

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
Finland	2016	Finland / District Court of Keski-Suomi / R 15/3178		Racial or ethnic origin	The District Court of Keski-Suomi (Keski-Suomen käräjäoikeus / Mellersta Finlands tingsrätt)	A couple (A+B) made a video in which B incites their child to violence using a toy monkey which he refers to as a refugee. The video was uploaded to the couple's public Facebook-pages and to an anti-refugee website.	The couple (A+B) was convicted of incitement to hatred (ethnic agitation). A was sentenced to pay a fine of 240 euros (40 day fines) and B 300 euros (50 day fines). Moreover, the tablet computer used in the crime was confiscated.	The court concluded that it is not plausible that in the video the child would only have been taught how to defend her/himself against attackers in general as was claimed by the defence. The video was published on an anti-refugee website called "Keep Finland clean" that had been set up by B. The court concluded that the publishing of the video on this website indicates that the purpose of the act was to threaten, defame and insult refugees as a group of people on the basis of their race, skin colour, birth status, national or ethnic origin and their refugee status.	The court concluded that since the video was published on an anti-refugee website that has been set up by B it is not plausible that the purpose of the video was only to teach how to defend against attackers in general as was claimed by the defence.	"Videon julkaiseminen mm. vastaaja(n) [...] perustamalla ja ylläpitämällä pakolaisvastaisella Pidä Suomi puhtaana - sivustolla osoittaa, että menettelyn tarkoituksena on ollut nimenomaan uhata, panetella ja solvata pakolaisten muodostamaa ihmisryhmää näiden rodun, ihonvärin, syntyperän, kansallisen tai etnisen alkuperän sekä pakolaisaseman vuoksi." "The publishing of the video on an anti-refugee website "Keep Finland clean" set up and maintained by the defendant [...] indicates that the purpose of the act was specifically to threaten, defame and insult refugees as a group of people on grounds of their race, skin colour, birth status, national or ethnic origin and their refugee status."

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