

# How the Asgardian Moderators can make amends to Asgardian Citizens for the Violation of their Rights.

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Here are my thoughts on how to solve this very terminal moderation policy problem. You may think of this as a plan of action:

## I. Stop Locking and Censoring

First, stop closing down and censoring topics and threads. This is rude, elitist, fascist, and harmful as I have well pointed out in my 7 page commentary and the other 13 page commentary. The only things that should be absolutely closed down are those threads and topics that demean and threaten others: harassment, bigotry, death threats and so on, those trolls that Zahira talked about. No one has problems with you doing this.

## II. Create Dedicated Topical Answer and Information Pages (DTA&IP)

Create pages which answer those questions or topics that keep coming up and where there is a specific answer or view for. These pages need to be in depth which have links to various resources so that the end user has no real questions left. It needs to have:

- the full aggregated view of the moderators and current administration on the topic
- links to the videos with times to where the answer is; the transcript of the answer from the video should also be added so it can all be verified and so they do not have to hunt through the video for it.
- links to other resources which are informative of the moderators/Asgardia's view with quotes pulled into the page if possible (*but which should be summed up in the page*).
- a link to the Dedicated Topical (Sub)Forum (*see below*) if there is one.

Just telling us the answer is out there and not giving it to us is really short sighted and rude, especially when you have the answers and chose not to give them. There are so very, very many different places for answers (*various official Facebook groups, various official forums, many website pages, many Discord channels*) that it can be impossible to track answers down, especially if it is hiding in a video somewhere. You have the advantage of living and breathing the content and knowing where it is, whereas some only get a few minutes a day to participate.

Doing this will greatly increase transparency which is desperately needed and increase the knowledge, participation, and freedom of citizens. Also, these pages cannot be closed to comments. Discussion **MUST** be allowed, unless there is a link to a dedicated subforum where the conversation could be continued. A pinned post in that forum which has a link back to this page for should be added as well.

### III. Create Dedicated (Sub)Forums for these topics

There are so very many topics from which a brilliant idea may come from. All topics are interdependent. That lack of an interdependent mind frames is a severe part of our world's problems. All ideas and people and the environment are interrelated and affect one another. Look at biomimetics - looking to the natural world for technological solutions. Inspiration for Asgardian solutions may pop up from any given topic, because people have a vast breadth of knowledge and passions, but censorship will keep those inspired ideas from becoming a thing. Quit destroying conversation, creativity, and community. Foster it.

As an example: futuristic cities that are being constructed like Bill Gates' city or the one that is being built off the shore of Polynesia by the Paypal founder whose thread was closed down on Facebook yesterday, and so very many other useful and informative threads and links on futuristic models for Humanity. Perhaps the (sub)forum could be titled Technologies of the Future and conversations or threads could be directed/moved there.

### IV. Letter of Apology from Moderators

Civic.Asgardia most assuredly needs to issue a press release stating an apology signed by all of the moderators and the top officials in the NGO who prompted such drastic policies and who have been guilty inflicting such upon us. I expect that this will be **ALL** of the moderators since the rules are the rules.

This will need to be posted on all social outlets (forums, Facebook, Discord to ensure none are left out and so that all know the changes.

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#### Example letter:

Fellow Asgardians,

It has been brought to our attention through a few too many citizens the harm of our current aggressive moderation policy and the chilling effect it has on your free speech rights. Topics that we had judged to be not related or that we deemed that needed to be cut short to keep Asgardia focused was done in significant error and the damage done to the citizens and those who have given up on Asgardia because of this cannot be undone. We can only hope to make amends.

We moderators are establishing a new mode of operation here to help make sure that this does not happen again. This will be what you can expect from us from now on:

- Moderators will see themselves as allies to our users and citizens and not your enemies
- We will only close down threads if they include harassment, bigotry, and other methods of demeaning or threatening our users and citizens.
- Instead of closing threads we will make a quick statement regarding this topic and:
  - post links to new informational pages that state the current administration's positions and plans, if any, on this topic (*see list below*)
  - Post links to forums or subforums which cover this topic, if there is one available, so that the conversation may continue in the appropriate place (*see list below*)
  - Move the thread to a better suited forum or subforum if there is one.

We, the moderators of Civic.Asgardia who oversee the Asgardia forums, Facebook group, and the Discord server, would like to apologize for over zealous and draconian censoring, banning and closing down conversations and threads of valid discussion and intellectual exploration.

We humbly seek your forgiveness,

Moderator name	Moderator name	Moderator name	Moderator name
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etc	etc	etc	etc

<insert list of new information pages with short description>

<insert list of new forums and sub forums with short description>

## V. Contact Those who have been driven away

If you really want to help improve Asgardia and your relationship with your citizens then you may also want to contact those citizens who have been adversely been affected by these draconian policies to let them know of the error of your ways and that things have changed.

You could also send an email to all users register on the forums with a copy of the letter to let them know of the apology and the changes taking place, and ask that if they have not visited Asgardia in a while to come and give it another chance. You will need to let them know that their voice is important and that it will be heard.

## VI. Actual Policy and Philosophical Change

Stop seeing yourself as the police, a militant organization fighting against the citizens. You need to be our ally, and activist for our rights to speak and to enjoy equal access to the ever expansive knowledge of Humanity. If you do not serve the people then whom do you serve? If you do not make actual changes then the words of supposed changes, if you eventually choose to write them, will be hollow and will spell the end of Asgardia for the corruption and hypocrisy will be apparent.

As always. If you have questions I am more than willing to expound at length.

Jim