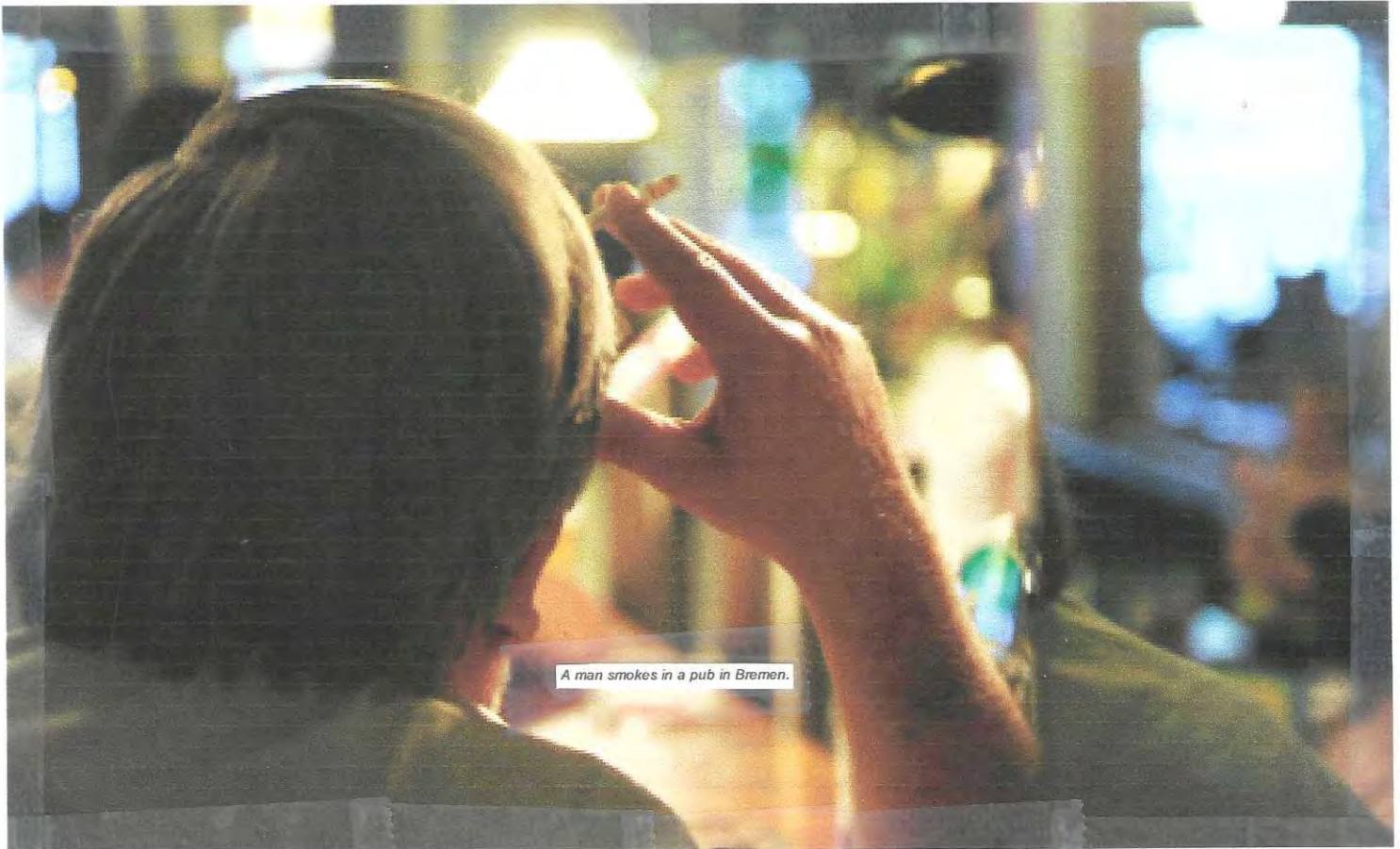


DEUTSCHER LEBENSTIL UND DEUTSCHE KULTUR (German Lifestyle and Culture)

7 things Germans do that make foreigners feel awkward



A man smokes in a pub in Bremen.

7. Political incorrectness

Perhaps because the US and Britain have such long histories of inward migration, the words Germans use can seem outdated to us.

For example, German citizens whose parents or even grandparents came from Turkey are still often referred to simply as "Turks" rather than Germans.

And Americans who find costumes like "Red Indian" and blackface offensive may also be surprised to find these readily available in dress-up shops in Germany, where people might not understand the cultural significance.

But then the fact that our countries are busily finding ways of pushing immigrants back out the door, while Germany has taken in hundreds of thousands of refugees, might make us think that language isn't so important after all.