

August 2017:

Individual case 60

The media is reporting all over Austria that in 2016, FPÖ municipal councillor candidate Manfred Sedovnik from St. Andrä am Zicksee had been sentenced to pay a fine of 4500 Euro because of National Socialist reactivation. He had demanded on Facebook to reopen the concentration camp Mauthausen and to send the then Federal President Heinz Fischer there. Sedovnik also became conspicuous by posting murder fantasies.

Individual case 61

The Ring of Freedom Youth (the youth wing of the FPÖ) Carinthia is protesting against the newly elected "Mister Carinthia", explicitly because of his origin and appearance. The background of the racist attack: Parsa Djawadiraad is an Austrian citizen and completely integrated, but comes originally from Iran.

Individual case 62

It becomes publicly known that FPÖ municipal councillor candidate Walter Wolfgang from Bruckneudorf has also been active in the neo-Nazi splinter group "People's Party". On Facebook, he had called for the "unification" of Austria with Germany and disseminated an image of an SS soldier together with the saying "Our grandfathers were no criminals!". The FPÖ deputy federal state chairman of Burgenland, Johann Tschürtz, commented these activities of the FPÖ politician: "As long as he does not have a criminal conviction, I don't care."

September 2017:

Individual case 63

On Facebook, the FPÖ Vomp publishes a list of elementary school children with foreign-sounding names. After outraged reactions, the Tyrolean FPÖ regional party chairman Markus Abwerzger explains that the posting had been cancelled. However, Abwerzger uses the word "scandal" with reference to the high proportion of migrants in some school classes, and not to the fact that his party is pillorying children.

Individual case 64

Federal party chairman of the FPÖ, Heinz-Christian Strache, is disseminating a video on Facebook that shows several children from a migrant background together with their parents in front of an elementary school, without pixelated faces. He is commenting it with "Typical!". Thus, he is also stirring up public opinion against children because of their origin.

Individual case 65

The human rights organisation “SOS Mitmensch” criticises that the FPÖ continuously supports the FPÖ affiliated magazine “Aula” with large advertisements. Among others, they placed advertisements with federal party chairman Heinz-Christian Strache and the regional party chairman for Upper Austria, Manfred Haimbuchner. At the same time, the “Aula” repeatedly contains extreme right-wing, racist and antisemitic articles. The FPÖ affiliated magazine insulted for example survivors of the Mauthausen concentration camp as “menace” and “criminals” – which it had to revoke after a court ruling in April 2017. The “Aula” also expresses sympathy for the German neo-Nazi party NPD. The NPD politician Karl Richter was even allowed to write for the “Aula” an article with the insinuation: what the Jews want is “surreptitiously obtaining sovereignty”.

Individual case 66

It becomes publicly known that FPÖ municipal councillor candidate Friedrich Ugrinovits from Draßburg is since decades engaging in extreme right-wing and antisemitic activities. Among others, he insulted researchers who wanted to visit the Jewish Museum Eisenstadt with the term “Saujuden” (pig-Jews). Two times he was found guilty of incitement, most recently in 2013 with a conditional detention order for ten months. In the FPÖ, everybody claims to not have had any knowledge of these long-standing activities of the municipal councillor candidate – among them the local section chairman from Draßburg, René Tschögl.

Individual case 67

The third president of the National Council Norbert Hofer from the FPÖ claims that the European Convention on Human Rights allows the implementation of the death penalty. Thus, it would need to be evaluated and, if necessary, to be replaced by an “Austrian Convention on Human Rights”. However, his attempt to discredit the European Convention on Human Rights is failing quickly: all surveyed experts on international law point out that the Convention is clearly banning the death penalty in its additional protocols.

Individual case 68

Martin Hochstöger, member of the FPÖ Tyrolean Party Committee, has put up a plaque in a room behind his pharmacy, which commemorates the “Return of the Ostmark into the Reich”. Moreover, in a showcase he exhibited an SS skull and other National Socialist devotional objects. After this becomes publicly known, Hochstöger steps down from his position in the Party Committee. The Public Attorney's Office Innsbruck is investigating the matter. Hochstöger gets expelled from the FPÖ.

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