Bitcoin Crown / Pax Silica

A Non-Coercive Governance Stack for the Post-State Era

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Abstract

Modern states claim legitimacy through monopoly on force. History shows this legitimacy is fragile. When force replaces consent, systems decay.

Bitcoin introduced a different model: coordination without violence. This paper formalizes that model into a full governance stack — fiscal, legal, and social — called **Bitcoin Crown**, operating within the broader **Pax Silica** order.

This is not reform. It is replacement by exit.

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1. Problem Statement

States:

- Claim permanent legitimacy
- Enforce rules through coercion
- Centralize authority
- Trap individuals inside failing systems

When states fail, individuals bear the cost.

The core failure is not policy.
It is architecture.

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2. First Principle: Conditional Legitimacy

Legitimacy is not inherent.
Legitimacy is earned.

A system is legitimate only while participation is voluntary.

When a state abuses power or rules through force, it forfeits legitimacy.
At that moment, legitimacy migrates.

Not upward.
Outward.

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3. Sovereignty Reversion

In the state model:

- Sovereignty is delegated upward
- Rarely returned
- Enforced by threat

In the Bitcoin model:

- Sovereignty is native to the individual
- Held through keys
- Exercised through exit

Sovereignty is non-transferable and reversible by design.

When systems fail, sovereignty returns to the individual.

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4. Law Without Violence

State law:

- Interpreted
- Discretionary
- Enforced by force

Bitcoin law:

- Explicit
- Deterministic

- Enforced by rules

No police.
No prisons.
No decrees.

Only consensus.

Bitcoin proves that law does not require coercion.

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5. Protection Beyond the State

In Bitcoin governance, protection is functional, not militarized.

Protection means:

Property

- Cryptographic ownership
- Private keys
- No seizure without consent

Speech

- Uncensorable settlement
- Permissionless coordination

Exit

- Ability to leave failing systems
- No approval required

Continuity

- Systems that persist across regimes
- Neutral infrastructure

No agency with guns.
Only systems that work because people choose them.

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6. The Bitcoin Crown Stack

Bitcoin Crown formalizes governance into three layers.

6.1 Fiscal Layer

- Bitcoin as neutral base money
- No issuer
- No debasement
- No discretion

Fiscal policy becomes impossible.
Rules replace rulers.

6.2 Legal Layer

- Protocol-defined rules
- Smart enforcement through consensus
- Predictable outcomes

Law becomes executable.
Appeals are replaced by verification.

6.3 Social Layer

- Reputation, not identity
- Voluntary association
- Forkable institutions

Power becomes opt-in.
Authority becomes revocable.

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7. Pax Silica

Pax Silica is not a nation.
It is not a treaty.
It is not an empire.

It is the natural order that emerges when:

- Money is neutral

- Rules are explicit
- Exit is always available

Peace enforced by incentives, not weapons.

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8. Failure Modes

Bitcoin governance does not prevent failure.
It contains it.

Bad systems lose users.
Good systems grow.

Failure becomes local.
Exit becomes global.

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9. Final Statement

When a state abuses power, it forfeits legitimacy.

Sovereignty reverts to the individual.

Bitcoin Crown provides the fiscal, legal, and social infrastructure for that sovereignty to persist without force.

This is not utopian.
It already runs.

Appendix A — Axioms (Satoshi Style)

1. Force does not create legitimacy.
2. Consent cannot be assumed.
3. Rules must be explicit.
4. Exit must be possible.
5. Systems that require violence will fail.
6. Systems that rely on verification will scale.

Bitcoin is law executed as code.