

Voting Issue Outlines: Social Media & Democracy

Resolved: Social Media is Harmful to Democracy.

PRO SIDE: HARMS OF SOCIAL MEDIA TO DEMOCRACY

INTRODUCTION

In this speech I will present each of my team's voting issues. Before presenting our first voting issue, let's discuss the framework.

FRAMEWORK

Our value is Justice, and our criteria is on balance. We think you should prefer our framework because it is reasonable and fair to both sides. So, on balance, the team that best upholds justice should win this debate.
Now, I will present our first voting issue... Harming Voters.

PRO-01: Harming Voters

We believe the most important voting issue is... Harming Voters

Because... social media spreads false information and creates echo chambers that trick millions of voters and make elections unfair.

So...

1. *First...* Lies Spread Faster Than Truth: Fake news travels six times faster than real news on social media, reaching millions of people before anyone can correct it - making voters believe things that are not true when they vote.
2. *Also...* Echo Chambers Hide the Truth: Social media shows people only what they already believe, so they never see different ideas or learn new facts - this means voters cannot make smart choices because they only know one side.
3. *Finally...* People Stop Trusting Elections: When citizens see lies and crazy stories online every day, they stop believing that voting is fair - studies show that using social media makes people trust democracy less and less.

Therefore... we must reduce the harm social media does to voters.

PRO-02: Causing Violence

We believe another important voting issue is... Causing Violence

Because... social media helps dangerous groups spread hate and plan real attacks that hurt our democracy.

So...

1. *First...* Dangerous Groups Plan Attacks: Social media lets violent groups find new members, plan attacks, and spread their dangerous ideas around the world - while companies cannot stop these groups from organizing harmful activities.
2. *Also...* Online Hate Causes Real Violence: When people spread hate online, it leads to real attacks in the real world - studies show social media posts have caused actual violence against innocent people and started riots.
3. *Finally...* Attacks on Democracy Increase: Social media helps people plan attacks on government buildings, make threats against leaders, and start violent protests that damage democratic countries everywhere.

Therefore... we should act to stop social media from causing violence and division.

So, for all these reasons, please vote for the PRO. Thank you.

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CON SIDE: BENEFITS OF SOCIAL MEDIA TO DEMOCRACY

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Now, I will present our first voting issue... Making Voices Heard.

CON-01: Making Voices Heard

We believe the most important voting issue is... Making Our Voices Heard

Because... social media gives everyone the power to speak up, join important movements, and be part of democracy.

So...

1. *First...* Regular People Get a Voice: Social media gives every person a way to share their ideas and stories, not just rich people or big companies who controlled TV and newspapers before - now everyone can speak.
2. *Also...* People Unite for Change: Online groups have helped millions work together for democracy and fairness - from fighting for freedom to saving the planet - helping people organize when regular media would not listen.
3. *Finally...* Different Voices Are Heard: Social media lets people from all backgrounds tell their stories directly to the world, teaching others about important problems and helping people understand each other better.

Therefore... using social media to make voices heard will strengthen democracy.

CON-02: Holding Leaders Accountable

We believe another important voting issue is... Holding Leaders Accountable

Because... social media shows what leaders really do and forces them to answer to the people.

So...

1. *First...* Leaders Cannot Hide Anymore: Citizens can check if leaders are lying right away, share proof of bad behavior with everyone, and demand answers - leaders cannot use TV and newspapers to hide the truth anymore.
2. *Also...* People Expose the Truth: Social media gives people safe ways to show government crimes, with videos and proof spreading quickly to show police violence, cheating in elections, and stealing that regular news missed.
3. *Finally...* Leaders Must Listen Now: When millions of people can see what the government does right away and speak up about it, leaders have to think about what people want before making decisions - this makes better government.

Therefore... harnessing social media to hold leaders accountable will improve democracy.

So, for all these reasons, please vote for the CON. Thank you.