

# **Article 13: Canon Bylaws**

## **Communications**

### **a. Private Messages**

- i. Any message sent utilizing Reddit PMs and/or Discord PMs relating to a direct simulation matter that does not involve the meta operations shall be considered canon on the following tiered basis, unless otherwise specifically stated:
  1. If both parties agree that it is canon, then it shall be considered canon.
  2. If one party agrees that it is canon, then it shall not be considered canon. It will be treated as an allegation or a rumor.
  3. If no party agrees that it is canon, then it shall not be considered canon.
- ii. Any message sent utilizing Reddit PMs and/or Discord PMs relating to a meta matter shall only be considered canon if that message is sent to a clerk directing them to perform an action, unless otherwise specifically stated.
  1. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to the following:
    1. Rushing a piece of legislation.
    2. Stating an abstention for legislation that requires a signature.
    3. Advancing cabinet nominees to a vote
    4. Holding a hearing
    5. Proposing an assembly motion, which may include tabling legislation as an example.

### **b. Public Messages**

- i. Any message sent utilizing the Reddit commenting system on the posts listed below shall be considered canon, unless otherwise specifically stated:
  1. Federal Bill Discussion/Amendment/Votes
  2. State Bill Discussion/Amendment/Votes
  3. Designated Speech Threads
  4. Hearings.
  5. Legal Proceedings
  6. Threads designated as canon by the clerk team
- ii. Any message sent utilizing the Reddit posting system shall be considered canon if the post is made on a core subreddit, as defined in Article I Section 8 of the Meta Constitution.

1. For reference, that section specifically states that “Core subreddits will be defined as /r/ModelUSGov, /r/ModelUSHouse, /r/ModelUSSenate, /r/ModelSupCourt, /r/ModelWHPress, all state subreddits, and all other public subreddits directly related to the running of the government or the simulation.”
- iii. For a non-/r/ModelWHPress post to be considered canon, it must be linked to the main Press sub, which is /r/ModelUSPress.
- iv. Utilizing “Meta: ” or “M: “ in front of a post in a canon thread shall indicate that the comment is to be treated as a meta, non-canon comment.
- c. Discord
  - i. Unless explicitly stated by the Quadrumvirate and/or Head Moderator, nothing on Discord shall be considered canon, except in channels or servers specifically designated as canon by the Quadrumvirate and/or the Head Moderator.
    1. Meta topics in a canon channel shall not be considered canon.
    2. Any exception to this is addressed in above in the Private Messages section.
- d. Public Posts
  1. Any message sent utilizing the Reddit post system shall be considered canon if the post is made on a Federal subreddit, a State subreddit, a Judicial subreddit, the WH Press subreddit, or the Press subreddit.
    1. For a non-WH press post to be considered canon, it must be linked to the main Press sub.
    2. In some cases, a Press post may not be considered canon if posted with permission of the Clerks acknowledging that the post will not be canon.
- e. Discord
  - i. Nothing on Discord shall be considered canon, except in channels specifically designated as canon by the Quadrumvirate and/or the Head Moderator.
    1. Meta topics in a canon channel shall not be considered canon.
- f. Election Events
  - i. Players are not allowed to use other players as characters in their events without the other player’s express permission.

## Real World Canon

- a. The United States Federal Government, including the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches, are replaced by the sim counterparts since the split date of June 23rd, 2018.

- b. The States of the United States are replaced by the sim counterparts since the split date of June 23rd, 2018.
- c. The counties and cities of the United States are led by the real life leaders, but such entities have no power to contradict State or Federal law.
  - i. Changes to city ordinances, city functions, and other similar matters may be canonized on a case by case basis.
  - ii. In the event of an Event, county and city Governments may be simulated to act similar to how such Governments would react irl, but such simulations will only occur with authorization by the Events Board, ultimately authorized by the discretion of the Head Elections Clerk.
- d. Foreign countries are involved in canon in two different instances, some of which may not be in effect at certain times in the simulation's livelihood due to administrative issues.
  - i. Countries that are represented by a Model World connection, which are shown on the sidebar of /r/ModelUSGov under the subreddit rules, fully represent those countries of which they originate from. Any negotiations between Model World nations are canon as long as the Events Clerks on both simulations are aware of such negotiations under the consent of their supervisors.
  - ii. Countries that are not represented by the Model World at the applicable time are to be fully simmed by the Events Board, with the consent of the Head Elections Clerk, in any situation where it is deemed necessary for simulation.
  - iii. Election results around the world are to be considered automatically canon, unless they feature a country that is represented in the Model World, or unless they are designated non-canon by the HEC.
- e. News Organizations from real life are decanonized, with only the facts themselves and not the opinions on such facts canonized for use on a case by case basis after the split date of June 23rd, 2018. The facts that are canonized, however, must be made available to the public so that everyone knows what facts are canonized.
  - i. News Organizations represented in the simulation, either by meta or player control, are automatically canon unless such organizations write on non-canon material, which then such organizations will be subject to investigation by the Clerks.
- f. Companies and unions, and the actions of such companies and unions, are canonized on a case by case basis after the split date of June 23rd, 2018. The information that is canonized, however, must be made available to the public so that everyone knows what facts are canonized.
  - i. No companies can be simulated by players, even those created after the split date of June 23rd, 2018.
  - ii. This is subject to change in the future with simulated functions.

- g. Organizations, Funds, and Charities, regardless of political affiliation, are deemed not canon, and can not be used in any form or fashion in the simulation.
  - i. This is subject to change in the future with simulated functions.
  - ii. Organizations, for the purpose of legal matters, may be used in any legal case as long as their use is made known to the Events Board and canonized public to the community.
- h. Any real world event that has not been previously mentioned may only be canon on a case by case basis by the Events Board under the discretion of the Head Elections Clerk.
  - i. This also includes negotiations.

## Sim Canon

- a. The Events Board, supervised under the discretion of the Head Elections Clerk, has full authorities granted under the Meta Constitution to create events, canonize material, and react to reactions to said event creations or canonizations.
- b. All event materials, even in the case of certain events being “completed”, remain canon for the rest of the sim’s timeline unless decanonized.
- c. All canon communications, as described previously in this document, remain canon for the rest of the sim’s timeline unless decanonized.
- d. Anything else that is made canon will stay canon unless decanonized.

## Conclusion

These canon bylaws will stand in permanence to address the various issues regarding both the grey areas of canon, as well as what is and isn’t canon entirely. These bylaws affect all new canon after December 15, 2019.