

Debate Proposition

Professionals and public officials functioning in the domain of health care are all committed to the good of society and meeting societal health needs.

Despite these common aims, public policy imperatives and the desire of provider autonomy are often at odds. On the one hand, public officials cannot plan what they cannot control. On the other hand, health care institutions are trying to balance their budgets notably through the flow of workers and many health professionals increasingly desire to balance their personal and professional lives.

Debate question: Should the autonomy of health professionals in regards to their choice of discipline, where and when they work be more controlled by the state/government to better ensure that societal health needs are met?

Yes, the State/Government should have more control.

No, the State/Government should not have more control.

Debate approach:

2 pro profession views from different IHWC jurisdictions (CA) & (UK).

2 pro state views from different IHWC jurisdictions (US) & (AU).