



ROYAL NORWEGIAN EMBASSY

The Ambassador

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Mr. Alexis Papachelas
"The Files" Program
SKAI TV
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Dear Mr. Papachelas,

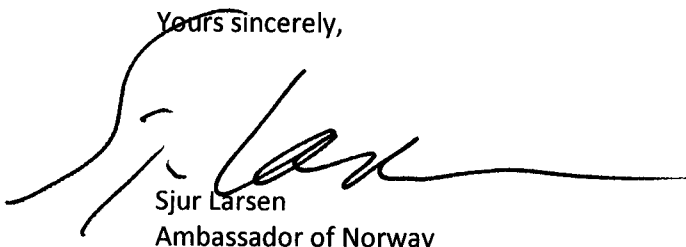
It has come to our attention that Mr Pangalos, a former Foreign Minister of Greece, has publicly stated on your channel on Tuesday 23th October that he believes the Norwegian Progress Party has a neo-nazi ideology and that 25 per cent of the Norwegian population supports Hitler. We cannot let such outrageous and grossly incorrect statements pass without comment.

Firstly, the Norwegian Progress Party is a democratic party that has no relation to Nazism/neo-Nazism. It has a typical liberalist ideology. Please feel free to find out more on the Progress Party's home pages: http://www.frp.no/no/Andre_sprak/English/Principles/

Secondly, to assert that a large part of the Norwegian population supports Hitler's ideology is clearly absurd. Like Greece, Norway was occupied by Germany during World War II, and many Norwegians fought the Nazis throughout the war. Today, the bilateral relations with Germany are excellent, and there is no recognizable support for any extreme nationalistic ideology in Norway.

We would expect that a former Foreign Minister would know better than making such strange statements. We kindly ask you to publicize this response from the Norwegian Embassy in Athens.

Yours sincerely,



Sjur Larsen
Ambassador of Norway

Cc: Mr. Theodoros Pangalos