



Dear Sir/Madam,

Amsterdam 08/31/2025

[Subject: Open letter to the D66 party leadership regarding the glorification of SS symbols.](#)

Attachment: [Screenshot](#) Handing out fries in a destroyed city with a politician

I respectfully request your attention to the fact that on March 1, 2024, a politician from your party glorified SS symbols in the presence of French fry vendors from Brabant and has not distanced himself from this action to this day. As is clearly visible, Mr. Paternotte is standing behind SS symbols handing out French fries. The black and red Bandera flag is also visible.

The Banderists were responsible for the mass murders of Poles in Volhynia. Glorifying these SS symbols in a display case undermines the collective European memory on the basis of which we should have learned that everyone must be treated equally. After all, SS ideology leaves no room for pluralism, diversity, or multilingualism and is at odds with European values in general. In particular, it undermines the human rights of minorities and is therefore incompatible with the principles of the rule of law and democracy.



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In 2016, the Foundation conducted an <https://stemtegen.eu> campaign on the Ukraine referendum in response to the report "Treason to Law " Online [https://language-rights.eu/TREASON TO LAW.pdf](https://language-rights.eu/TREASON_TO_LAW.pdf)

As a stakeholder, this harms my cause, as the SS ideology (*ethnic cleansing of vulnerable historical minorities*) is glorified by equating an unambiguous symbol of hatred with the humanitarian nature of food. This behavior, which I consider to be thuggish, is unworthy of a democratic party.

It is a disaster that Ukraine, with its exaggerated chauvinism, is simply reducing the vulnerable Hungarian minority in Transcarpathia to collateral damage in the conflict with Russia, and that there are fears for the survival of this minority, despite a letter to the [UN](#) calling on EU candidate member Ukraine to respect the [rights](#) of its minorities.

Yours sincerely,

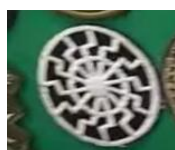
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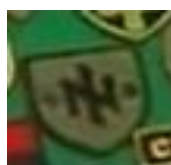
Appendix 1: Jan Paternotte hands out French fries behind SS symbols. Online on 3.11



Navigate to <https://www.youtube.com/> Search for "**Handing out fries in a destroyed city with Dutch politician**" Direct link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7yz_qoUUuU&t=165s See also <https://wnl.tv/2024/03/01/d66-tweede-kamerlid-jan-paternotte-bakt-friet-in-oekraïne> ([Screenshot](#))



SS Sonnenrad ⁽¹⁾ as used by Himmler in the Obergruppenführersaal in [Wewelsburg](#) Castle. The deliberate display of SS symbols promotes National Socialist ideology **by definition**. After all, the **SS** stood for the destruction of minorities in particular. ([137c](#)) visible almost everywhere ([Source: 1 / 2 / 3 / 4](#))



AZOV version ⁽²⁾ of "**SS Panzerdivision Das Reich**" The [wolfsangel](#) was also used by the [NSB](#) (Dutch Nazi party); it is a symbol of hatred. This SS unit was **convicted of war crimes such as Ouradour-Sur-Glane**. Glorifying SS symbols promotes an attitude in which discriminating against minorities is seen as socially acceptable. ([Source: 1](#) [2](#) [3](#))



Flag of [OUN/UPA/BANDERA](#), a symbol of hatred. The Banderists are responsible for **the mass murder of Poles in Volhynia**, where churches were set on fire. Men, women, and children were brutally murdered. <https://volhyniamassacre.eu/> This has been made into a film <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6068960/>

Appendix 2: Does the Ukrainian language law threaten French fry cooks?

Online at https://language-rights.eu/PATATJE_VREDE.pdf