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Motions

Round 1

"Performative engagement" refers to the act of publicly supporting a social cause through actions that primarily aim to appear supportive and politically correct, often on social media, without a genuine commitment to deeper involvement.

THBT performative engagement with social movements brings more harm than good

Round 2

THBT schools should prioritize humanities programs over STEM

Round 3

THR the notion of separating art from the artist

Round 4

THW establish a permanent host city for the Winter Olympics and a permanent host city for the Summer Olympics

Semifinals

TH regrets the societal expectation that parenthood should take priority over maintaining friendships

Finals

The European Union (EU) is a political and economic bloc that upholds human rights as a core value while also supporting economic stability and trade. These commitments often conflict, such as when the EU maintains economic ties with countries accused of human rights violations (e.g., China, Saudi Arabia) or when member states (e.g., Hungary, Poland) face criticism for democratic backsliding but still receive economic benefits.

THBT that the EU's commitment to human rights should take precedence over economic considerations.