

Essay about hate speech by Dumeng Girell di Giovanoel

After years of counter speech experience I want to summarize some essential observations:

- It's a common strategy of politicians to target a certain person or group and attack them on a personal or in a disrespectful way. Often they do this in form of a dog whistle, so they couldn't be taken responsible for the following hate storm.
- Hate speech is often a form of one way communication.
- Solidarity with the victims of an hate storm is very important, such as in form of counter speech.
- The laws are right now (at least in Switzerland) not well suited to fight hate speech.