

In an effort to separate the government and politics of subreddit management from that of the government of the game, we, the drafters of the original constitution have also created a separate code of rules for subreddit moderation and conduct.

ARTICLE 1: MODERATION

SECTION 1: Establishment of Moderator Offices

- (a) There shall be one “Head Moderator” along with three “Assistant Moderators.”
- (b) There may be positions inferior to the Assistant Moderators established by the Head Moderator if he or she deems it necessary.
- (c) The phrases “moderators” or “moderating team” or “moderation” or “moderation team” in this document shall refer to the summation of these offices.

SECTION 2: Head Moderator

- (a) The Head Moderator is the highest ranking moderating office on /r/democratiauniversalis. The Head Moderator possesses ultimate authority over all decisions made by other moderating officials, and possesses the same powers as the Assistant Moderators, excepting the removal of the Head Moderator him/herself. The Head Moderator is also charged with dealing with any crises or other events outside the authority of the other moderating officials.
- (b) The Head Moderator may develop meta rules and policies which supercede the constitution and all legislation, except in the case that there is something not covered here.
- (c) The Head Moderator has no term length and no term limit; it is an indefinite role.
- (d) The Head Moderator may be removed for misconduct, inactivity, or other legitimate cause as determined by the rest of the moderation staff. Either $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Assistant Moderators or 20% of the council may organize a petition with said cause, at which point a general referendum will be held, and if a majority ($\frac{1}{2}+1$) reject the Head Moderator, he or she will be removed from office. The replacement will be selected from the remainder of the moderation staff by unanimous consensus among them. Between the time of a submission of a petition and the vote on recalling the Head Moderator, or between the

recall and replacement of a Head Moderator, the Assistant Moderators will, in corpore, act as Head Moderator.

- (i) If the Head Moderator has not made a post on /r/democratiauniversalis in thirty days, then the seat will be deemed vacant unless $\frac{2}{3}$ Assistant Moderators override this. If the Assistant Moderators do not override this, then a new Head Moderator will be selected from among the current Assistant Moderators. The Assistant Moderators will act, in corpore, as the Head Moderator until he or she is replaced.
 - (ii) If the Head Moderator has not started elections within a reasonable time frame (three days), then the Assistant Moderators gains the power to run elections until his or her reappearance. Note, a Head Moderator missing an election is something that might get them recalled.
 - (iii) If the Head Moderator has something going on in his or her personal life and needs a leave of absence, they can announce this, and the Assistant Moderators will take over until his or her return with no consequences to the Head Moderator. However, this leave of absence or absences are not to exceed more than four weeks at a time. Excessive absences could likely result in recall.
 - (iv) The Head moderator may if they choose step down or resign their post. As all posts in this game are voluntary a head moderator may only serve as long as they are willing. The people of the game may not force a head moderator to remain at their post.
- (e) The Head Moderator shall not hold any non-temporary political office (both appointed or elected) within the sub or be involved with any party, and should strive to be as impartial and neutral as possible.
- (i) ~~One exception to this rule is that the original Head Moderator and his Assistant Moderators will be allowed to hold governmental positions to ensure a steady beginning of the game. After they lose their first governmental positions they will have to relinquish their moderator status in order to run for or be appointed to another.~~
 - (ii) An ~~second~~ exception may only be made in the case someone cannot make it to a session. In that case, the person may appoint the Moderators as temporary proxy, so long as the term of that proxy lasts for only one game session. No Moderator may serve as proxy for anyone in two consecutive sessions, or twice as

consecutive proxy for the same person (a third person, either Moderator or non-Moderator, must first be appointed as proxy before the first Moderator is eligible again).

- (iii) If the Head Moderator is found to be secretly using his influence to collude with any particular party or coalition, and this accusation is supported by a majority of the moderation staff or ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the Assistant Moderators, it necessitates punishment from removal from office to outright banishment from the sub. In this case, the remaining moderation staff must come to a unanimous consensus on one individual to replace the Head Moderator. In this time, the Assistant Moderators will act, in corpore, as the Head Moderator.

~~(f) The first Head Moderator under this constitution shall be /u/Lanceparte.~~

SECTION 3: The Assistant Moderators

- (a) The three Assistant Moderators are the second-highest moderating position on /r/democratiauniversalis. They are responsible for moderating the sub on a day-to-day basis. Like the Head Moderator, the assistant moderators should strive to be as objective and impartial as possible. However unlike the Head Moderator, the Assistant Moderators are ~~not~~ allowed to keep ~~their~~ permanent political offices, partisan membership, or links within /r/democratiauniversalis. ~~and~~ The abuse of moderator status for the benefits of any one party or coalition is the most grave crime one can commit.
 - (i) If one can prove that an Assistant Moderator has abused his status, and have that claim be supported by the other two Assistant Moderators or ($\frac{1}{2}+1$) of the active council, it necessitates punishments anywhere from removal from the Assistant Moderator office to outright banishment from the sub. In this case, the other two assistant moderators or one assistant and the head moderator will agree on a replacement.
- (b) Assistant Moderators have staggered term lengths. When they are first appointed, they will use random.org to assign each of their first terms, one month, two months, or three months. This is only for the first Assistant Moderators, all after will have full three month term lengths. Assistant Moderators may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms, and each appoints their successor or opts to remain in office in the exact same way as the Head Moderator.

- (i) When an Assistant Moderator leaves office, he or she must demod themselves from /r/democratiauniversalis and any of her related subreddits and chatrooms within one week of leaving office, or face punishment ranging from being forcibly demodded from subs and chatrooms to being banished from the sub.
 - (ii) Note, the $\frac{1}{3}$ of the first Assistant Moderators who randomly gets assigned the one month term will be allowed two terms after their first term is up. However, the person who rolls the two month term will only be allowed one term afterwards; the two month term counts as a full term.
- (c) The duties of the Assistant Moderators shall include, but are not limited to, issuing bans to rulebreakers, removing comments in violation of the rules, or otherwise meeting out justly deserved punishments for meta offences (breaking the rules of the sub, not the constitution). They are also responsible for the maintenance of the subreddit wiki, the maintenance of the subreddit sidebar, the maintenance of flairs and other images unless these duties have been handed over to a lower position. Finally, they are responsible for overseeing press and media outlets, maintaining community forums and subreddits, live internet chat channels, along with mediums of communication for pleasure or strategy, and such other activities that are necessary or useful for the thriving of the subreddit and the community.
- (d) The Assistant Moderators may, with a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote and the consent of the Head Moderator, develop meta rules and policies.
- (e) The Assistant Moderators may, with a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, create and get rid of inferior roles such as CSS Master, Wiki Keeper, or Censor.
- (f) The Assistant Moderators may, with a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote and consent from the Head Moderator, appoint and remove a person in any inferior moderating position they create.
- (g) With the exception of basic day-to-day maintenance and things of that nature, all decisions amongst the Assistant Moderators must be approved with a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.
- (h) When the office of a single Assistant Moderator shall go vacant, the remaining two Assistant Moderators shall appoint a replacement, subject to the confirmation of the Head Moderator. If two or more offices of Assistant Moderator go vacant, then the Head Moderator shall appoint the replacements.

- (i) An Assistant Moderator may be recalled for misconduct, inactivity, or other legitimate reason. $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Assistant Moderators or one Assistant Moderator and the Head Moderator must provide this reason, at which point the accused Assistant Moderator will receive punishment ranging from removal from office to outright banishment from the sub. However, in the latter case, if the remaining Assistant Moderator who is neither accused nor accusing feels that the accused Assistant Moderator is being wrongly accused, he may provide a counter-argument and start a referendum, where the people will decide with a majority ($\frac{1}{2}+1$) vote, whether the accused Assistant Moderator is guilty or not.
 - (i) If a Assistant Moderator has not made a post on reddit for thirty days, the office is deemed vacant, unless the two remaining Assistant Moderators override this. If it is not overridden, then the Head Moderator and the remaining assistant moderators will appoint someone to replace the missing Assistant Moderator.
- (j) Any provisions or rules not covered in this constitution shall be ruled on by the moderation team's discretion, however they must publicize the new provision as soon as possible after the ruling.
- (k) The first three Assistant Moderators will be /u/UncagedBeast, /u/wow996, and /u/buttlickerface
- (l) /u/Lanceparte reserves the right to remain a moderator of the main subreddit, by the fact it was his own original creation, and has any official powers given to him by the moderation team once he is no longer Head Moderator.

SECTION 4: Outside Subreddits

- (a) There shall be two types of related subreddits or to /r/democratiauniversalis. At its conception, /r/democratiauniversalis will have no outside subreddits or, but as they are inevitably created, it is up to the Head Moderator to classify them into one of the two categories below.
- (b) The first is a core subreddit. This is a subreddit that directly affects the running of the government. An example of this would be a subreddit made specifically for councilors to vote on bills from.

- (i) A core subreddit must have the Head Moderator and all three Assistant Moderators as moderators with full permissions.
- (c) The second is an affiliated subreddit. This a subreddit that is affiliated with /r/democratiauniversalis, but doesn't release press materials or directly run the government. A good example of an affiliated subreddit would be a subreddit just for one party or for a press outlet.
 - (i) Affiliated subreddits must have the Head Moderator and all three Assistant Moderators as moderators with full permissions, except for faction subreddits, which only need to have the Head Moderator modded with full permissions.
- (d) A note on live-Internet chat rooms, such as Discord. Any chat room made that relates to /r/democratiauniversalis must be told about to the **Head Moderator moderation team**, classified under one of these categories, and permissions given to the appropriate moderator(-s).

ARTICLE 2: CONDUCT

SECTION 1: Rights Reserved by Moderators

- (a) Moderators reserve the right to delete comments or posts at their discretion, and to ban members of the subreddit for a length of their choosing at their discretion.
- (b) Appeals about being banned or having a post taken down can be taken to any member of the moderation team, where at least one of the Assistant Moderators must agree to consider the case, and where the vote of the Head Moderator or $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Assistant Moderators will determine the ruling whether in favor or not of the plaintiff.

SECTION 2: Appropriate Conduct

- (a) All people are expected to maintain appropriate conduct on /r/democratiauniversalis, any related subreddits, any related live internet chat channels, or any medium of communication related to /r/democratiauniversalis.
- (b) Swearing is okay, so long as it is not deemed excessive, and the ability to criticize others in a polite manner is guaranteed. This does not however, extend to slander, defined as

personal insults deemed obscene at the discretion of the moderation team. This is harassment, and is not allowed under any circumstances.

- (i) At first offense, unless one's violation of appropriate conduct was especially severe, a warning from the moderation team will be sent to the person who violated appropriate conduct. This letter must be in the form of a reddit private message, which the violator must see.
 - (ii) At second offense, temporary bans, muting, or other punishments inferior to outright banishment are to be applied at the moderation team's discretion.
 - (iii) At third offense, unless deemed otherwise by the moderation team, a permanent ban may be instituted. This can be appealed as laid out in [Art. 1, Sec. 1, §b].
 - (iv) Any temporary ban or permanent ban must extend across all core subreddits and live internet chats.
 - (v) Note, the moderation team may apply a harsher punishment at any of the three offenses if the violation of the violator is severe enough for it to be warranted.
- (c) The Moderators will ensure that each conversation is organised and directed into separated channels so that they remain organised. The Moderators reserve the right to direct all discussions to those channels for which they were meant.
- (i) At first offense, if someone does not follow the Moderators' directions to move to the correct channel, then the Moderators may issue a warning. This letter must be in the form of a reddit private message, which the violator must see.
 - (ii) If the person continues to a second offense, then the Moderators may issue a temporary mute (of around 30 minutes, but it may be adjusted to another length at the Moderators' discretion).
 - (iii) At third offense, the person will be muted again, but this time for a period of at least 24 hours.
 - (iv) At fourth offense, the offender will be banned from the concerning medium for at least one week.

- (v) Note, the Moderation team may apply a harsher punishment at any of the four offenses if the violation of the offender is severe enough for it to be warranted.
- (d) The Head Moderator, with the advice and consent of the Assistant Moderators, may develop additional rules and policies for /r/democratiauniversalis and any of her core subreddits, live internet chat rooms, or other mode of communication related to the subreddit.

SECTION 3: Honesty

- (a) At the moderator's discretion, those who are caught cheating should be immediately banned, permanently. Cheating qualifies as something like creating multiple accounts to vote with, having multiple accounts to hold office with, or having multiple accounts in different parties. Other forms of cheating may be recognized and acted upon at the moderator's discretion.
 - (i) If one feels that they were unfairly banned for cheating, they may take their case to the whole moderation team, where the decision about hearing and ruling on the case are the same as in [Art. 1, Sec. 1, §b].
- (b) After an extended period of time, one banned for cheating may go to the Head Moderator and ask to be unbanned. This is, however, unlikely to succeed for obvious reasons.

SECTION 4: Downvoting

- (a) Downvoting is considered inappropriate conduct and is punishable at the moderator's discretion. If you don't like someone's opinion, refute them. If someone is being malicious or obscene, take it up with the moderators.

SECTION 5: Poaching

- (a) If and when parties are formed, and a "Join a Party" thread has been created as is necessary, 'poaching,' defined as one party responding to a request from a person to join a different party and attempting to have them join their party.
- (b) Only members of the party which a person has requested to enter may respond to a post on said thread, unless a question is specifically asked of a party.

SECTION 6: Meta Boundaries

(a) This is the beginning of the list of meta rules which the current moderation team has outlined.

(i) The moderation team reserves the right to edit the save file of the game in order to fix issues that have no relevance to ingame governance. (e.g. changing province names and heir names in a manner deemed unfit by the moderation team)

(1) The right is also reserved to punish those who commit these misdeeds with suspension from the subreddit or discord

(ii) The moderation team reserves the right to punish players who meta game by committing acts outside of their jurisdiction under the constitution. Everyone must “stay in their lane” in order for the game to work.

(1) For instance, the treasurer bankrupting the country is not punishable by the moderation team because it is an abuse of given powers, but if the spymaster cancels a religious conversion, that is subject to decisive punishment.

(iii) In order combat spam and trolling, those who post on the subreddit may only make one post a day in the same category. This will lower the number of petition requests seneschals have to deal with and cut down on meaningless tomfoolery.

(1) For example, someone can only make one post a day classified as a “suggestion / petition”, although they can also choose to make a discussion thread and an official announcement in the same day.

(2) If the moderation team assesses that a user is “shopping” with posts, e.g. flairing something as a discussion when it is actually a petition, the moderation team reserves the right to lock or remove the most recent post as long as they notify the user.

(iv) Members of the community may contact the moderation team discreetly using a Google Form

(1) The link to the current Google Form is [here](#).

- (2) Abuse of this system in the form of spamming, troll responses, or attempts at political sabotage will be punishable by mutes or temp bans on discord or the subreddit.
- (3) After responses have been deliberated, the submitter will be informed of the result in an equally discreet fashion.
- (v) The usage of alternate or secondary accounts, also known as “alts”, on reddit, discord or any other online medium related to DemocratiaUniversalis is only permitted with the explicit permission of the moderators, and, if violated, will result in banning of said alts and appropriate punishment of the violator, e.g. the temporary banning of the primary account.
- (vi) Advertisement of third parties, such as asking or inviting people to join their own DemocraticGame, must be discussed with the Moderation team first. If this is not the case, then the Moderation team reserves the right to delete any post which they deem to be illegal advertising. At repeated offense, the Moderation team may decide to consider it poaching, spam or something appropriately, and punish it accordingly.
- (vii) All DU channels, subreddits, servers, bills, and other official matters are to only be conducted with the English language. If a foreign language is used to conduct any official matter, the person will be asked to translate the subject into English.
- (viii) All edits made to the Code of Conduct henceforth are to be made by a simple majority (>50.1%). Proposed changes are to be passed through session votes as if they were other motions/votes.
- ~~a) To protect the Code of Conduct from severe editing, all current (as of 3 August 2017) provisions are to remain as/is for seven days. After such a time passes, full edits are permitted. Until such time, only additions can be made. This clause (a) is to be removed after 10 August. Needs to be removed~~