



Friedrich Griess, alias Wilhelm Hofer, is telling lies and myths about „The Norwegians“ under a fake name on German television. The original picture from the program „Fliege spezial: – Sekten abhängig bis in den Tod“ from 21st April 1997 in ARD.

about the court cases involving

„The Norwegian Movement,“
 a Christian fellowship,
 represented in more than
 60 countries
 on every continent

AGAINST

Friedrich Griess,
 a self-proclaimed expert,
 who in several court cases has been
 ordered to give up distributing
 his numerous lies and defamatory
 statements about „The Norwegians.“

Three questions to put to the self-proclaimed expert:

- Who is Wilhelm Hofer?
- Why all this cowardice and pretence, Mr. Griess?
 A genuine expert stands by his statements and is willing to name himself. You, however, have got many faces....
- In five lawsuits you were ordered to stop spreading lies about the „Norwegian Movement“. Don't you think it is time to desist from any further defamatory statements?



In fact, each of us „Norwegians“ discussing in the media would never ever appear using a fake name. We are used to presenting our convictions and beliefs in an open manner.

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We are an independent Christian fellowship, often called „The Norwegian Movement“ after its country of origin, or „Smith’s Friends“ after its founder.

Our aim is to live according to such Christian values as righteousness, mercy, goodness etc. Our movement is founded upon biblical principles, such as caring for the weak, social work and tolerance. The preservation of the family values and obligations to the society in which we live are matters of prime importance to us.

For nearly 20 years we have been confronted with the fact that Mr. Friedrich Griess (Dip.Eng) has besmirched our group by the use of insulting and demonstrably untrue allegations.

Mr. Griess has a self-delusion that revolves around his daughter Wiltrud purportedly becoming psychologically ill because of the teachings of „Smith’s Friends“, and that she had been driven to attempt suicide. However when she first came in contact with the „Norwegians“, she was already very ill and at high risk of suicide.

Who we are and what we believe

We ask the reader of this brochure to grasp a clear picture both of our movement and also the battle Mr. Griess has waged against us without grounds over a number of years. Visit our website www.norweger.at

For more detailed information:

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Mr. Griess’s self-delusion
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- **The proceedings**
Griess before the Commercial Court
Legal documents 1,2,3,4
- **Griess and TV**
Complaint to ORF; his methods
The VERA broadcast
October 1996
- **Griess on German TV using a false name.**

Globally, there are approximately 30,000 members from over 60 countries in all continents, but there is no central organization.



The Background

The real reason for the psychiatric problems that the daughter mentioned in the ORF programme VERA, 3rd October 1996 in front of approximately 900,000 viewers, was „experiencing incest within the family.“

Also, the other allegations by Mr. Griess about „The Norwegian Movement“ stand in stark contrast to the opinions of professional people and statements by internationally-recognized theologians.

In the following pages the most important lawsuits and court cases will be documented in brief. In the meantime Friedrich Griess had to bear the responsibility of his lies in several lawsuits in the Vienna Commercial Court and subsequent court judgments. On these occasions Mr. Griess was several times instructed to refrain from his untrue allegations about „The Norwegians“. Otherwise he would have to pay a fine.

Griess in Court

1st lawsuit

Court case 17 Cg 15/96d in Vienna Commercial court. On 3rd December 1996 Griess was ordered, beginning from the day's date, to refrain from telling any more falsehoods and disparaging, untruthful allegations about the „Norwegians“. Since then Mr. Griess has on a world basis been forbidden from alleging that the „Norwegians“ enlist people by „flirty fishing“, and that instances of incest, adultery and fraud often occurred amongst them.

2nd lawsuit

Court case 17Cg 15/96d in Vienna Commercial Court. On 13th March 1997, beside having to pay 40,000 Austrian shillings, Griess was to refrain from his „self-delusion“ in connection with his daughter with regard to the „Norwegians“. Because of the nature of the court settlement, the exact details of this lawsuit will only be divulged on request to the editor of this information brochure.

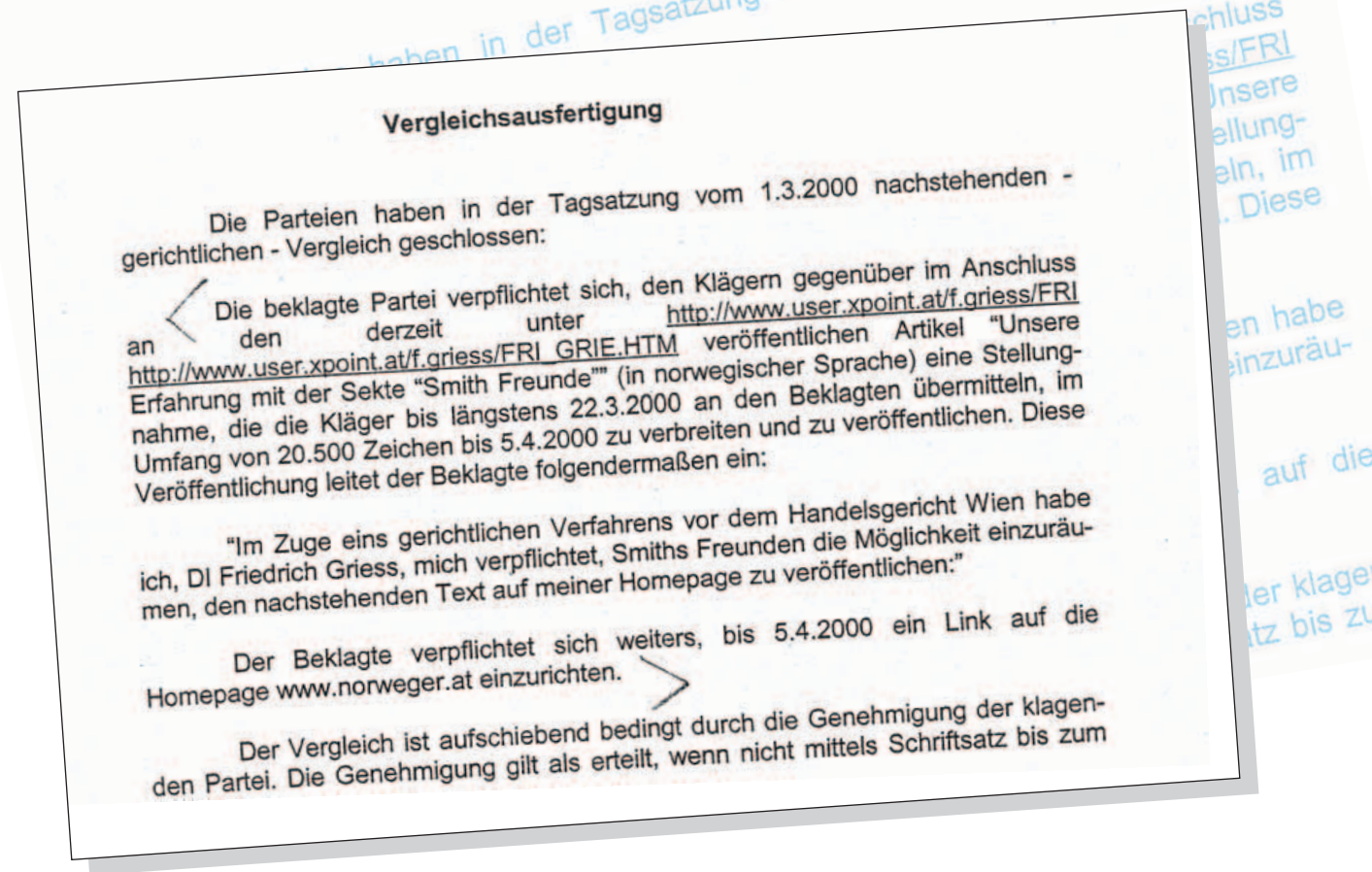
3rd Lawsuit

Court case 37 Cg 77/98 x in Vienna Commercial Court. On 9th Sept. 1998, in addition to paying approximately 60,000 Austrian Shillings, Griess was ordered to refrain from making any more of the following allegations that had been pulled completely out of thin air. If not he must pay a fine:

- That the suicide level amongst the „Norwegians“ is above the average.
- That the „Norwegians“ deliberately caused psychological harm to his daughter, leading to suicidal thoughts, and that such things are criminal.
- That there is such a reign of terror among the families belonging to „The Norwegian Movement“ that there are children who have had to flee from their homes.

4th Lawsuit

Court case 17 O 85/98 in the Stuttgart County Court in Germany. On 9th June 1998, in addition to paying the court costs, Griess was ordered to refrain from making the following allegation, quoted from the court protocol: „The defendant is ordered to refrain from making the allegation that the suicide rate inside the „Norwegian Movement“ is higher than the average of the population, and that this rate is doubly high amongst women“.



5th Lawsuit

Court case 37 CG 19/00y in Vienna Commercial Court. On 1st March 2000 Mr. Griess was ordered to publish a statement from the „Norwegians“ on his homepage. By order of the court, a link must be created to the homepage of „The Norwegian Movement“ - www.norweger.at.

6th Lawsuit

Judgment procedure GZ 8E 3407/00 w in Klosterneuburg District Court. On 4th December 2000 Griess had to appear in an expensive judgment procedure because he had not honoured the settlement decision of the Vienna Commercial Court. In conclusion, Griess had to remove an untrue account from his Norwegian homepage as well as all search engines (Google, Altavista, Yahoo) and archives.

Griess in Court

7th Lawsuit

Judgment procedure GZ 8 F 2687/02 s-3 in Klosterneuburg District Court. Having ignored a settlement decision in Vienna Commercial Court (allegation regarding incest) Mr. Griess had to pay a fine.

THE LATEST NEWS:

Despite all these judgments Mr. Griess continues his campaign against „The Norwegians“ with undiminished force. At present an extensive breach of copyright court case is in progress in Korneuburg County Court under GZ 16 Cg 115/02, where Griess, without permission from the publishers, Skjulte Skatters Forlag, has translated „The Norwegians“ brochures and published quotations which have been taken out of context.

Further information about „The Norwegians“, who are also called „Smith's Friends“, can be obtained via another, more comprehensive, information booklet, which can be ordered from the following email address: d.huemer@vip.at, or also on „The Norwegian Movement's“ homepage in Austria under the Internet address www.norweger.at.

See also www.brunstad.org

Despite the Court's ruling, the defendant has violated the law in the

Da der Verpflichtete dadurch gegen den obzitierten Vergleich verstoßen hat, dass er auf der von ihm gestalteten Homepage unter der Adresse 1 <http://griess.st1.at/sf.htm> „theologische und andere fachliche Stellungnahmen“ unter der Subunterschrift Friedrich Griess. Norweger-Bewegung, Berliner Dialog 3/95, durch Setzen eines Links auf einen von ihm selbst verfassten Text auf der Seite www.religio.de/dialog/395/395s16.html, sowie in dem verlinkten Text selbst behauptet, die (als „Smith Freunde-S.F.“ bezeichnete) Norweger Bewegung behauptet, „moralisch weit über den Mitgliedern aller sonstigen christlichen Konfessionen zu stehen, die sie verächtlich als „Anhänger der religiösen Parteien“ bezeichnen. Tatsächlich kommen aber bei ihnen selbst nach hier vorliegenden Berichten Inzest, Ehebruch, Betrug, Lüge und Brutalität häufig vor“, wird über ihn eine Geldstrafe von € 500,-- verhängt.

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Click on www.norweger.at for the topic Friedrich Griess to read the verbatim accounts of the judgements from the Vienna Commercial Court:

1. Settlement
Vienna Commercial Court
from 1.10.1996
2. Settlement
Vienna Commercial Court
from 3.12.1996
3. Settlement
Vienna Commercial Court
from 9.9.1998
4. Settlement
Vienna Commercial Court
from 1.3.2000

