

## Leseprobe

There are different kinds of hooligans, some of them use racist motives or nazi-motives, most of them just fight against the hooligan group belonging to the opposing football team.

Unfortunately do Nazi or racist hooligans a lot of harm to the German reputation: Germany has one of the worst reputations in Europe for far-right influence amongst its fans, An analysis of the political attitudes of German fans revealed that 20% feel close to neo-nazis.<sup>1</sup>

“There are small and medium-sized towns in Brandenburg or elsewhere where I would not advice those with a different skin colour to go. They might not get out alive.”<sup>2</sup>

The principal difficulty for the police in dealing with football hooliganism has been in differentiating between the hooligan and the ordinary football supporter, to find out who exactly the hooligans were.<sup>3</sup> Another problem is, that the hooligans from different countries are also different:

“ Both the extent and the nature of football-related violence are influenced by different historical, social, economic, political and cultural factors in different European countries.”<sup>4</sup>

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“ On the 15th April 1989, the worst tragedy in the history of British football took place at the Hillsborough Stadium, home of Sheffield Wednesday F.C. Ninety-six Liverpool fans were crushed to death on the terraces at the Leppings Lane End during the F.A. Cup Semi Final match between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest.”<sup>5</sup> “The death of a Paris St Germain fan following the 4-2 UEFA Cup defeat by Hapoel Tel Aviv 2006 has once more triggered a debate about how to rid soccer (football) of violence and racism.”<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Racism and football fans. 2006, Internet

<sup>2</sup> Football World Cup 2006—a multibillion-euro business. Internet

<sup>3</sup> Fact sheet 1, football and football hooliganism, Internet

<sup>4</sup> Football Violence and Hooliganism in Europe, Internet

<sup>5</sup> Fact Sheet 2: Football Stadia After Taylor, 1.3, Internet

<sup>6</sup> French League wants stadium bans to fight hooliganism, 05.12.2006. Internet