

**Question for written answer E-001365/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Equal treatment and media freedom – questions on the prohibition of ‘Compact’ and the continued operation of ‘Indymedia’

The Minister for the Interior of the Federal Republic of Germany has just banned the magazine ‘Compact’ along with its online channels. In the light of the European Media Freedom Act, it is worrying that a publication such as ‘Compact’, which indeed disseminates controversial and sometimes aggressive content, is now banned, while a publication such as ‘Indymedia’, which calls for militant actions against political opponents, remains online. Thus, in the run-up to the State Parliament elections in Hessen last year, ‘Indymedia’ suggested that members and supporters of Antifa terrorise AfD candidates through ‘antifascist house visits’ or even the ‘destruction of campaign stalls’¹. This difference in treatment casts doubt on the equal treatment and respect for freedom of expression in the Member States of the European Union.

1. Is a measure such as the prohibition of ‘Compact’ in keeping with the European Media Freedom Act, and is it supported by the Commission?
2. Are any other similar actions by Member States to be expected?
3. In the light of the European Media Freedom Act, how does the Commission view the fact that the far-left website ‘Indymedia’, which regularly calls for violence against politicians, is not banned?

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¹ <https://jungfreiheit.de/politik/deutschland/2023/antifa-gewalt-afd-hessen>