



Hate Speech & Freedom of Information on Audivisual Media

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## Freedom & Responsibility

Freedom of information: pillar of democracy

Hate speech: risk to social peace and safety

Regulators' duty: find the balance







# Challenges of Hate Speech

#### When Words Become Harmful

- > Incites hostility, discrimination and violence
- > Serious risk in diverse societies
- > Requires strong measures









# Ethical Guidelines for Media

Responsibility in Broadcasting:

- > Editorial freedom + accountability
- > Avoid amplifying hate speech
- Protect vulnerable groups
- > Self-regulation & codes of conduct





## Freedom of Information: A Fun<mark>damental Right</mark>

- ➤ European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR)
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)
- Constitution of the Republic of Türkiye







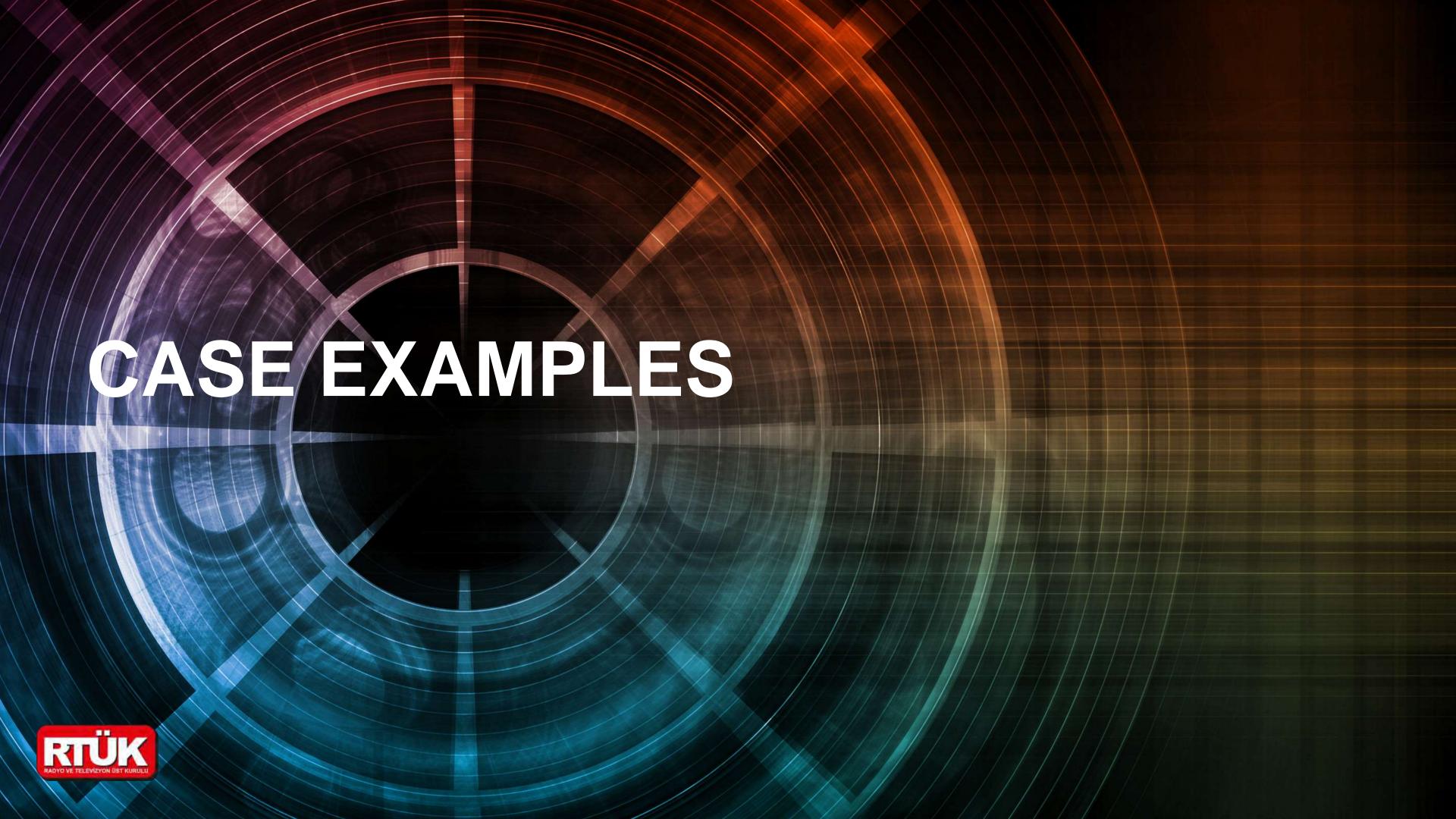
# RTÜK's Legal Framework

Law No. 6112 RTÜK

- Licensing & monitoring authority
- > Prohibition of hate speech & incitement
- > Sanctions: warnings, fines, suspension
- > No prior censorship judicial review









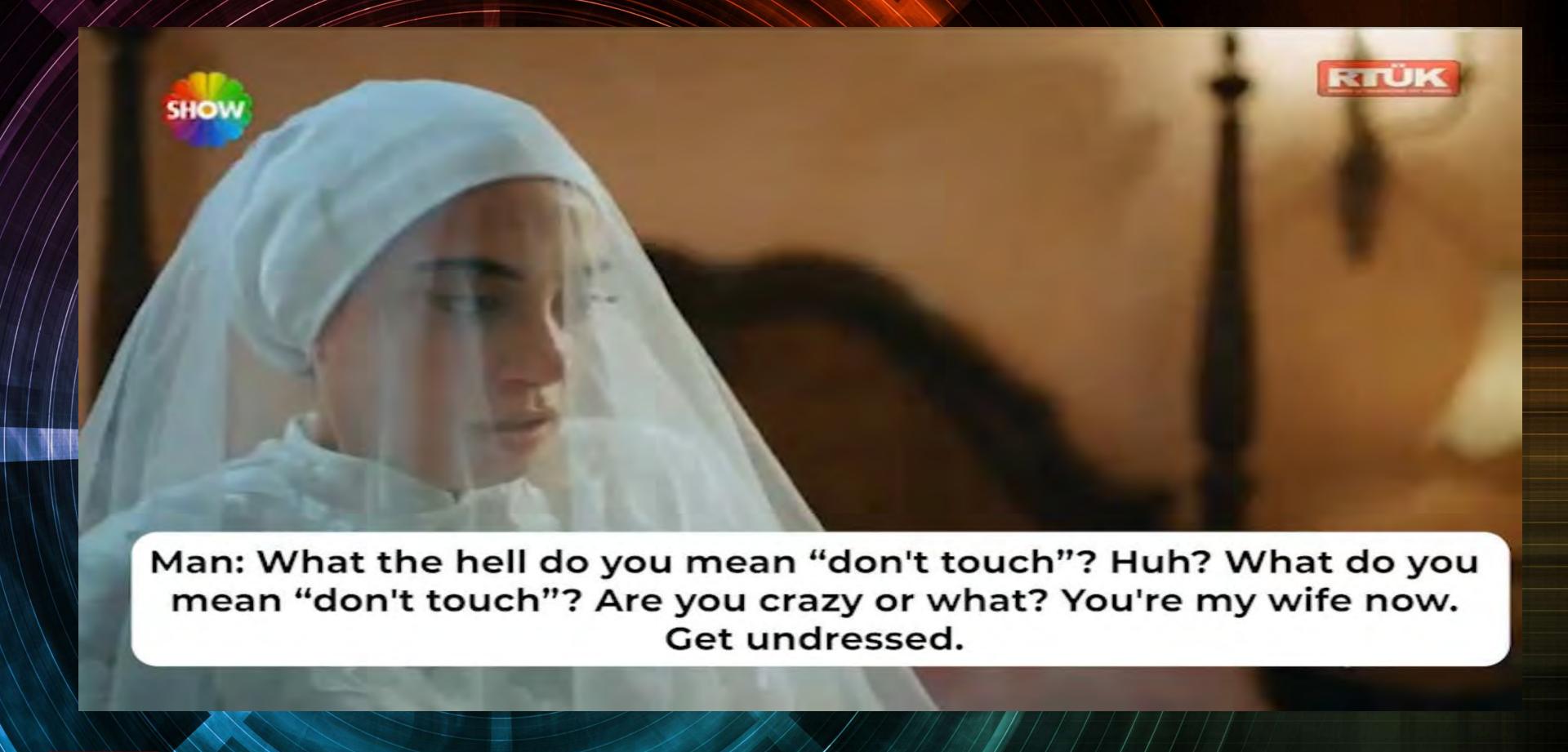




Ahmet Çakar: If you Turkish referees are honorable and dignified, and if you would referee even a single match on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday in Türkiye, may God curse you. You're dishonorable if you do.

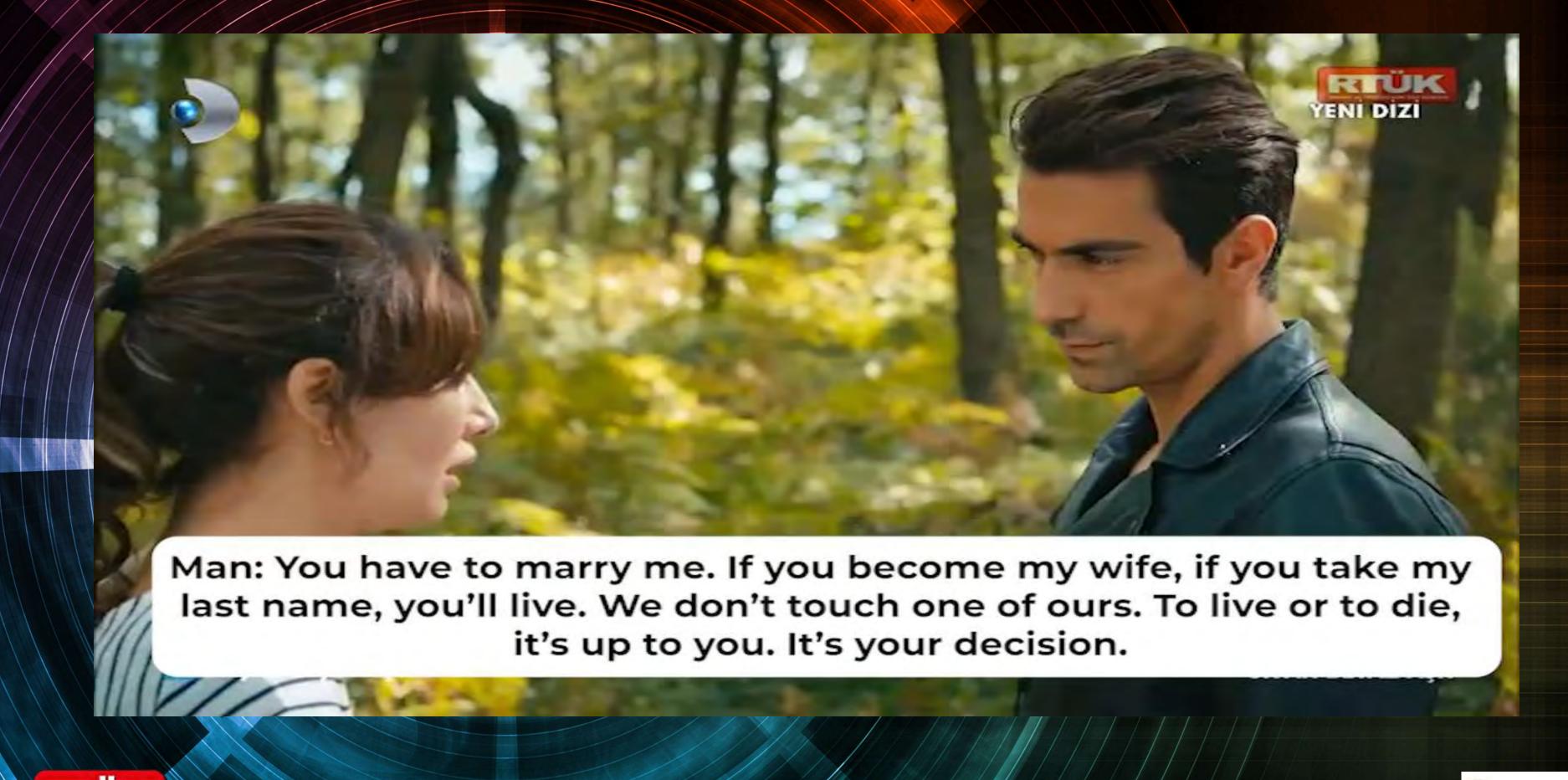






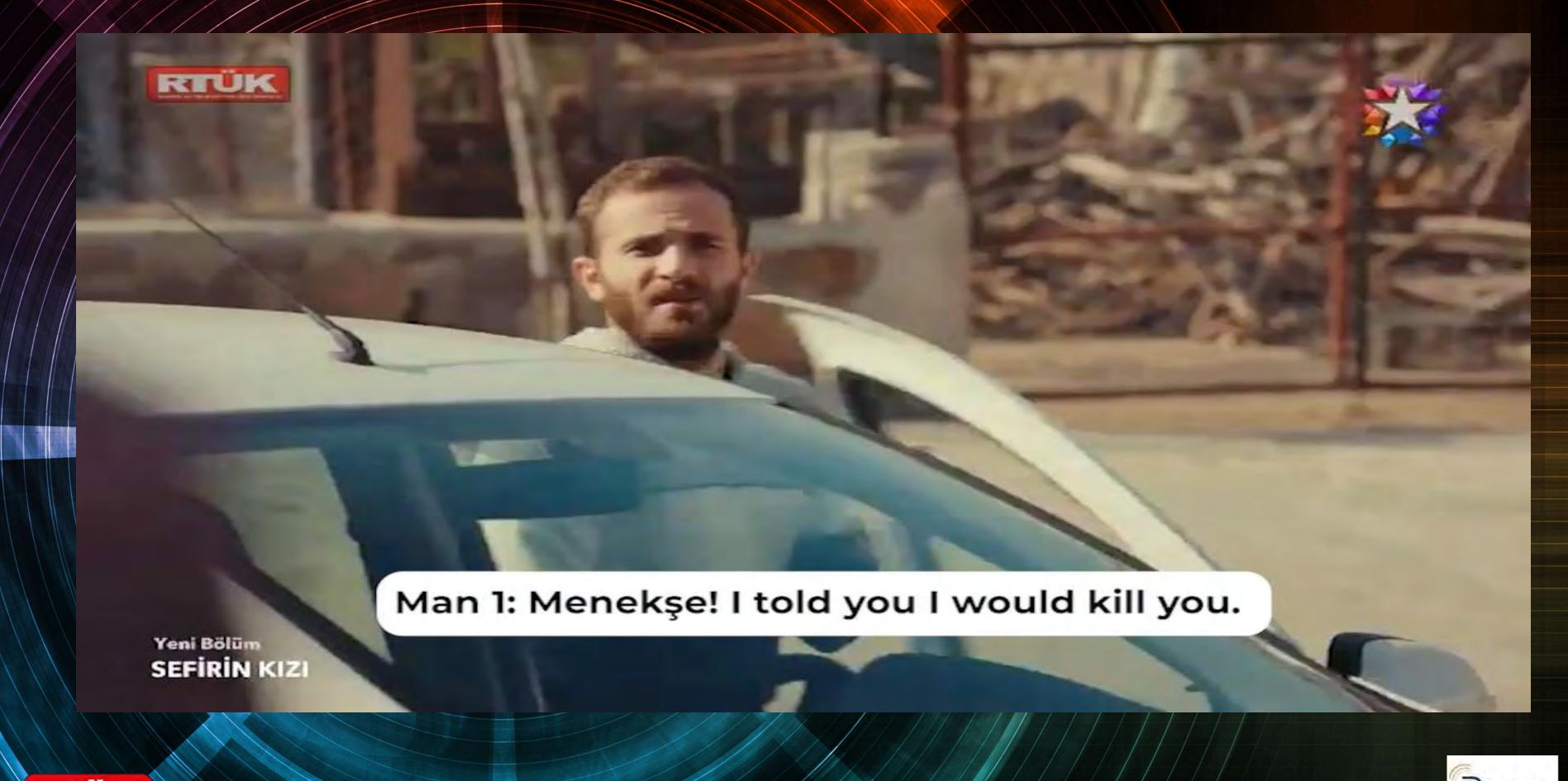














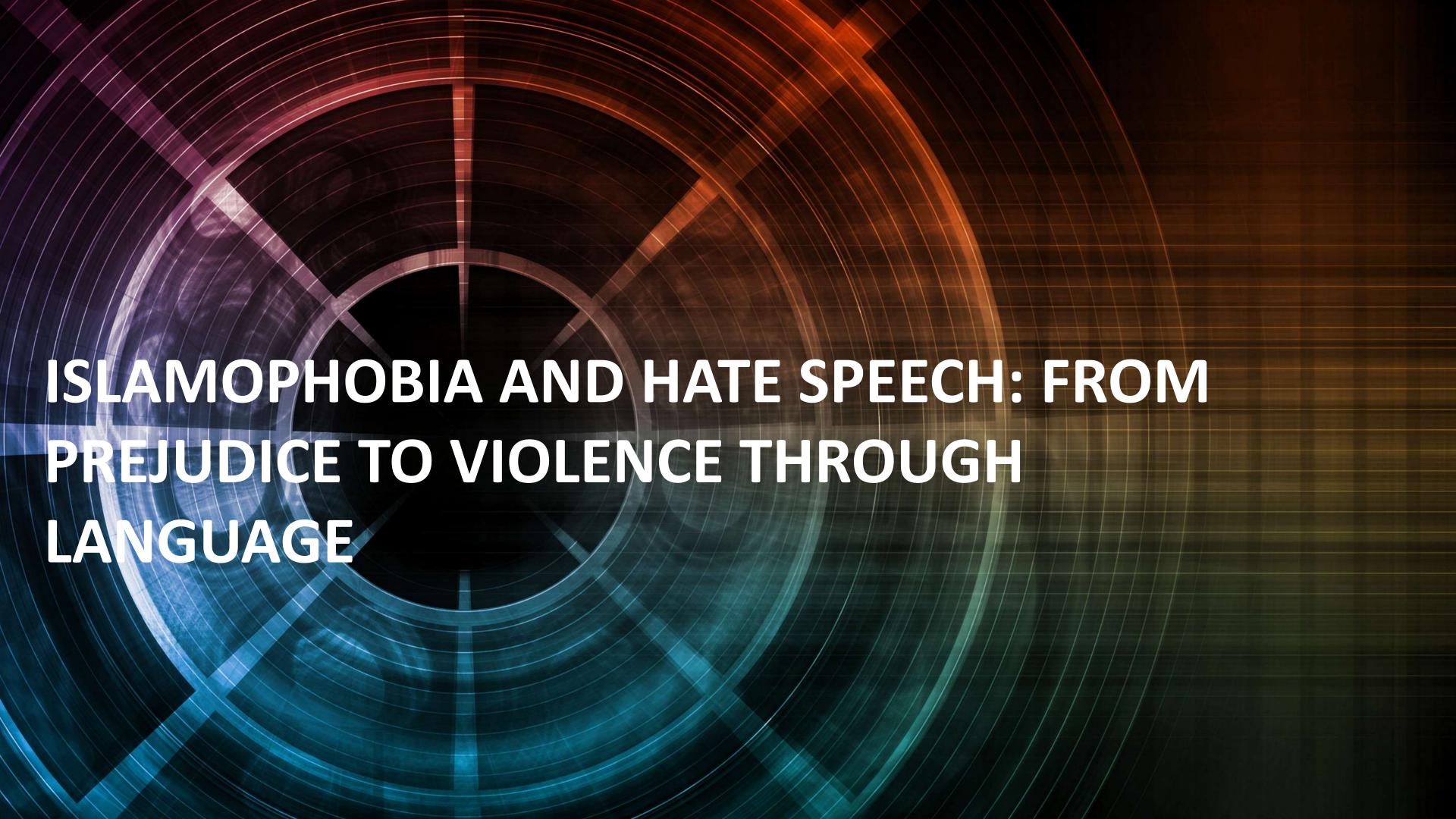




Prof.Dr.Necmettin ÜNAL: Especially, some of the audience who gave feedback mentioned refugees. About the incompatibility of refugees, especially in Yalova and Istanbul...







# ISLAMOPHOBIA AND HATE SPEECH

Islamophobia fuels prejudice and discrimination against Muslims, while hate speech is the verbal and systematic expression of these prejudices.

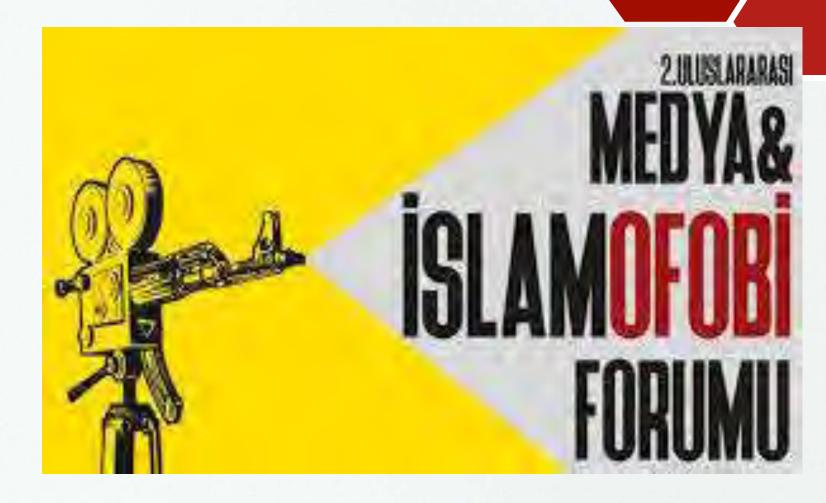
Islamophobic ideas are legitimized by hate speech, and hate speech forms the basis for violence and exclusion. Thus, Islamophobia is both the cause and the consequence of hate speech.

















### GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF TÜRKİYE (TBMM) Human Rights

### Investigation Committee Sub-Commission on Islamophobia and

#### Racism



In a presentation to the Subcommittee on Human Rights, Islamophobia and Racism of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, according to data from the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (2024), Similarly, 47% of Muslims are subjected to racism and discrimination.





#### VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN



RTÜK published 'Ethical Principles' on March 8, 2024 on the grounds that violence against women in the media negatively affects the understanding of discrimination and equality."







## Conclusion

## Freedom with Responsibility

Together we safeguard the democracy and human dignity...





