

Bundschuh

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1. DESCRIPTION

The Bundschuh are a populist political faction that has been declared "enemy of the State" by the Rheinland Reichstag.

2. HISTORY

Believed to be founded by a group of [New Berlin](#) University students in 679 AS, the movement had much support among the liberal elite of [New Berlin](#), tired of the corrupt practices of the government that had led them to financial ruin near the end of the 80-Years War. During the [Dresden](#) rebellion of 700 AS, the Bundschuh found their first official cause -- shipping supplies "liberated" from [Frankfurt](#) to the [Kruger](#) and [Daumann](#) rebels. Three months after that, sympathetic maintenance workers started sabotaging [Daumann](#) manufacturing operations in [New Berlin](#). The industrial heart of Rheinland stopped beating, and the Popular Revolution had begun.

Five years later the Emperor was overthrown, and a new [coalition](#) government was established in its place. While the Bundschuh initially pushed for a full investigation into the activities of companies such as [Kruger](#) Mining and [Daumann Heavy Construction](#), more pragmatic elements within the government decided that for the newly formed Rheinland Republic to succeed, it needed the support of the aristocrats who controlled those and other major companies. Both [Kruger](#) and [Daumann](#) were eventually required to pay substantial reparations intended to "improve the Rheinland Republic for the good of all people," and all Rheinland companies were forced to comply with a newly ratified Workers' Rights Convention.

By 715 AS business in [Dresden](#) had more or less resumed as usual. The Bundschuh were driven underground, an impractical brand of idealism ill-suited to building a consensus among the many different government factions and the aristocrats who controlled the purse strings. The Bundschuh took the ideological high route, attracting the purists dedicated to overthrowing the corrupt Rheinland regime represented by the government, [Daumann](#), and Republican. The [Red Hessians](#) adapted the more pragmatic approach of stealing and plundering in the guise of fighting the powers that be. As a result, the [Red Hessians](#) ranks swelled, and the Bundschuh dwindled.

The Bundschuh have always looked to the [Unioners](#), [LWB](#), [Red Hessians](#), and disgruntled [Republican Shipping](#), [Daumann](#) and [Kruger](#) workers for possible recruits. So they maintain a distinct note of neutrality towards the criminal groups, although they find the [Red Hessians](#) practice of indiscriminate piracy distasteful. They prefer to focus on [Daumann](#), Republican, and military bases, although they do raid a ship on occasion for supplies, preferably [Samura](#) or [Kishiro](#), as they have no more love for Kusari than the rest of Rheinland.

3. TYPE

Rheinland Criminals

4. HQ

[Bruchsal Base](#) - [Frankfurt](#)

5. ARMAMENTS

<https://swg-porals.com/forum/index.php?/entry/129-bundschuh/>

- Tachyon weapons (strong vs. Molecular, weak vs. Positron)

