

Press release

The German publishing house with the highest proportion of Jewish authors takes legal action against the defamation that it publishes “anti-Semitic books”

*Publisher's spokesperson: “Defamation turns our publishing policy into its opposite”,
“Criticism of George Soros is not anti-Semitism”*

Ahriman Publishing House based in Freiburg (Germany) has filed a lawsuit with the local district court against the Cologne-based website “perspektive” for spreading the totally unfounded, exclusively denunciatory assertion that Ahriman “regularly publishes anti-Semitic books”. A spokeswoman for the publishing house explained: “This outrageous defamation turns our basic publishing policy, which we have followed for more than 40 years, into its exact opposite. To protect the reputation of our Jewish authors alone, we had to take legal action against it. At the same time, there is nothing less at stake than the existence of our publishing house: This smear campaign aims at ostracizing us, it prepares the ground for our exclusion from book fairs and the book trade, and it paves the way for physical attacks against us by the ‘antifa’ gangs.”

Founded in 1982, the publishing house has the highest proportion of Jewish authors of any (non-denominational) publishing house in Germany. Their works published by Ahriman include the memoirs of resistance fighters such as Bernard Goldstein, one of the leaders of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, or Leopold Trepper, the head of the most important anti-fascist intelligence organization, as well as eyewitness accounts by survivors of the death camps:



And that is supposed to be anti-Semitism?

In response to a cease-and-desist letter from the publisher's lawyers, the chief executive of “perspektive”, Timm Opitz, was unable to name a single anti-Semitic book published by Ahriman. He therefore resorted to the construct that individual articles in a magazine (!) published by Ahriman (“Ketzerbriefe”) contained an alleged “cipher for a Jewish world conspiracy”. According to Opitz, this “anti-Semitic secret code” is as follows: In these articles, their authors express political criticism of Soros, Rockefeller and Gates and their global interventionism steered via their foundations, and the authors therefore refer to them as “leaders of the US megacapital” or the “Soros/Rockefeller/Gates gang”. Opitz bases his assertion that this is “anti-Semitism” – although it clearly has nothing whatsoever to do with their religious affiliation, and moreover Gates and Rockefeller are not even Jews – on statements by alleged “experts” from the German Amadeu Antonio Foundation, which he quotes extensively.

The Amadeu Antonio Foundation has long been financed, as it itself admits, with millions of euros by George Soros and the German government. The publisher's spokeswoman comments: “The fact that Soros tries to have his critics defamed as ‘anti-Semites’ can be observed not only in Germany, but in many countries, now even in the United States. Anyone in America today who criticizes Soros' systematic undermining of the criminal justice system and law enforcement is immediately denigrated by Soros' countless protégés and sub-organizations as an 'anti-Semite'.”

Her conclusion on the lawsuit filed: “We are now seeking here in Germany for the first time a judicial precedent against this muzzling of critics that aims at bringing them into a intellectual proximity of the Nazi criminals and their monstrous and horrific murders of millions of Jews.”

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