

The Dissolution of the Empire: “You Can’t Bring Them under One Hat” (c. 1800)

Abstract

This caricature of the end of the Holy Roman Empire makes reference to the crisis situation that prevailed around 1800. The figure of Germania endeavors to tie the imperial estates together with a single rope and bring them under one hat, but she is unable to succeed. An eagle symbolizing the empire is perched in a tree at the left. The political and cultural disunity of the empire precludes national unity.

Source



Source: Friedrich Ludwig Neubauer, political satire: “Man kann Sie nicht unter einen Hut bringen” [“You Can’t Bring Them under One Hat,” c. 1800. Material/technique: steel engraving, Germanisches Nationalmuseum Nuremberg, Inventar-Nr. HB 14041. Available online at: <http://objektkatalog.gnm.de/objekt/HB14041>

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