

## 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Austria      | 2019 | <a href="#">Austria / Austrian Press Council (Österreichischer Presserat), Medien24 GmbH</a> | <a href="https://www.presserat.at/irte/upload/entscheidungen_2019/entscheidung_2019_201_11.10.2019.pdf">https://www.presserat.at/irte/upload/entscheidungen_2019/entscheidung_2019_201_11.10.2019.pdf</a> | Migrant status       | Austrian Press Council (Österreichischer Presserat) | An article published in "wochenblick.at" on 22 August 2019 reported about an increased mistreatment of hedgehogs and cruel killings of other wild animals in a Swedish town. The article reported that according to the chairwoman of the Animal Friends, this is especially the case in areas with a high density of migrants. The article is accompanied by a "symbolic picture" showing a mosque with minarets in front of a Swedish flag. In the background, a thundery sky with several flashes of lightning is visible. | The Austrian Press Council requested the media owner to report about the decision taken by the Austrian Press Council. | The Senate took the view that the picture attached to the article violates point 7 of the Code of Honour (protection of blanket disparagement and discrimination). The picture showing a mosque with minarets in front of a Swedish flag and a thundery sky with several flashes of lightning in the background gives the impression that Islam or Muslims are the cause or originator of the cruelty to animals. This places Muslims under a general suspicion, although not all migrants are Muslims and of course not all Muslims are animal abusers. | The Austrian Press Council found that this article violated the "Principles for journalistic work - Code of Honour for the Austrian Press" (Point 7) | "Der Senat vertritt daher die Ansicht, dass das dem Artikel beigelegte Bild gegen Punkt 7 des Ehrenkodex (Schutz von Pauschalverunglimpfung und Diskriminierung) verstößt, indem durch die oben beschriebene Bildkomposition der Eindruck erweckt wird, dass der Islam bzw. Muslime Ursache bzw. Urheber der beschriebenen Tierquälereien seien. "The Senate therefore takes the view that the picture attached to the article violates point 7 of the Code of Honour (protection of blanket disparagement and discrimination) in that the picture composition described above gives the impression that Islam or Muslims are the cause or originator of the cruelty to animals described." |

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