

UNCERTAINTIES IN THE BUFFYVERSE



STEEP Category	Polarity 1	Uncertainty Name	Polarity 2
Societal	Absolute free will	Destiny vs. Choice	Complete predestination
Societal	Strong institutions	Authority of Institutions	Personal Authority
Societal	Individual heroism and personal sacrifice	Sacrifice Philosophy	Collective responsibility and shared burden
Societal	Traditional mentorship and established wisdom	Knowledge Transmission Methods	Experimental learning and adaptive innovation
Societal	Full social inclusion of powered beings	Norms Around Power and Identity	Deep societal rejection of otherness
Societal	Open supernatural integration	Integration of Supernatural into Society	Total secrecy and denial
Societal	Supportive chosen families	Changing Family Structures	Fragmented or absent support systems
Societal	Post-crisis solidarity and rebuilding	Post-Apocalyptic Cohesion	Anarchy and societal collapse
Technological	Transparent, ethical surveillance	Surveillance and Control	Omnipresent authoritarian monitoring
Technological	Mystical solutions and supernatural approaches	Problem-Solving Paradigms	Scientific methodology and technological solutions
Technological	Responsible innovation	Weaponization of Magic and Tech Hybrids	Uncontrolled hybrid experimentation
Technological	Reliable, accessible knowledge networks	Information Management and Misinformation	Disinformation and obscured truth
Technological	Equitable access to empowering tools	Access to Power	Monopoly on power through tech/magic
Technological	Modernized and adaptive tools	Dependence on Outdated Tools	Rigid reliance on archaic methods
Economic	Sustainable funding and provisioning	Resource Scarcity in Crisis	Critical shortages and resource hoarding
Economic	Centralized authority and hierarchical control	Power Distribution Models	Distributed networks and democratic empowerment
Economic	Ethical, regulated magical markets	Market for Magic	Exploitative black markets
Economic	Fair compensation and workload balance	Labor and Role Distribution Among Slayers	Exploitation and inequity
Economic	Resilient magical economy	Economic Collapse Scenarios	Collapse of magical industries
Environmental	Stable interdimensional barriers	Dimensional Instability	Uncontrolled rifts and spatial chaos
Environmental	Stable temporal continuity	Timeline Integrity	Chaotic timeline disruption and paradox
Environmental	Magic-sustained natural balance	End of Magic (Season 9)	Ecological breakdown from magical loss
Environmental	Restored climate and biomes	Apocalyptic Climate Shifts	Widespread environmental decay
Environmental	Dormant or manageable hellmouths	Nature of Hellmouths	Expanding, destabilizing hellmouths
Political	Democratic Slayer governance	Slayer Governance	Authoritarian or fractured leadership
Political	Redemption through change and growth	Justice and Transformation	Accountability through consequences and punishment
Political	Global magical cooperation	Global Power Balances	Magical arms race and conflict
Political	Inclusive magical regimes	Governance Model	Oppressive magical dictatorships
Political	Balanced regulation of magic	Magic Regulation	Bans or absolute deregulation
Political	Stable interdimensional diplomacy	Interdimensional Diplomacy	Total collapse of interdimensional relations