

Abstract

Ultras rank among the most loyal supporters of their clubs, but these movements are also often the subject of controversy, whether because of their radical right-wing views or violence in stadiums. The German supporter scene is specific, as many of the local ultras supporting football clubs fight against commercialisation, globalisation and are not characterised by right-wing views. This thesis discusses one of the most important fan groups in Germany, *Schickeria München*. *Schickeria* supports the football club FC Bayern Munich, which could be described as the richest and most successful German team. The club is run by its former players or businessmen and officials, who occasionally make decisions that conflict with *Schickeria*'s views. Fans and management are thus in many situations at odds with each other, debating the future direction and values of the club. Using the example of the relationship between *Schickeria* and the club's management, the concept of critical loyalty is illustrated, which to a large extent describes the fans' attitude towards the actions of their club.