

## False Reports And Extremism

One aspect of fighting against extremism is the uncovering and falsification of incorrect claims using irrefutable proofs.

Fighting against false reports is necessary because even the smallest incorrect claim can fall on good soil of persons who do not have big knowledge of a certain issue or are not interested in it. False reports generally are not accompanied by proofs at all or by incorrect proofs. They are presented to the public in short statements in interviews, online posting or press releases.

It is very difficult to correct these claims afterwards, because in most cases they already have caused immense damage. Even small accusations can lead to further extremism.

Therefore the fight against false reports is necessary and it works dually: on one hand against the extremist who have created the false reports and on the other hand against extremism evolving out of false reports.

In Austria a lot of institutions like *SOS-Mitmensch*, *Caritas Austria* and *Amnesty International*, as well as newspapers and magazines fight against false reports, e.g. on their web sites.

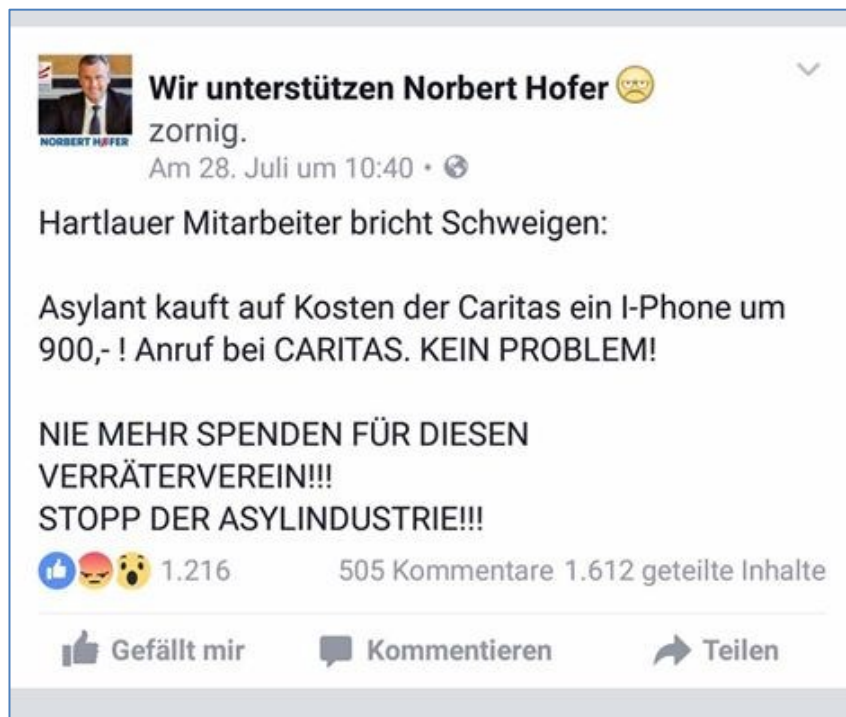
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False Report:

Free translation:

"Employee of Hartlauer (eletronic outlet) breaks the silence: A person seeking asylum has been donated an iPhone of 900,-, paid by the Caritas."

Source:



2016 07 28:

Facebook "Wir unterstützen Norbert Hofer".

Correct Answer:

"The company says: this is a false report."

Source:



August 2016:

Facebook „Hartlauer“.

False Report:

*Vice-governor Haimbacher warns against the "destabilization of Austria's welfare state caused in migration".*

Source:



2016 02 11:

<http://www.news.at/a/aschermittwoch-strache-hofer>

Correct Answer:

*„Last year foreigners have paid 4,5 billion Euro for the public social insurance – and received 2,1 billion Euro for pension, health insurance and unemployment benefits. The public expenses for non-Austrian families in the year 2015 have been 959 million Euro.“*

Source:



According to the ministry for social affairs.

2016 11 23:

[http://diepresse.com/home/politik/innenpolitik/5122927/Auslaender-zahlten-45-Milliarden-Euro-in-Sozialversicherung-ein?\\_vl\\_backlink=%2Fhome%2Findex.do](http://diepresse.com/home/politik/innenpolitik/5122927/Auslaender-zahlten-45-Milliarden-Euro-in-Sozialversicherung-ein?_vl_backlink=%2Fhome%2Findex.do)

False Report:

Newspaper 'Kronenzeitung':

"The largest group in the list of people receiving public minimum benefits is the group of 'unknown citizenship'".

Source:



2016 08 05:

<http://www.krone.at>

Correct Answer:

Free translation:

"... the picture and graphics could manipulate the reading of the data by customers of the newspaper"

Source:

2016 09 23:

Letter of „Presserat“ to the newspaper 'Kronenzeitung'

<https://www.facebook.com/sosmitmensch/photos/a.371496669188.153148.178913579188/10154635673449189/?type=3&theater>



## Project Against Extremism

### False Report:

*"I am man, who rejects extremes, all kinds of extremes“.*

### Source:

2016 05 30

Norbert Hofer, candidate for the presidential elections in Austria, talking in an interview of the newspaper ‚Heute‘, which can be seen on Youtube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otOCvIr7qVM>

### Correct Answer:

*Norbert Hofer posing beneath the right-wing extremist, antisemitic and racist magazine ‚Aula‘.*

### Source:



November 2016-issue of ‚Aula‘.