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ABSTRACT

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The following contents provide a comprehensive legal background to the incitement to violence exception to freedom of speech in the United States. Following this discussion, this paper compares general German legal doctrine and codes regarding incitement to violence to their American counterparts. This paper was first written in German with the intention of informing a German audience on this specific topic. The original paper has been translated to English with an additional appendix that recommends simple policy changes to the current status for an American audience.

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