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FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Freedom of speech is a fundamental democratic principle and an essential component of an open and free society. Everyone should have the right to express themselves without state control.

But there are growing concerns surrounding misinformation, hate speech, online abuse and the misuse of digital platforms in modern society.

Should freedom of speech and expression be absolute without any legal, social or institutional restrictions?

Is there a need to balance the protection of individual freedoms with the responsibility to safeguard public order, social cohesion and the well-being of citizens?

Does the digital age make it more or less important to protect or restrict freedom of speech?

Is absolute freedom of speech directly or indirectly responsible for anti-social behaviour?

Motion

THIS HOUSE BELIEVES THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO RESTRICTIONS ON FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND EXPRESSION

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The rapid development and increasing use of Artificial Intelligence technologies across education, healthcare, business, public administration and everyday life is evident.

Opportunities presented by Artificial Intelligence for innovation, economic growth and improved public services, sit alongside concerns relating to privacy, employment, misinformation, accountability and ethical use.

Who should bear the responsibility of ensuring that Artificial Intelligence is developed and used responsibly, transparently and in a manner that protects the public interest and safeguards the well-being of the individual?

Is there a need for appropriate regulation and oversight of Artificial Intelligence technologies in Gibraltar, including safeguards relating to data protection, transparency, ethical standards and public accountability.

Motion

THIS HOUSE BELIEVES THAT THERE SHOULD BE STRICT REGULATIONS AND CONTROLS OVER THE USE OF AI IN SCHOOLS AND THE WORKPLACE.

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VOTING AGE

Individuals aged sixteen and above may already undertake certain legal responsibilities, including employment and taxation.

Lowering the voting age would expand democratic participation and encourage greater political engagement amongst younger citizens.

Sixteen-year-olds may not be responsible enough to vote, they may lack sufficient political knowledge.

Should educators, youth organisations and the wider public have a say in fixing the voting age.

Motion

THIS HOUSE BELIEVES THAT THE VOTING AGE SHULD BE LOWERED FROM EIGHTEEN TO SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE.