

Department of Sociology

To whom it may concern:

I write to inform you of my contact with EXIT Deutschland.

I am engaged in a large comparative study of gender among extreme right wing groups. I have done interviews with active right wing extremists in the United States, but also interviewed 20 participants of EXIT Sweden, including the most notorious neo-Nazi, Jackie Arklof, currently serving a life sentence in Kumla prison.

I contacted EXIT Deutschland with the intention of interviewing some of their clients and staff who had been members of various neo-Nazi and right-wing extremist groups. They were extremely engaging and very professional, and arranged two days of activities and interviews with clients and staff. In all, I interviewed 8 participants.

On the basis of this interaction, I agreed to work with some of their own academic researchers in advising their research and participating myself. I would not have done so had there been any doubt at all about their level of professionalism and integrity.

If there is any other information I can provide, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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