

The politicization of sports

TS 1: As Jeanine Pirro spells it (doc.5), people need no reminder of political issues, yet, while the three articles agree that people want sports to have nothing to do with politics, *The Observer* (odc.1) acknowledges that sports and politics are intertwined and that sport events cannot free themselves from political considerations, thus becoming a **thermometer of world events**.

Transition: On the international scene, sport is no mere source of entertainment and is inherently political, making sports events not only mirrors of global issues, but even a **magnifying glass of world conflicts**.

TS 2: Sports events, though ideally meant to promote peace, by becoming more and more politicized, not only reflect but magnify world conflicts and become a battlefield for countries over the values, to the point of even creating conflicts.

Transition: If sport cannot free itself from the reality of world conflicts, it can also become an opportunity to not only reflect them but act upon them.

TS 3: Sport can grant occasions for countries to spread propaganda or try and clean and their slate through sportswashing, as well as offer athletes an opportunity to **take a stand on political matters**.