

Declaration of Rights? Bill of Rights?
—— **Analysis of the “Charter of Fundamental
Rights of the European Union”**

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Abstract

This essay’s analysis focuses on relevant issues of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union. First, it reviews the EU and human rights protection from historical and legal perspectives. Second, this essay examines the background and text of the Charter. Third, it anticipates the future development and impact of the Charter. Finally, this essay considers conflict and co-ordination between the Council of Europe and the European Union in the field of human rights protection.

This essay argues that the Charter has its own historical significance. It also emphasizes the idea that the utmost concern of a human rights document is whether it truly offers protection. If it is merely a human rights declaration, the Charter will not be very meaningful. Therefore, the most significant issue is the future status of the Charter, which will be determined by the European Council.

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