

Frauke Brosius-Gersdorf Corpus

Corpus composition

This corpus from the Digital Impoliteness project brings together comments classified as attacks on legal scholar Frauke Brosius-Gersdorf during the controversy surrounding her nomination to Germany's Federal Constitutional Court in 2025. Public debate included challenges to her views on the decriminalization of abortion and allegations of plagiarism in her doctoral thesis. This selection makes it possible to examine how political and legal disagreement was expressed through assessments of her competence and suitability for the position.

The comments were extracted from a YouTube video published by the German investigative programme Monitor. The report examined the involvement of far-right and religious groups in the controversy. In the Frauke Brosius-Gersdorf Corpus, the comments classified as attacks appear in their original form, predominantly in German, aligned with English and Portuguese translations in the multilingual corpus available on Sketch Engine. Table 1 presents the collection figures and the composition of the corpus.

Table 1 – Corpus composition

YouTube video	Episode	Comments collected in the study	Comments after processing	Attacks in the corpus
1l4-1vsSA0Y	Controversy surrounding Frauke Brosius-Gersdorf's nomination to Germany's Federal Constitutional Court.	3,213	3,173	193

Source: Digital Impoliteness project.

Accessing the corpus

The trilingual corpus was prepared for aligned searching on Sketch Engine, with 193 corresponding segments in German, English and Portuguese. To request access, email impolidezdigital@gmail.com and provide the email address registered with the platform.

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Research based on the corpus

Work	Corpus selection
OLIVEIRA, Ana Larissa Adorno Marciotto; DO AMARAL, Marcelo Parreira; MIRANDA, Monique Vieira. "Then She Could Work as a Housewife": Gendered Impoliteness and Institutional Distrust in Populist Discourse. Submitted for publication.	The study examines how attacks on Frauke Brosius-Gersdorf draw on assessments of moral, intellectual and professional unfitness, as well as gender expectations.