

An Intervention before the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Participating States and Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) At the Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM), Warsaw, Poland Working Session 17: Combating Racism, Xenophobia, Intolerance and Discrimination September 20, 2018

Mr./Madam Chairperson, Distinguished Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen:

My name is Christopher Hull, and I know I don't look it, but I've known discrimination, in my own small way.

Let me tell you the story of my dear friend Lee Osborne.

He and I were raised in a small spiritual community in Middle America.

This community and believes a few wacky things, but all were mostly harmless.

The community hoped to bring peace to the world through meditation.

Sweet, really.

The town kids didn't see it that way.

I was once jumped in the town square and surrounded by a group of dozens of screaming townies.

They were swearing at me and screaming at my assailant to kill me.

One of those watching moved in saying, "I'm gonna kick that 'Ru in the face."

'Ru is short for guru, a meditator - get it?

I looked at him and the tight circle around me and thought, "I'm going to die."

Then Lee stepped in front of him, towering over him - and potentially saved my life.

Lee did the same for another dear friend and got a knife pulled on him.

The insults and fights were legion, but thank God no one was ever seriously injured or killed – to my knowledge at least.

But Lee took his own life at the tender age of about 21.

He never really recovered from his own mother's suicide, but being at the center of attacks didn't help.

Lee's suicide is not a lynching. I've never lost a child to senseless violence. I miss my dear friend Lee, but today I live a happy wife with my family, and I am blessed.

But, technically, Lee and I knew discrimination on the basis of religion.

That said, you don't need to have faced discrimination to know that the OSCE's commitments on that front are absolutely bonkers.

Copenhagen 1990 says, "all persons are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to the equal protection of the law. In this respect, the law will prohibit any discrimination and guarantee to all persons equal and effective protection against discrimination on any ground."<sup>1</sup>

Really, any discrimination?

So, OSCE participating States are against discriminating against Nazis. No more hate speech laws!

Paris, 1990 says "without discrimination, every individual has the right to freedom of movement."<sup>2</sup>

So you're against incarceration, for instance discriminating against those who murder innocents. No more jailing terrorists!

The Istanbul Summit Declaration, 1999 contains a "commitment to…abstain from any form of discrimination."<sup>3</sup>

Any form of discrimination? So none of you may discriminate against a Trump-loving, God-fearing, flagwaving American like me if I want to be your prime minister?

Sign me up. France, I'll take the President's Palais de l'Élysée. You may not discriminate against me.

Now, if this were only naïve, I wouldn't bother to mock it.

But we know by now it's not naïve.

Any good cultural Marxist knows that protected classes are the new proletariat.

That's why the list grows ever longer. Race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, disability, color, creed, sexual orientation, gender identity.

And at OSCE, you're against "any" discrimination.

The radicals behind this strategy understand that if a government bans "any" discrimination without bothering to define it, that government will be able to enforce the provision against anyone, at any time, for any reason.

That, Mr./Madam Chairman, is totalitarianism.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "OSCE Commitments Relating to Gender Equality and Non-Discrimination: A Reference Guide Prepared for the OSCE Human Dimension Seminar on "Participation of Women in Public and Economic Life," Warsaw, 13-15 May 2003, available at https://www.osce.org/odihr/19575?download=true, retrieved September 20, 2018.

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The British arrest Tommy Robinson for filming a public trial of sex abusers, and the judge makes it illegal to report it.<sup>4</sup>

The Germans prosecute Michael Stürzenberger for posting a comment on a historical photo of a Nazi officer shaking hands with the then-Grand Mufti of Jerusalem.<sup>5</sup>

The Austrians convict Elisabeth Sabaditsch-Wolff for making the historically accurate claim that Mohammed consummating his marriage with Ayeesha at nine years old would technically make him a pedophile today in the West.<sup>6</sup>

In all three cases, these individuals were not just "discriminating" – against child rapists, Nazi-sympathizing Imams, and pedophilia, mind you – they were embarrassing their governments.

In the U.K., a former advisor to Tony Blair has acknowledged that his Labour Government opened the floodgates of third-world immigration from Sharia-supremacist countries to, and I quote, "rub the Right's nose in diversity and render their arguments out of date."<sup>7</sup>

In Germany, Angela Merkel agreed to do the same in 2015, and now even her own Interior Minister is trying to fix the catastrophe.<sup>8</sup> But don't you dare say so publicly or they'll arrest you.

In Austria, the last government continued to insist that borders remain open, and by the end of 2015 Austria had taken in more illegal aliens per capita than Germany or Sweden.<sup>9</sup>

Modalities for OSCE Meetings on Human Dimension Issues state that one of our objectives here is "refining and – if necessary including in order to meet new risks and challenges – further developing OSCE commitments."<sup>10</sup> Secure Freedom believes that it is necessary in order to meet new risks and challenges to further develop OSCE commitments with respect to discrimination.

Specifically, Secure Freedom recommends:

a. That Participating states revisit, *inter alia*:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Brian Doherty, "U.K. Arrests Anti-Muslim Activist Tommy Robinson for Livestreaming Outside a Trial," *Reason,* May 30, 2018, <u>https://reason.com/blog/2018/05/30/uk-arrests-anti-muslim-activist-for-film</u>, retrieved September 20, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> "Germany: Journalist Sentenced to Six Months Jail for Publishing Historic Photo," Vlad Tepes, August 187, 2017, <u>https://vladtepesblog.com/2017/08/18/germany-journalist-sentenced-to-six-months-jail-for-publishing-historic-photo/</u>, retrieved September 20, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Soeren Kern, "A Black Day for Austria," December 26, 2011,

https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/2702/sabaditsch-wolff-appeal, retrieved September 20, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Tom Whitehead, "Labour wanted mass immigration to make UK more multicultural, says former adviser," *The Telegraph (UK)*, October 23, 2009, <u>https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/6418456/Labour-wanted-mass-immigration-to-make-UK-more-multicultural-says-former-adviser.html</u>, retrieved September 20, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Soeren Kern, "Germany: Migration Deal Keeps Merkel in Power, For Now," July 4, 2018,

https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/12643/germany-migration-deal, retrieved September 20, 2018. <sup>9</sup> See Christa Pongratz-Lippitt, "Austria has a proud history of helping refugees – but for how much longer?" <u>https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/jun/10/austria-refugees-migration-crisis-eu</u>, retrieved September 20, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), 395th Plenary Meeting, PC Journal No. 395, Agenda item 4, "DECISION No. 476: MODALITIES FOR OSCE MEETINGS ON HUMAN DIMENSION ISSUES," 23 May 2002, available at <a href="https://www.osce.org/pc/13198?download=true">https://www.osce.org/pc/13198?download=true</a>, retrieved September 17, 2018.

- i. Copenhagen, 1990 (Par. 5 and 5.9)
- ii. Paris, 1990 (par. 3 and 5)
- iii. Istanbul Summit Declaration 1999 (par. 2)
- iv. Ministerial Council document, Porto, 2002
- v. Maastricht, 2003
- vi. Sofia, 2004
- vii. Ljubljana, 2005
- viii. Brussels, 2006
- ix. Madrid, 2007
- x. Athens, 2009
- xi. High Level conferences in Bucharest, 2007
- xii. Astana, 2010
- xiii. Tirana, 2013, and
- xiv. Berlin, November 2014; and
- b. That *inter alia* the U.K., Germany, and Austria amend their laws and entirely eliminate the government's power to prosecute dissenting speech, which all three have already abused.

Do it for Lee Osborne.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to speak.