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Regarding: Fundamental rights impact of right-wing extremism

Honourable Members of the European Parliament,

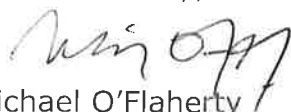
I would like to thank you for sharing your concerns with the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights.

With regard to your request for an investigation on links between far-right organizations in the US and in the EU, please note that the Agency's mandate to provide assistance and expertise to EU Institutions and Member States is limited to the application of EU law. Moreover the Agency is not mandated to deal with instances of individual rights violations.

I can confirm, however, that the Agency, within its mandate, keeps track of developments related to the fundamental rights implications of extremism and forms of hatred against specific groups in the EU. We aim to improve the recognition of hate crime victims, and to raise awareness of hate crimes by collecting evidence and by formulating recommendations to EU institutions and Member States for designing, implementing and monitoring rights-compliant policy responses. The Agency is providing i.a. a database on hate crime, hate speech and discrimination against Muslims and reports annually about data pertaining to antisemitism in the EU. In addition, we are working closely with the Commission and the Member States to improve the recording, data collection and reporting of hate crime and hate speech.

We remain at your disposal for any further information or support.

Yours sincerely,



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