The Concern Debates Podcast 2026-2027 Motion One

"A fair society should not have billionaires"

In episode one of the 2026-27 'Debating Development' podcast series, Olga chats to humanitarian worker Graham Roe about the motion: "A fair society should not have billionaires." Together, they explore what fairness means in an unequal world, whether extreme wealth can be justified, and the responsibilities that come with a high net-worth.

There are some academic words used in the podcast. Can you match the word with its definition?

1. **Resources**
2. **Entrepreneur**
3. **High-net-worth individuals**
4. **Liquid assets**
5. **Philanthropy**
6. **Ethical Checks**
7. **Humanitarian work**

a. Large financial donations often made by wealthy people or families.

b. Assets or supports, such as money, education, tools, services, natural resources etc.

c. A person who starts a new business to make profit.

d. Actions dedicated to improving human lives and reducing suffering.

e. A person who holds at least $1 million worth of cash/liquid assets.

f. Cash or anything that you can quickly convert into cash (not including property).

g. A process used to decide whether the source of donations aligns with the values and morals of an organisation.

Listen to the podcast and answer the following questions:

- Name two things Graham says a fair society should have.

- Which gender is more likely to accumulate wealth?

- What historical event did Graham use as an example when explaining the importance of the language and words we use?

- Write down a piece of advice Graham gave debaters:

The following questions are not covered in the podcast.

- In February 2026, the “March for Billionaires” took place in San Francisco to protest a wealth tax. What arguments are there to *support* the rise of billionaire wealth?

- What do **you** think makes a society fair?

What are your initial thoughts and opinions on the motion based on your listening to the podcast?

Answers:
1.b 2.c 3.e 4.f 5.a 6.g 7.d