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Bans On Social Media

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The United States favors not implementing widespread government bans on social media. It recommends that a list of guidelines be developed to promote online safety further. It recommends guidelines because of the addictive nature of social media and worries about privacy, cyberbullying, false information, and other issues that have led to ethical and societal problems. In addition to acknowledging the need for effective and responsible content moderation to safeguard individuals and communities from the negative consequences of online content.

Examples of these guidelines include: promoting high-security password usage, reporting harassment and inappropriate content, and encouraging users to be knowledgeable about speech that is not protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. According to the United States Constitution, speech that is not protected by the First Amendment includes obscenity, child pornography, defamatory speech, false advertising, true threats, and fighting words.

As the United States we recognize that social media has been shown in multiple studies to enhance extreme violence and increase the spread of misinformation. However, we also acknowledge that social media can cause positive peer effects which can help grow the economy. Taking this into account, we affirm the need for an open, inclusive, and transparent dialogue among nations to develop guidelines and best practices for addressing the challenges posed by social media bans and content moderation. Also stressing the importance of upholding

international human rights standards and the rule of law while dealing with issues related to social media bans.

In regards to acting on government-regulated bans, the UN suggests that the government should not create laws to restrict speech on social media with the exception of those not protected in the First Amendment, however, it emphasizes that the government should restrict unprotected speech on social media. We ultimately accept that social media platforms are private entities and have the right to regulate or restrict speech on their platform. With this fact in mind, we have decided not to implement bans by the government on the use of social media.

The American government, on behalf of the United Nations, proposes that privacy, responsibility, transparency, and collaborative efforts be put forth to foster the development of social media in the best interest of the First Amendment and basic human rights. To achieve this, the United Nations calls upon governments and applicable shareholders to collaborate in order to address the global media crisis to result in a safer environment online.