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Legal Victory for AHRIMAN – "perspektive" Defamer Convicted!

On September 21, 2026, the Higher Regional Court of Karlsruhe handed down its ruling in our court case: Our lawsuit against Timm Opitz, the person responsible for "perspektive" under press law, was upheld in its entirety. The court prohibited him from repeating his defamatory claim that our publishing house "regularly publishes anti-Semitic books." If he violates the ruling, Opitz faces a fine of up to 250,000 euros or up to two years in prison. Furthermore, Opitz must bear the legal costs.

A victory across the board!

A brief recap: In 2024, an article appeared on the website of "perspektive", a German NGO close to Soros, in which AHRIMAN publishing house was defamed for allegedly "regularly publishing anti-Semitic books". No lie could be more outrageous, since AHRIMAN is the German publisher (aside from denominational publishers) with the highest proportion of Jewish authors. At the same time, numerous anti-fascist resistance fighters have found a publishing home here, such as Bernard Goldstein, the leader of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, whose memoirs – published by AHRIMAN – featured a foreword by the famous journalist and Nazi hunter Beate Klarsfeld (who had publicly slapped the German Chancellor and former Nazi Kiesinger in 1968). Since the founding of our publishing house more than 40 years ago, our entire publishing program has been unwaveringly committed to the tradition of European Enlightenment whose foremost goal was the establishment and defense of freedom of speech and religion – in particular, the emancipation of the Jews. We also owed it to the honor of our authors and staff to take action against the obscene and utterly offensive "perspektive" lie, which was obviously designed to substantially harm our publishing house and ultimately destroy it with the damning label of "anti-Semitic."

A year ago, in September 2025, at first instance the Freiburg District Court dismissed our lawsuit on the grounds that the "perspektive" lie was simply a matter of "freedom of expression" and did not even require any "factual basis" – a shameful ruling that completely contradicted decades of legal precedent and gave the defamers carte blanche to, in the name of so-called "freedom of expression," actually work to destroy freedom of expression by silencing opposition figures stigmatized in this way. But: Lies and defamation are **not** opinions and are therefore not protected by the German Constitution (just a little as incitement to violence or criminal acts)! We had, of course, filed an appeal against this ruling.

The Higher Regional Court of Karlsruhe has now overturned the shameful ruling of the Freiburg District Court

The Higher Regional Court had already stated during the hearing that, first, the publisher's corporate right of personality is severely damaged by the accusation of "anti-Semitism", particularly against the backdrop of German history, and that, second such a serious accusation must naturally be based on factual grounds. And the court found no such basis! According to the presiding judge, "perspektive" had either "conducted poor research" or simply made up its

slanderous assertion. In the hearing, our attorney, the renowned Munich media lawyer Michael von Sprenger, had clearly set out again that “perspektive” had been unable to present the slightest proof for its defamation. Our publisher’s representative emphasized that the criticism of George Soros expressed in Ahriman publications naturally has nothing to do with his coincidentally Jewish descent, and summed it up with the words: “Anti-imperialism is not anti-Semitism!” She concluded: “Over the past two years of the trial, the defendant has failed to find a single anti-Semitic statement in the more than 20,000 printed pages of the publishing program, for the simple reason that there aren’t any!”

The verdict of the Higher Regional Court fully upholds our lawsuit against the defamers. It is also a victory against the now-rampant “N”GO swamp in Germany.

A long and costly battle for a matter of course under the rule of law! – We thank all our supporters!

During the past two years, the streamlined German media reported not a single line about the trial. Nevertheless, through great effort we succeeded in drawing public attention to our landmark case, and **that** was presumably decisive for the outcome of the trial, even though there are undoubtedly – as in this case – judges who are committed to law and justice.

We thank our supporters who helped achieve this verdict, especially our author Dr. Efraim Zuroff, the long-time director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Jerusalem, whose voice naturally carried particular weight in this case and who immediately protested against our defamation by a letter to the court. Prompt protests also came from France, including from Paris-based attorney Linda Weil-Curiel, who comes from a Jewish family and was awarded the Human Rights Prize of the French Republic for her fight against female genital mutilation. From the U.S., the well-known book author Steve Pomper protested, and Dr. George Weinberg, chairman of the American “Republicans Overseas Germany”, addressed the court with two letters of protest. Numerous letters of support also reached the court from England, Austria, and, of course, all over Germany. Once again, many trial observers and supporters traveled from far away to attend the hearing at the Higher Regional Court. Thankfully, also several independent German and Austrian online outlets broke the silence of the mainstream media by reporting on the case in detail.

However, this victory in a single court case – what perseverance, what an investment of time and money was needed to achieve it! – should not give rise to any illusions about the political situation in today’s Germany. Even on the international stage, Germany has meanwhile become notorious for suppressing free speech and systematically denigrating and oppressing the political opposition – conditions justly condemned last year by U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio as “tyranny in disguise”.

Nonetheless, this ruling is a small success in the fight against the rapid destruction of fundamental civil rights in our country!