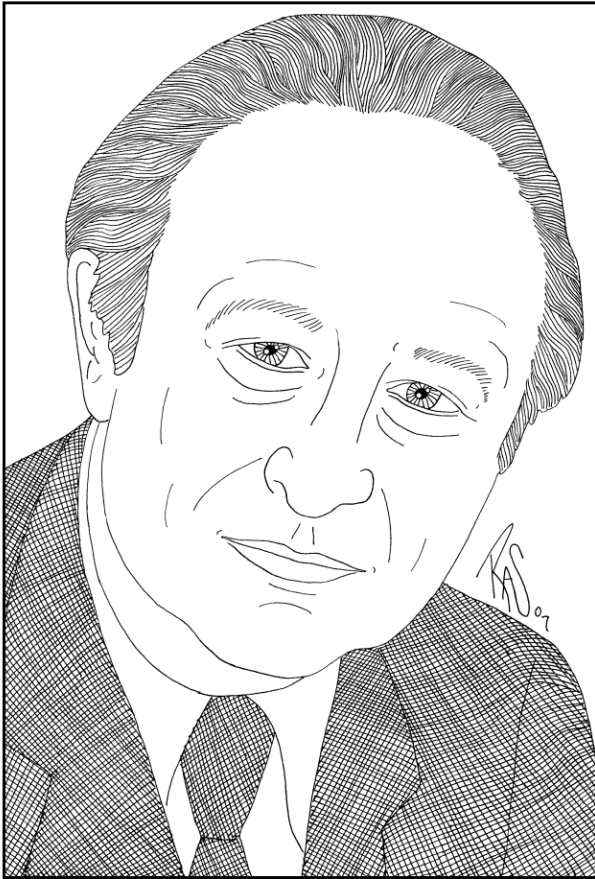


# Be a Hero for a Better World

## Bruno Kreisky (1911-1990)

Bruno Kreisky was the Chancellor of Austria from 1970 to 1983. He was politically active nearly all his life, and during the dictatorship that reigned in Austria in the early 1930s, he was arrested and imprisoned as a political prisoner twice before he fled to Sweden. He returned to Austria in 1946 and served in the Foreign Office until 1951 when he was appointed by the Austrian President as Assistant Chief of Staff. He held a number of positions in the Austrian government over the next 20 years, including Foreign Minister, until he became Chancellor in 1970 -- the first Jewish Chancellor in Austrian history.

Chancellor Kreisky brought about many reforms, including prison and labor reforms (such as reducing the work week to 40 hours and guaranteeing equality for women) as well as decriminalizing abortion and homosexuality. He was also active in international affairs, promoting North-South dialogue and working with other world leaders to promote peace and development in Third World countries. He hosted early strategic arms talks between the US and the Soviet Union, and tried to mediate between Arabs and Israel. For his 65th birthday in 1976, friends created the Bruno Kreisky Foundation for Outstanding Achievements in the Area of Human Rights. Every two years The Bruno Kreisky Award is given to individuals or organizations for their contribution to the promotion of human rights.



"We are opposing the exploitation of man by man, similarly we must oppose the exploitation of peoples by other peoples ... but today this is no longer enough ... we have to assist the peoples fighting for their independence to develop their economies, to increase their standard of living"

**Bruno Kreisky was born on January 22, 1911 in Vienna, Austria**

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2. Hold an event to raise awareness about human rights issues
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### Human Rights Organizations

- Amnesty International ([amnesty.org](http://amnesty.org))
- Carter Center ([cartercenter.org](http://cartercenter.org))
- Human Rights First ([humanrightsfirst.org](http://humanrightsfirst.org))
- Human Rights Watch ([hri.org](http://hri.org))
- Rights International ([rightsinternational.org](http://rightsinternational.org))
- UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights ([ohchr.org](http://ohchr.org))
- Witness ([witness.org](http://witness.org))
- Women's Human Rights Net ([whrnet.org](http://whrnet.org))

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