

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
Austria	2022	Austria / Austrian Press Council (Österreichischer Presserat) / 2020/318	https://www.presserat.at/rte/upload/entscheidungen_2023/hinweis_2022_318_25.11.2022.pdf	Migrant status	Austrian Press Council (Österreichischer Presserat)	An article published in the daily newspaper "OE24" on 20 September 2022 reported that on Saturday evening migrants had danced to oriental music in the inner city of Vienna. According to the article, the migrants had danced to oriental music and videos had gone viral on TikTok. Police were again not present at the scene and the reason for the gathering was unclear. Attached to the post is a photo of the men dancing, and the accompanying text reads: "Pack meeting in the pedestrian zone" (Rudeltreffen in der Fußgängerzone).	The Senate determined the minor violation according to § 20 para. 2 lit. b of the Rules of Procedure of the Senates of the Press Council and therefore issued a notice to the media owner.	A German teacher contacted the Press Council on behalf of her pupils, who criticised the text accompanying the photo. According to her, the wording "pack meeting" gives the impression that a gathering of migrants is something dangerous and that they behave like animals, even though the article does not mention violence or anything else that is forbidden.	The Press Council found that the article published by the daily newspaper "OE24" on 20 September 2022, constitutes a minor violation of item 7 of the Code of Honour for the Austrian Press (protection against blanket denigration and discrimination).	"Nach Auffassung des Senats ist unter dem Begriff „Rudel“ primär ein Zusammenschluss einer größeren Anzahl von wild lebenden Säugetieren zu verstehen. Die Bezeichnung einer Ansammlung von Migranten als „Rudeltreffen“ stellt somit eine weitere Tiermetapher dar, die in der Berichterstattung unterbleiben sollte und geeignet ist, Migrantinnen und Migranten als Personengruppe pauschal zu verunglimpfen und zu diskriminieren." "In the opinion of the Senate, the term "pack" is primarily to be understood as an association of a larger number of wild mammals. The designation of a gathering of migrants as a "pack meeting" is thus another animal metaphor that should be refrained from in reporting and is suitable for the blanket denigration and discrimination of migrants as a group of people."

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