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Cases and rulings

Country Code	Year	Reference details title	Reference details URL	Hate Bias motivation	Court / Body	Key facts of the case	Results (sanctions, outcome) and key consequences or implications of the case	Main reasoning / argumentation	Key issues (concepts, interpretations) clarified by the case	Key quotation in original language and translated into English with reference details
Denmark	2015	Denmark / District Court of Hillerød	https://vidensbasen.anklagemyndigheden.dk/api/portals(6e302527-f0b3-4a5e-889a-668aa67e5491)/Print/h(6dfa19d8-18cc-47d6-b4c4-3bd07bc15ec0)VB(0adc60f2-504d-4270-bd8c-2e41e4f3aee0	Religion	District Court of Hillerød	The District Court of Hillerød convicted a man of incitement to hatred (hate speech). The man had written a longer statement on his private Facebook page where he commented on Muslims and among others compared them to monkeys. The District Court found that the statements could be read by a broader audience even though they were published on a private Facebook page and therefore found him guilty.	10 daily penalties of 400 DKK	The District Court found the statements to be very severe and capable of being visible by a broader audience.	The court assessed the question of whether statements published on private Facebook accounts could be addressed towards a broader audience and therefore a violation of the criminal code. The statements written by the defendant were published on his private and closed Facebook profile where he had 68 friends. The court found that to be enough in regard to meeting the criteria of a broader audience.	"Det fremgik af sagen, at den pågældende Facebook-profil var lukket, men at udtalelserne var blevet udbredt til mindst 68 personer. Byretten lagde ved strafudmålingen vægt på udtalelsernes grovhed sammenholdt med omfanget af den kreds af personer, der umiddelbart blev bekendt hermed." "It appeared from the case that the accused's Facebook profile was private, but the statements had been spread to at least 68 persons. When assessing the case the City Court took into account the severity ot the statements and the number of persons who immediate became familiar herewith."

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