

**Question for written answer E-003238/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Deteriorating rule of law situation in Germany

The US Department of State's 2024 Human Rights Report on Germany¹ paints a troubling picture of deteriorating rights in a Member State which is often portrayed as a model of EU values.

The report discussed the following, among other things:

- police raids on citizens' homes over online speech deemed 'misogynistic' or 'extremist';
- a doubling of antisemitic crimes in nine months, with an increase in physical assaults and desecration of cemeteries.

These examples affect rights directly protected under the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and cut across media freedom and minority protection – areas which the Commission claims to monitor in all Member States.

Given that the Rule of Law Report has in past years been used to publicly call out smaller Member States for far less:

1. Will the Commission confirm whether it will publish a quantitative, country-specific assessment of these trends for Germany in its next Rule of Law Report?
2. If not, how does the Commission justify applying different scrutiny standards to Germany compared to other Member States?
3. What legal or political considerations might prevent the Commission from issuing the same level of criticism towards a leading Member State than towards others?

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¹ <https://www.state.gov/reports/2024-country-reports-on-human-rights-practices/germany>.