

Background Guide
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Hello! I am your committee president, therefore I am in charge of presenting the committee, assigning awards, solving your doubts and issues related to our committee and of course revising and helping you improve your position papers.

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Hello. I'm María José, but you can call me Majo. If you need anything don't hesitate to contact me. I am the conference official and my job is to manage the software and the goals of the committee. But I am also involved in the committee decisions. You can contact me throughout my email. mariajose.meade@bab.edu.mx

Moderator: Sofia González Malpica,

Hello delegates, my name is Sofia Malpica. My role during this debate will be guiding you through the debate and make this experience as pleasant as possible. You can contact me if you have any doubt about the topics, organization or an overall situation about the committee. I will be pleased to help you. sofia.gonzalez@bab.edu.mx

The topics of our committee are:

Topic (a): The fight against the enslavement of magical creatures.

Topic (b): Discrimination Against Half-Bloods in Different Magical Communities.

INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Magic was formally established in 1707 with the appointment of the very first man to hold the title 'Minister for Magic', Ulick Gamp. The Minister for Magic is democratically elected, although there have been times of crisis in which the post has simply been offered to an individual without a public vote (Albus Dumbledore was made such an offer, and turned it down repeatedly). There is no fixed limit to a Minister's term of office, but he or she is obliged to hold regular elections at a maximum interval of seven years. Ministers for Magic tend to last much longer than Muggle ministers. Generally speaking, and despite many moans and grumbling, their community is behind them in a way that is rarely seen in the Muggle world. This is perhaps due to a feeling, on the part of wizards, that unless they are seen to manage themselves competently, the Muggles might try to interfere.

Prior to 1707, the Wizards' Council was the longest serving (though not the only) body to govern the magical community in Britain. After the imposition of the International Statute of Secrecy in 1692, however, the wizarding community needed a more highly structured, organized and more complex governing structure than they had hitherto used, to support, regulate and communicate with a community in hiding.

This committee's difficulty is easy.

Topic A: The Fight Against the enslavement of magical creatures.

Witches and Wizards are seen as the superior beings in the magical world of Harry Potter, however there's other magical creatures that are heavily mistreated and ignored that we can see during the movies and the books, such as Goblins, House elves, Centaurs and much more that are ignored or treated unfairly.

One of the most prominent examples of slavery in the Wizarding World is the campaign to free house-elf from slavery. House-elves are magical creatures bound to serve a family or household. They are often abused and mistreated by their masters who force them to work long periods of time without pay or rest, and punished by making the slightest mistakes.

Another example of the fight against enslavement of magical creatures is the campaign to save Buckbeak, he was a hippogriff who was sentenced to death by the Ministry of Magic after he attacked Draco Malfoy. Harry Potter and his friends try saving him from the trial by going back in time to stop him from being sentenced to death. This campaigns are important to the committee since it shows how magical creatures make part of the magic world and how they help maintain the balance to it.

Historical Context:

In the movies fantastic beasts and in the Harry Potter saga the elves are treated as slaves. The elf's serve the wizards and they have to obey everything and the only way for them to be free is if their wizard gives them a piece of their clothes. There are also different creatures being mistreated through the three fantastic beast movies, but in those Newton Scamander also known as Newt dedicates his time to go and rescue creatures. He knows creatures and has researched about them so that way it's easier for him to catch them and get them to enter his briefcase which is the place where he keeps them safe.

Countries/Organizations/People that are relevant to the topic:

The Department for the Regulation and Control of Magical Creatures or known as Department of Magical Creature Regulation. This department is divided in three: Being, Beast and Spirit. Hermione worked there for a short time. This department worked on hiding the creatures that lived in Britain. They required the wizards to hide the creatures they owned. They controlled the breeding and the sale of the creatures. The Order of the Phoenix worked on abolishing the enslavement of magical creatures and avoiding their mistreating, some of the most remarkable members include: Luna Lovegood, Hagrid, and Hermione.

Hermione Granger worried a lot about the house elves, she wondered why the others didn't care about how they didn't have liberty, and about how they were slaves. Rubeus Hagrid cared a lot about magical creatures. Throughout the movies and books he always thought about the well being of the magical creatures, he even got to the point where he sometimes hid them so they wouldn't get killed.

Solutions:

Solution 1:reinforce the authorities related to the magical creatures so that the problem decreases, propose a law that protects magical creatures from mistreatment and with consequences for those who commit the crime, make a census in those places where abuse is common to have a count and control of the creatures.

Solution 2 Education and Awareness: The Ministry of Magic could establish an educational campaign to raise awareness about the rights of these creatures and encourage the wizarding community to treat them equally to other magical creatures.

Solution 3: The Ministry of Magic could establish a campaign for the magical creatures. If these creatures get hurt or any type of damage, they will protect them and cure them, they will also punish the one who caused the damage to the magical creature.

Conclusion :

The haunt, exploitation and harm of magical creatures has happened along the years for centuries and it's the job of the minister of magic to prevent the harm of all the beings of the magical world. We desire delegates to find solutions towards this issue and truly internalize the harm that haunting this creatures creates to the wizarding world.

Topic B: Discrimination against half-bloods in different magical communities.

In the magical world of Harry Potter, a half-blood is a wizard or witch who has one magical parent and one non-magical parent (Muggle) Half-bloods often face discrimination and prejudice from pure-blood families and Muggle-borns (Wizards and witches that can not make magic)

In the Wizarding World, the notion of blood purity is deep-rooted idea, with pure-bloods often considering themselves superior to half-bloods. This comes from the persecution of Witches and Wizards by muggles during the witch hunts of the Middle Ages. Pure-bloods believe that their lineage gives them an inherited superiority, and that half-bloods and Muggle-born are inferior.

Historical Context:

“Pure bloods” as they are called are families which have been born with both their parents being wizards, while “mudbloods” are considered to be wizards born with a Wizard and a Muggle Parent or both parents being muggles. One of the main examples of this discrimination comes from Salazar Slytherin, who believed that “mudbloods” did not belong on hogwarts, suggesting that they should not be accepted, this was not taken lightly by other founders, forcing Salazar to abandon hogwarts, however, slytherin is still an avid supporter of segregating the “pure bloods” from the “mud bloods”.

Countries/Organizations/People that are relevant to the topic:

The Slytherin house in Hogwarts is known for disliking the half-bloods, as they suggest that pure blood families have superior magical abilities than half-blood wizards. This discrimination was viewed as a misguided ideal by the pure-blood wizards. The Department of Mysteries proved that the pure-blood can be in a higher status than others in the wizard

community, for example Hermione. The Sacred Twenty-Eight are the truly pure blood families which are:

- Abbott
- Avery
- Black
- Bulstrode
- Burke
- Carrow
- Crouch
- Fawley
- Flint
- Gaunt
- Greengrass
- Lestranger
- Longbottom
- Macmillan
- Malfoy
- Nott
- Ollivander
- Parkinson
- Prewett
- Rosier
- Rowle
- Selwyn
- Shacklebolt
- Shafiq
- Slughorn
- Travers
- Weasley
- Yaxley

Solutions:

Solution 1: Discrimination against half bloods has been an issue all throughout wizard society and the best way to stop this issue is fixing it from the root by educating and training all your workers about what constitutes discrimination, consequences and how to stop it to raise awareness in the wizard society.

Solution 2: To solve this issue, it is important for role models, specially in the Ministry of Magic and other powerful leaders in the wizarding world could take a more active role against discrimination. They could publicly denounce discriminatory practices and speak for all magical individuals

Solution 3: Another viable solution for solving this problem is for the Ministry of Magic to establish a commission or agency to monitor and investigate actions against half bloods.

Conclusion:

Ultimately, stopping discrimination against half bloods will require constant effort from all members of the wizarding community. It will take time and commitment to achieve and continue and improve these solutions and efforts. Progress can be made towards a more fair and inclusive society.

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