

Mentioning worker's body odor isn't discriminatory

A Muslim IT manager sued for national-origin discrimination, claiming that he was fired for what his supervisor considered poor personal hygiene, not poor performance. His evidence: The supervisor had confronted him about his body odor. A federal court tossed out the case, saying a reasonable jury would not find such comments to be race-based. (Hannoon v. Fawn Engineering Corp., No. 02-2078, 8th Cir., 2003)