R8 A4: Addressing the Structural Issues Underlying the Tide of Disinformation

Proposers FYEG Executive Committee

Motion text

From line 53 to 55:

- Recognition that media organisations are part of the infrastructure of democracy and should be run for the benefit of society, not for limited private and personal gain
- Recognition of independent journalism as an integral part of open and democratic societies. Journalistic independence needs to be protected and cannot be curtailed neither by states nor by corporate entities.

Reason

We want to avoid giving the impression that the only media entities that are acceptable to us are not-for-profit organisations or charities, especially as journalism is a profession that is notoriously underpaid and in which it is very difficult to make a living. We want to stress that journalism needs to be independent, both from the state as well as corporate influences.