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## **VERA JOUROVA, EUROPE'S 'LONESOME SHERIFF'**

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The woman charged with upholding the European Unions core values arrived in Brussels six years ago with no experience of EU politics and a portfolio she didnt want.

Yet now Věra Jourová is at the center of two major battles, offline and online, that will go a long way to determining the EUs future — and even whether it can hold together.

As the European Commissions vice president for values and transparency, the Czech politician is on the front line of a conflict over the rule of law that pits Brussels and leading Western European countries against the governments of Hungary and Poland.

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