



THE CONSTITUTION OF THE  
DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY OF  
INTIQILLA

## Section I: The Party

1. For all official purposes, the party shall be named the 'Democratic Socialist Party of Initiqilla', herein referred to as the 'DSPI' or the 'party', except in the various provinces.
2. The DSPI and the policies promoted by it shall be dedicated to the principles of:
  - Democracy
  - Socialism
  - Fraternity
  - Equality
  - Republicanism
  - Constitutionalism
  - Electoralism
  - Anti-capitalism
  - Tolerance
  - Secularism
  - International Solidarity
  - Syndicalism
3. The logo of the DSPI shall be as shown on the first page of the constitution.
4. The DSPI shall have a private subreddit for official party business to be conducted and a press office for public announcements.
5. Any references to the 'membership' refer to anybody who is an approved member of the DSPI.

## **Section II: The Leadership Team**

1. The Leadership Team, herein referred to as the 'Leadership', shall be comprised of the Leader of the DSPI, the two Deputy Leaders of the DSPI.
2. The Leadership shall be responsible for collectively guiding the policy direction of the party along with input from the Membership of the DSPI.
3. A Motion of Confidence in the Leader and Deputy Leader of the DSPI, respectively, can be submitted to Leadership by a party member upon the motion receiving the signatures of at least 3/10ths of the members of the party, including the submitter. Upon submission, the process shall be as follows:
  - a. Within 24 hours of the submission of the Motion, the motion shall be validated. Within 12 hours after the Motion has been validated, a 48 hour period of debate on the Motion shall begin.
  - b. Within 24 hours of the end of the debate period, voting shall begin. All members of the party shall be eligible to vote in this process. The voting period shall last for 24 hours.
  - c. Within 24 hours of the closing of the voting period, the results will be revealed.
  - d. Upon completion of the voting process, 14 days must pass before another Motion of No Confidence can be submitted.

### Section III: The Leader

1. The Leader of the DSPI, herein referred to as the 'Leader' or as the 'Party Leader', shall be elected by the membership of the DSPI.
2. The Leader shall be subject to a Vote of Confidence every 6 months.
3. Upon the resignation of the Leader or the failure of a vote of confidence in them, an election shall be held to determine the next Leader.
  - a. Manifestos may be submitted within 1 week of the election before 48 hours of debate and 48 hours of voting. The election for the position of Leader shall be run by the outgoing leader, unless the outgoing Leader specifies otherwise, and conducted using the Alternative Vote system.
4. The Leader shall have the power to:
  - a. Hold internal elections according to the provisions of the constitution and reveal the results of the election.
  - b. Manage the party's private subreddit and press office.
  - c. Negotiate the following:
    - i. Coalition Agreements in the federal Legislature and Cohabitation Agreements for the federal Executive
    - ii. Electoral pacts for federal elections and byelections,
    - iii. Confidence and Supply Agreements in the federal Legislature,
    - iv. Other agreements compatible with this Constitution with any other party, grouping or individual.
  - d. Choose candidates and where they stand in federal elections and byelections.
  - e. Submit manifestos for federal and provincial elections and by-elections.
  - f. Whip on legislation and enforce any punishments permitted by the constitution.
  - g. Approve legislation to be submitted under the party name.
  - h. Ensure that the duties of the respective Branch Leaders are performed in line with the party's overarching values and within the basic guidelines of common sense.
  - i. Dismiss any appointees.
  - j. Anything else outlined later or not explicitly prohibited by the Constitution.  
The Leader may delegate any powers that they wish to other members of the party, for as long as the Leader wishes to.

## **Section IV: The Deputy Leader**

1. The Deputy Leader of the DSPI, herein referred to as the 'Deputy Leader', shall be elected by the membership of the DSPI.
2. The Deputy Leader shall be subject to a Vote of Confidence every 6 months.
3. Upon the resignation of a Deputy Leader, or the failure of a vote of confidence in them, an election shall be held to determine the next leader.
  - a. Manifestos may be submitted within 1 week of the election before 48 hours of debate and 48 hours of voting. The election for a party leader when there is a vacancy shall be conducted using the Alternative Vote system and run by the Leader.
4. The role of the Deputy Leader shall be to advise the Leader, and to perform any tasks delegated to them by the Leader, and to participate in internal Leadership votes.
5. The Deputy Leader shall be responsible for periodically checking voting records of federal Representatives and federal Senators in order to check for discrepancies, inactivity, and breaking of party policy.
6. If the Leader is absent for more than a week, or asks the Deputy Leader to do so, the Deputy Leader shall act as Leader temporarily until the Leader returns.
7. If the Deputy Leader is absent for more than a week or asks the Leader , the Leader may appoint someone as Deputy Leader temporarily until the Deputy Leader returns.
8. The leader may require a Vote of Confidence in the Deputy Leader of the DSPI, if they are personally satisfied that the Deputy Leader is working against the interests of the party, has engaged in unacceptable conduct that puts the party into serious disrepute, or is incapable of competently carrying out the duties of the office.

## **Section V: The Party Membership**

1. An application to join the DSPI shall be approved or rejected at the discretion of the Leader.
2. Members of the DSPI may stand in any internal party elections pending the fulfilment of any criteria set out by the Leadership.
3. Members of the DSPI are not permitted to share any information from party forums without the express consent of the Leadership.
4. For a member of the DSPI to have their membership revoked and therefore be officially expelled from the DSPI, a majority of the Leadership must express approval of the expulsion of the member in question.
5. Party Membership may be revoked if the member is:
  - a. acting in a manner that brings the DSPI into disrepute;
  - b. leaking information from the party;
  - c. acting in a manner that is explicitly incompatible with the ideology outlined in section I(2).

## **Section VI: The Representatives and Senators in the Federal Legislature**

1. Members of any House of government shall be expected to behave responsibly, considering the reputation of the party. Failure to uphold reasonable standards shall be grounds for replacement by the Leader.
2. Members of any House of government shall be expected to maintain a turnout over 90%. Failure to maintain 90% turnout or higher for over three pieces of legislation shall be grounds for replacement by the Leader.
3. The Leader shall have the ability to whip accordingly:
  - a. A free vote may be given on any legislation in which the Leader does not see any large contradiction of the party's values.
  - b. A one-line whip may be given on any legislation in which the Leader believes the party should have a preference. Consistent ignoring of one-line whips shall be grounds for replacement by the Leader.
  - c. A two-line whip shall be given on any manifesto pledges and may be given on any legislation that the Leader believes represents the party's values. Regular ignoring of two-line whips shall be grounds for replacement by the Leader.
  - d. A three-line whip shall be given on any legislation where opposition would put the party into disrepute. Ignoring a three-line whip shall be grounds for replacement by the Leader if not discussed and agreed upon beforehand.

## **Section VII: Confidence and Supply Agreements and Coalition Agreements**

1. Cohabitation, Coalition, and Supply and Confidence Agreements in the federal government negotiated by the Leader shall be submitted to the party membership. A 24 hour period of debate will follow and voting will be held simultaneous to the debate. If a majority of party members who voted approve of the agreement, the agreement shall be binding on the party.
2. If one-third of party members, not including the submitter, second a motion to walk away from an agreement, the motion shall be debated for 48 hours and then voted upon for 24 hours through Discord, requiring valid ayes to outnumber valid nos by at least one vote.



## **Section VIII: Votes of (No) Confidence, Constitutional Amendment, and Miscellaneous Provisions**

1. For Votes of Confidence in the Leader, and Deputy Leaders, respectively:
  - a. If there are 10 or fewer valid ballots cast, the results of the votes shall express no confidence when the number of valid nos exceeds the number of valid ayes at least by one-third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ).
  - b. If there are more than 10 ballots cast, the results of the vote shall express no confidence when the number of valid nos exceeds the number of valid ayes by at least one.
  - c. All party members may vote.
2. For Votes of Confidence in a Branch Leader:
  - a. If there are 5 or fewer valid ballots cast, the results of the votes shall express no confidence when the number of valid nos exceeds the number of valid ayes at least by one-third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ).
  - b. If there are more than 5 ballots cast, the results of the vote shall express no confidence when the number of valid nos exceeds the number of valid ayes by at least one.
  - c. Only members of the appropriate branch may vote.
3. There shall be a minimum of 14 days between one Vote of Confidence and the next.
4. If 30% of membership, or five members if the party's total membership size is below fifteen users, sponsor an amendment to this constitution, said amendment must be put up for debate for a minimum of forty-eight hours and a maximum of seventy-two hours, and then voted upon for a period of equal duration. For the amendment to succeed, two thirds of votes must be in favour.
5. Options in any and all votes shall be 'Aye', 'No' or 'Abstain'. The specific words used may differ depending on the preference of the Leader (e.g. "Yes" in lieu of "Aye").
6. All votes done outside of Discord, including elections for the Leader and the Deputy Leader should be verified on the appropriate Reddit thread.
7. This Constitution can be updated at any time to correct formatting and SPAG.