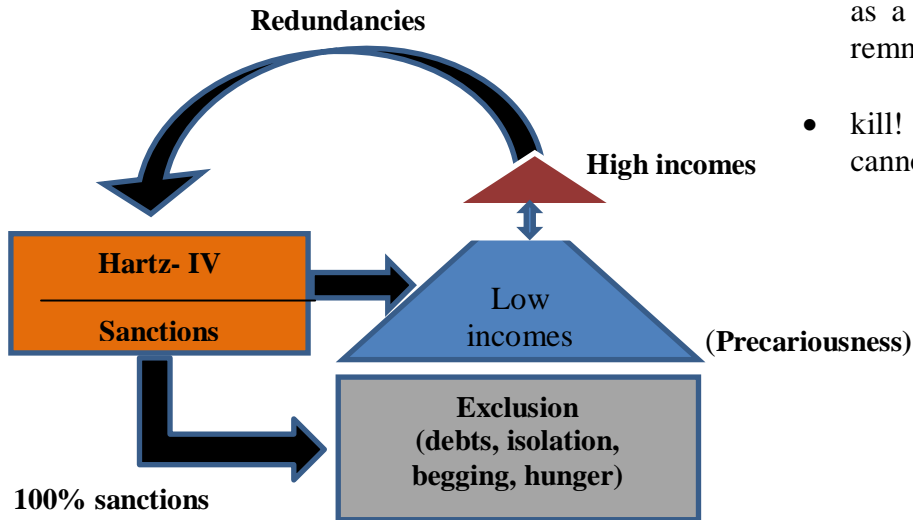
## Sinking wages

**Have you ever exclaimed: “One really should demonstrate!”?**

News of redundancies abound. Simultaneously, ever more people are being employed as temps under ever worse working conditions.

Many are working on such poor salaries that they feel forced to supplement their income (from full-time employment) with state benefits (Hartz IV)!

Why?



## Hartz-IV Sanktionen:

- put one under duress and instil fear to accept any job offer (however badly paid). (In contrast, the german constitution (Grundgesetz) guarantees the freedom of career choice and the right of self-fulfilment.) (GG, article 2,12)
- affect health insurance and housing benefit. There are currently over 7000 evictions in Berlin per year!
- treat recipients worse than criminals by slowly denying them electricity, housing, health insurance, food and, as a result, of the last recognisable remnants of their intrinsic dignity.
- kill! In a society like ours, one cannot survive without an income!

The UN has long requested Germany to take account of human rights in its poverty alleviation programs!

## “Sanction strike”:

Most victims of sanctions feel isolated and shamed. The state profits from their withdrawal from public life. (It is, however, noticeable that ever more people collect deposit bottles.)

**Ralph Boes has been making these malpractices public for years now! We support him!**

He has been subject to 100% sanctions for the past three years! He has only been able to survive by getting into debt by accepting the solidarity of loans from his supporters.

**As from 1<sup>st</sup> July, he has decided to accept no more support via third parties. He hopes to publicly demonstrate to just what lengths the state is truly willing to go: To tolerate and condone penury and starvation!**

And Germany likes to think of itself as a welfare state and applauds itself as a guarantor of human dignity! (GG, article 1)

The social court of Gotha has recently called into question the legitimacy of sanctions!