

Civic Reform Congress - Founding Charter.

A better democracy, built together.



Preamble

The Civic Reform Congress is a social-liberal movement for fair governance, civil liberties and democratic renewal. The CRC vows to uphold clean politics, social justice, economic fairness and institutional professionalism. We, as a party, aim to represent those who lie between the extremes, those who are tired of the over-dramatised politics of the DOR, and those who want a return towards real, professional governance.

Founding Statement (u/ChilliFarmer101)

The Civic Reform Congress is founded on the belief that a democracy thrives only when its institutions are transparent, its citizens empowered, and its leaders held to consistent standards of accountability.

Born from a recognition that the Democracy of Reddit has grown in complexity but not always in clarity, the CRC seeks to elevate civic culture and restore trust in public life. We affirm that progress is achieved not through ideological rigidity, but through open dialogue, principled reform, and a commitment to the common good. We stand for responsible leadership, digital rights, electoral fairness, and the constructive participation of every citizen.

Our mission is to build a system that is accessible and honest - a democracy worthy of the people it represents. The CRC invites all who share these values to join us in shaping a more accountable and resilient future.

Core Values:

- **Democracy:** We uphold transparent, accountable governance.
- **Civic Responsibility:** Promoting a respectful and informed citizenry.
- **Social Liberalism:** We wish to advance personal freedoms alongside social justice and economic fairness.
- **Integrity:** We commit to clean politics and ethical behaviour.
- **Professionalism:** We wish to have serious and constructive professionalism in governance.
- **Pluralism:** We, under all circumstances, have respect for diverse viewpoints and reject extremism.

Organisational Structure:

Party Congress	The central, deliberative body - open to all members. Decides key policy decisions and manifesto commitments. (Held once a month, a week before elections)
Executive Committee (Legislators and Office Holders)	Elected members responsible for daily administration
Policy Forum	Possible policy commitments and manifesto commitments can be submitted here by members, subject to be voted on at the Party Congress.
Ethics and Standards Office (To be inaugurated once 10 members have joined the party).	Ensures internal transparency and investigates misconduct.
The Leadership	Elected every two Party Congresses. Consists of the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Membership Code of Conduct:

Members of the CRC agree to:

- Maintain civility towards citizens and other parties.
- Avoid harassment, flaming, or brigading.
- Reject extremist rhetoric or violent RP.
- Uphold the CRC's values in all DOR political engagement.
- Disclose affiliations with other parties or organisations.
- Accept disciplinary processes for breaches of conduct.

Amendment Process:

For the Charter Contents:

- Amendments may be proposed by any member of the CRC at the Party Congress.
- Amendments require a two-thirds majority of votes cast.
- Charter Amendments or Organisational Changes undergo a 48-hour public consultation period before voting.
- Emergency Amendments (e.g: those outside of Congress days) require unanimous support from the executive committee.

For the Manifesto:

- Amendments may be proposed by any member of the CRC via the **Policy Forum**¹, to be debated at the next Party Congress.
- A manifesto amendment needs a simple majority of all votes cast to become official policy.
- Amendments must adhere to the core values of the CRC. If they go against them, they will be treated as Charter Amendments and must follow the process above (subject to the discretion of the Party Leadership).

Oath of Membership:

I swear to uphold the principles of the Civic Reform Congress with honesty, reason and civility;

To defend the rights and dignity of all citizens;

To pursue reform through evidence, dialogue and democratic accountability;

To reject extremism and personal abuse;

And to contribute, in good faith, to a more transparent and fair Democracy of Reddit.

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I join this Congress freely, and I commit myself to its mission of civic renewal and democratic integrity.

Manifesto

Restore Trust in DOR Governance:

The DOR has struggled with legitimacy disputes, abrupt legislative motions, and unclear processes. The CRC will aim to propose:

1. Mandatory public consultation processes for major bills.
2. Transparent vote tracking for all legislative actions.
3. Clear constitutional adherence with no “shortcut bills” or closed-door deals.
4. Independent oversight council to review procedural fairness.

Our goal is to restore legitimacy and prevent political manipulation, as well as ending the procedural chaos that has plagued our great democracy.

Civil Liberties and Redditors Rights Charter:

We respond to concerns about moderation, unfair bans and inconsistent rule enforcement, as well as the often-politicised moderation that occurs on our reddit. We therefore aim to implement constitutionally-enshrined protections such as:

1. Establishing a Redditors Rights Charter guaranteeing due process, transparency and a right to appeal.
2. Protection of freedom of expression (within RP rules). There should not be ideological censorship.
3. Requirement of public moderation logs for all official DOR decisions relating to governance.

Responsible Constitutional Reform:

Citizens have criticised repeated constitutional overwrites and confusing governance structures. The CRC proposes:

1. A Constitutional Review Commission elected from all member factions.
2. One clear, stable constitution with defined powers and less ambiguity.
3. The introduction of a **Semi-Presidential** system, to reduce the powers of the President and increase representation.

A competent legislature:

Many citizens complain about unserious bills, extreme positions, or factions derailing the DOR with drama and a lack of compromise. The CRC commits to:

1. Evidence-based, serious legislation focusing on stability and actual governance.
2. Cross-party cooperation rather than factional warfare.
3. Opposition to paramilitary forces and coup-style behaviour.
4. Expansion of the legislature to ensure more parties and viewpoints are represented.
5. A push towards fairer methods of electing legislators via **Single Transferrable Vote**.
6. The establishment of a **threshold-based** electoral system for the legislature, abolishing the fixed size of the Parliament.

Economic and Social Balance:

The CRC promotes a balanced approach between social justice and economic fairness. We will:

1. Support welfare and worker protections.
2. Encourage responsible market activity with fair regulation.
3. Back sustainable development policies, as our environment is all that we have got.

Participation Renewal and Anti-Apathy Measures:

Many citizens feel that the DOR is dying or pointless due to drama and administrative confusion. The CRC proposes:

1. Regular community town halls with Q&A.
2. Open calls for bill proposals from any citizen.
3. "Civic week" campaigns to re-engage inactive citizens.
4. Clear, attractive documentation for newcomers.
5. A constitutional review to ensure clarity in processes.

Clean Elections, Clean Politics:

The CRC is abhorred by allegations of vote-rigging, botting and faction manipulation staining clean governance. The CRC supports:

1. Independent election auditing.
2. Voting eligibility standards and stricter checks against bot use.
3. Transparent campaign finance rules (widgets, symbols, endorsements, etc.)
4. Ban on foreign or cross-subreddit interference in DOR elections.

A Culture of Respect:

To push back against toxic behaviour, flaming, radicalism, and disengagement, the CRC endorses:

1. An enforcement of civility standards for politicians and parties.
2. A promotion of constructive debate instead of dogmatic ideology wars.
3. An opposition to extremist rhetoric, violence, meme-driven chaos, and parties and factions unwilling to compromise for the sake of point-scoring against their opponents.