



FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION & PLAYER VOICE

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Tim Sparv for The Players' Tribune

**DON'T BE A PASSIVE BYSTANDER
WHEN YOU SEE WHERE THE SPORT IS
HEADING. YOUR OPINION MATTERS.**

#1 PLAYER IMPACT



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**I'M AFRAID TO
SAY ANYTHING AT
ALL. WE ARE PUT
ON THE SPOT IN
THIS SITUATION.**

**WE ARE BEING
CONTROLLED.**

Belgium defender Jan Vertonghen speaking at a FIFA World Cup press conference.

#2 FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION



IT'S NOT
ABOUT POLITICS
OR RELIGION -
**IT'S ABOUT
HUMAN RIGHTS.**

Jackson Irvine

**#SHINE A
#LIGHT**

**#3 POLITICAL NEUTRALITY
VS UNIVERSAL RIGHTS**



Player Voice: Collective Bargaining & Social Partner Rights as the most effective form of Governance



Player Activism



European Court of Justice

STATE OF PLAY

- Collective Governance
- A European Model based on distinct values for the region
- Guidance on political neutrality in 21 the Century

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



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