R1 AM1: Media freedom and independence under attack

Proposers Young Greens of England and Wales

Motion text

Insert from line 88 to 89:

- have any politically nominated members but should be elected among the broadcasters' staff and civil society representatives.

  To strengthen independence of media from political influence, individuals holiding or having held political office must be prohibited from holding executive power in journalistic enterprise.

From line 99 to 103:

- Social media companies must be legally required to label AI-generated content. Social media platforms should mandate users to disclose the use of AI in their content. AI platforms must embed detecable watermarks to indicate the use and origin.

  Social media companies must prioritize verified public service media in algorithms during elections and crises.
- Social media platforms should be obligated to rigorously delete messages, images and videos spreading hate and racism through[Space]content moderators.

Reason

1.) Extend Line 87 - 89

'To strengthen independence of media from political influence, individuals holiding or having held political office must be prohibited from holding executive power in journalistic enterprise.'

We believe this of great importance to prohibit media bias in reporting and undue influence over the public. Examples of prominenent politicans entering media following in the UK include former cabinet minister Michael Gove being appointed as editor of 'The Spectator' in 2024 after not standing for re-election in the 2024 general election as well as former chancellor George Osbourne left public office in 2017 and became the editor for the 'Evening Standard' between 2017 and 2020.

2.) Extended Line 99
'Social media platforms should mandate users to disclose the use of AI in their content. AI platforms must embed detecable watermarks to indicate the use and origin.'
We believe their should be some onus on users to report they are using AI, similarly to how social media users should declare they are involved in a collaboration and doing a 'paid' 'ad'. Another reason behind this, is because more likely than not social media platforms will use AI to scan for the use of AI, which we can't guarantee as reliable and we would like to disincentise the use of.
3.) Futher line 102 - 103
'images and videos'