

Translated by Chat cpt:

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Meghan, Duchess of Sussex

I was the CEO of the municipal economic development agency in Soest (a small town of 50.000 inhabitants in Germany). I was outstandingly successful. In just under 4 years, I have increased the company's turnover from a good € 2 million to € 15.6 million per year while I reduced the number of employees from 25 to 22. I have developed three areas: a barracks that has been lying fallow for 30 years, a new greenfield commercial and industrial area and an industrial brownfield. Two of these projects I implemented completely, while driving the third far forward. I redesigned the management of the Guildhall in the sense of change management. I developed and established two new major annual inner-city events and significantly enlarged the Christmas market, which is very important for retail and gastronomy. Furthermore, I developed and established a regional food brand. In addition, there was the day-to-day business of economic development, city marketing, monthly inner-city events, the management of the Guildhall and the administration and leasing of the station building.

I am living openly as a lesbian. My partner for 17 years is a lawyer. She has the 2nd best graduation of her year in Bavaria, where the exams are the toughest in Germany. She holds a British MBA and is trained as a mediator. She has negotiated multi-100-million dollar-M&A-deals and has worked internationally. She is German without a migrant background. But she has a foreign surname due to her paternal grandfather coming from Kazan, the third biggest city of the Russian Federation and capital of the now Republic of Tatarstan. Tatars are a muslim Turkic people, and unfortunately, this is important to mention for the further understanding of our story. Claudia's grandfather had been a teenage soldier in the Russian army in WWI, was captured by the Germans and stayed

in Germany after having been released from war prison in 1918, as he could not return to his homeland after the Russian Revolution and the founding of the Soviet Union. He stayed in Germany, married a German woman, gave their children German names, raised them as Catholics and provided for a good education for all of them. So his assimilation was very successful and happened more than 100 years ago. My partner was born into the middle of German society. Both of her parents were German. She never even met her grandfather, since he had died before she was born. The only thing left of her grandfather's immigration history is her Tatar surname.

Despite my proven outstanding accomplishments the mayor systematically and purposefully spread false and defamatory statements targeted at removing me from office. His slanders were designed to misogynistically and homophobically stereotype me as “butch” and “dyke”, as non-bourgeois and aggressive.

When my imminent non-re-election was leaked to the local press thus prompting me to assume that the press also had comprehensive and in-depth knowledge of the mayor's slander, which I knew by then only in fragments distilled from the manifold rumours that had come to my knowledge, I published a differentiated interview I had given a local journalist.

In this interview I stated, inter alia, my conviction that my non-re-election to the office of CEO was fuelled in no small part by misogyny and homophobia.

Thereupon the city council terminated my contract with immediate effect deeming the aforementioned statement a false, malevolent and defamatory allegation of fact.

Here is the reasoning for why I am convinced that our story and the story of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex are similar:

- The Duke and the Duchess of Sussex describe in their Netflix documentary

that the Royal Family and the press could not stand a successful, bi-racial and feminist woman.

When we described to a Council member of Soest in December 2019 how distressing the Council's dealings with us were, this Council member analysed our account as follows: "Soest is and remains a tranquil town. Its established citizens have a hard time with people who fall out of the traditional and anchored role models. [...] Successful, lesbian, feminist women fall out of these role models and sometimes cause alienation," wrote the councillor to us.

This is an analysis almost word-for-word similar to the assessment of the situation of the Duchess of Sussex. Only the types of group-related contempt for humanity were different in our case: it was not intersectional discrimination from misogyny and racism, but from misogyny and homophobia. What was not mentioned in the letter of the council member, but was soon added was "racism", so in Soest it was about intersectional discrimination from misogyny, homophobia and (indirect) racism.

- In the UK, the palace and the press colluded. The offices of members of the Royal Family have deliberately leaked stories to the press and even testified in court without being asked, against the Duchess.

Throughout my tenure, the local press violated journalistic principles. They had a close, even intimate connection to the supervisory board of my company, the town council and especially to the entourage of the mayor. Thus, press campaigns directed against me were not stopped or even get started from there, confidential internal matters discussed in meetings of the supervisory board were leaked to the press in violation of

the board members' obligation of confidentiality, moreover with a false spin directed against me and my non-re-election was leaked to the press in violation of the obligation of confidentiality, the duty of loyalty and care and my personell data protection. The day after publication of my interview, the local newspaper adopted the narratives of the mayor and his entourage – knowing full well that these narratives were wrong – and remains silent to this day about the planned and targeted lies of the non-re-election campaign.

- The Duchess and I were accused of treating our staff badly. In both cases, we were denied the specification of the alleged bad treatment, allegedly to protect the employees, but we were also deprived of the chance to expose the allegations as slander.

- The pictures drawn by the Duchess and myself and my partner are similar.

The Duchess is characterized as pushy, difficult and straight outta Compton, I as bold, with an inappropriate tone, with a foreign partner who had a too Slavic face [Association in Nazi Germany: "Untermensch" (sub-human), wrong in the matter: neither the facial features, nor the surname are Slavic, but Turk], nor is she a foreigner. So, just like the Duchess, we were portrayed as aggressive, proletarian, not bourgeois, inferior.

- In the UK, there was one culprit in particular: the Duchess. The Duchess was portrayed as the one who manipulated the Duke and the Duke as the one who was so addicted to his wife that he were blind to this manipulation.

In Soest, council members portrayed my partner as the "man" in our relationship and combined this with the

"fear" that she was the secret CEO of my company thus alleging that I let myself be manipulated by her.

The Duke and I were suggested: You are actually one of us, the good guys. Wake up, realize how you are being manipulated, turn away from your respective partners, then there is a way back into this society for you.

- The Duke says that despite his many experiences in the Commonwealth, he only understood how everyday racism works alongside his wife. That's what happened to me at my partner's side. Until then, I had believed that racism did not play a major role in Germany. But unfortunately, that's not true, it's an everyday experience and it is all over the place.

When I cross the EU-boarder with my partner, I am not checked by border control, but my partner's passport is scanned and then its number is entered into a computer, her suitcase is searched – every time.

When she is invited to an interview, she is told that because of her outstanding academic credentials and interesting CV they wanted to treat themselves to getting to know her, but they could not hire her because their clients would not accept a lawyer with such a surname she could not become a partner. In a recent employment certificate, it is even declared that her German language skills are excellent –which is an absurd wording in the employment certificate of a German without a migrant background.

Only a few months ago at a doctor's office, she was even asked by the doctor's assistant – to whom she had shown her German passport for registration - how she got a German first

name – answer: because her parents are German.

In the Soest city council, it was apparently discussed on a broad front whether the face of my partner is too Slavic – too Slavic for what? To become a member of the so-called Soest city society? The council members did not even ask where the name and facial features came from, since – as you know – she has no Slavic background. And for Germans, it is also easy to recognize that the surname of my partner has no Slavic origin. But nevertheless, they imputed my partner of having a Slavic background and – by doing so chose an adjective (Slavic) that is– due to German history- badly associated with the expression „Untermensch“ (Nazi terminology with the meaning „subhuman“) and thus triggers a whole chain of associations of inferiority.

When we described the racism in court, the supervisory board was outraged and claimed their members were not "xenophobic". But my partner is a German citizen without a migration background. So the council members did not have to be "foreigner-friendly". But my partner's surname was apparently enough for the council members to mark her as a foreigner. We had accused them of racism, not xenophobia, and by choosing the term xenophobia they proved that we were right.

- The Duke describes how - in the beginning – he was thinking in the eyes of the institution. Showing up at an event and being on time was more important than his wife's well-being. He stated in their documentary that he hates himself for this today.

The Duke and the Duchess also held that their consultants in the UK also downplayed the situation. The Duchess

says in the documentary: „This promise of ‘once you’re married, don’t worry, it’ll get better, once they get used to you it’ll get better, of course it’ll get better.’“

That's exactly how I feel. I have always demanded of my partner not to defend herself against the discrimination in Soest, to give up her agency and to grin and bear it. I put her off by saying that the people in Soest would get used to us and our relationship, we just had to be patient.

And I also protected neither her nor myself, I smiled away every attack. I loved my job so much that I didn't want to see how depressed and even suicidal my partner became in Soest.

But neither in Soest nor in their case, things improved over time. The Duchess states in the documentary: „But truth be told, no matter how hard I tried, no matter how good I was, no matter what I did, they were still going to find a way to destroy me.“

In the story of the Duchess the mood changed when the couple made an acclaimed trip to Australia. The Duke says in the documentary: “The issue is when someone who's marrying in, who should be a supporting, a supporting act, is then stealing the limelight, or is doing the job better than the person who is born to do this. That upsets people. It shifts the balance.”

One Twitter user sums it up like this: " The evidence confirms that M and H did all they could to make it work with the royal family but nothing was ever enough. They expected the worst of M and when they realized she was the best of all of them they hated her even more."

It was the same with me: no matter how friendly and affectionate I was, no matter how much I smiled away the attacks, no matter how much motivation and dedication for my job I showed (I worked 7 days a week from getting up to going to bed with almost no vacation), no matter how successful I was, the Soest city society demonstrated that we had no place in Soest.

It was even the other way around: the more visible my outstanding successes became, the more the mayor and his entourage tried to find - but to no avail - incriminating evidence against me. This infuriated them even more.

Thus the narrative of the “aggressive woman” gained considerable traction after one of the great moments of my term of office: When an investor refused to pay a purchase price in order to obtain concessions worth millions and the mayor and his entourage wanted to give in, I remained unimpressed by the blackmail of the investor, left him on the sidelines and enforced the payment of the purchase price against his will, they had to mask their weakness and downplay my strength. They therefore spread the narrative of the “aggressive woman”. And when the re-election date approached and still no reason for me not being re-elected had been found, additional supervisory board meetings were convened, in which I was -literally- beaten up verbally without cause and false and defamatory statements were spread.

- A person or institution accused of discrimination has suffered far more than a person who has been the victim of discrimination.

In the UK and worldwide, the press is relatively unanimous in their opinion that the Duke and the Duchess are

traitors who publicly wash dirty laundry and endanger the existence of the royal family: outrageous. "Outrageous" and "unprecedented", the mayor stated indignantly in the local press after my incriminated interview.

In the UK, however, it was the royal family and allegedly the press office of the now Prince of Wales that instrumentalized the press to get rid of the Duchess— no matter what. And in Soest, it was the mayor, his entourage and supposedly other council members who had instrumentalized the local press to remove me, an openly lesbian woman, from office despite my outstanding achievements and me and my partner from the so-called Soest city society.

So why should the victims, of all people, remain silent and only speak behind the scenes, when it was the perpetrators who had instrumentalized the press?

If the British monarchy is damaged, it is supposedly because the royal family is misogynist, racist and unwilling to come to terms with its past in the colonial era. And if the image of the city of Soest is damaged, it is because the city's society and the city council tolerate and protect a mayor who is lying in office and in court and is in denial of and unwilling to reflect and tackle social problems such as misogyny, homophobia and racism.

- It is typical for people who resist to be discredited as bad, mad, and/or sad.

"Bad" was already explained. When Prince Harry released his memoir, it was reported not only that he had been a happy man before meeting Meghan, but now he is depressed (sad) and that he had gone insane: "Royal family thinks Prince Harry has been 'kidnapped

by a cult of psychotherapy and Meghan'."

At the same time, I was also accused of being insane. I was even threatened with having my lack of criminal responsibility or incapacity to be sued, meaning my mental incapacity, assessed in court.

- Dehumanization:

Harry and Meghan repeatedly describe the effects that the constant violation of their privacy and the continuous smear campaigns have on their mental health. But even when Meghan was pregnant, even when she was at risk of suicide, the press continued, and to this day they still escalate the situation.

We have also openly communicated to the Soest City Council what they are doing to us, that they are destroying my reputation, my career, and my financial existence, that we will lose my family home, that my partner has open wounds on her hands and head, and that her mental health is severely affected to the point of suicide risk. Yet, the members of the City Council still add insult to injury by engaging in open victim-blaming and devaluing our competencies and achievements.

- Maximum Punishment

Harry and Meghan were subjected to maximum punishment. Their financial resources were cut off, security services were removed, all official roles were stripped away, and Harry even lost his uniform.

I was terminated with immediate effect, denied a reference, unpaid for my vacation and overtime claims, and my reputation in the newspaper and my

Wikipedia entry was tarnished, making it highly likely that I will never secure employment again and will suffer from long-term financial hardship.

- The Royal Family refuses to reflect on themselves and take responsibility. They don't even have an idea why Harry & Meghan fled from Harry's home country and his role. When Harry allegedly suggested mediation, Camilla is said to have choked on her tea.

The same way in Soest: Since the day of the escalation, I have repeatedly proposed mediation to work through what happened and why, but they refused.

So I had to handle the processing on my own. And because the supervisory board and the city council refused to engage in conversation, I informed them in writing about what I discovered. I wrote countless emails and tried to show them what happened and is still happening, sending numerous examples and references to literature. But all I received was silence. On the contrary, discrimination was repeatedly intensified:

- I explained to them that belittling the achievements of women is a typical misogynistic behavior. And promptly, the supervisory board stated that my performance record was inaccurate and that my successes were merely windfall profits due to favorable market

conditions.

- I explained to them that what is admired in men as assertiveness is considered aggression in women. And promptly, the supervisory board accused me of being audacious and claimed my tone was inappropriate.
- We described the racist discriminations, and promptly, the supervisory board asserted that its members were not hostile towards foreigners, thereby confirming that they considered my life partner, a German without an immigrant background, as a foreigner based on her last name. This, however, was racist.

The members of the supervisory board and the city council were and still are unreachable. In an interview, the Duke of Sussex says that addressing and reconciling would not only be beneficial for him and Meghan but also for the Royal Family. I am also convinced that addressing and taking responsibility would not only enable a future for me and my life partner but also be good for the community of Soest.

- One thing is different about our stories: in your story the courts were working properly so far. In our story all legal authorities are failing miserably..

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