

The United People's Party Manifesto

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Introduction

SimDem is not in its glory days. Activity has hit a high in the last year or so, but there is no denying a gradual decline.

Under what is effectively a one-party state, we are bleeding members as fast as they join. While SimDem may be at its most active in a while, it is mostly from old members (with fallen_fire being a notable exception). As more old members leave, it would be naive to think that SimDem can survive another few years without "fresh" new members.

In more immediate problems, SimDem's government is run pretty much entirely by one party. This party needs opposition, and we are the most serious candidate to give it to them. We easily have the most members in the opposition and are the most organized. **If you are against the current government, then you should be Pro-UPP.**

This document seeks to say what we are dissatisfied with in SimDemocracy, and how we wish to go about fixing it.

Economy

The economy has been neglected as a serious feature of SimDem for a number of years now, and there are currently 3 potential ways forward with it: Abolishment, Ignoring it, or Reforming it.

The UPP is Pro-Reform. We believe that the economy is a fun idea that can work, and had minimal drawbacks if Reform doesn't work. The Economy has worked in the past, especially during a period in the summer of 2020, when many new businesses were being created and thriving. This also happens to be one of the most active periods in SimDem history.

The UPP believes that the Economy is failing because Tau can be put to no good use in SimDem's borders. Since Tau is an artificial currency, value needs to be artificially created for it: This can be done by a program in collaboration with Voices of Democracy (with whom SimDem is already partnered), which would sponsor businesses, paid-for roles potentially, and more.

A <u>poll</u> we conducted on the 10th of March 2023 showed that the majority SimDem users agree with us. Most are in favor of reform, and just a small minority wish to see it go. We will uphold the will of the people in ways other parties simply won't.

Expansion/Integration

SimDemocracy has been on a downward trend over the past couple of years. This is unfortunate because the solution to it is quite simple: Bring new users in and get them involved.

So why isn't this happening? Well, it simply hasn't been the number one priority of the government since the last Major Expansion Campaign, led by the former Secretary of Expansion theghostecho. A representative of the UPP has been given access to old expansion archives in order to learn from these events, and understand how to apply them to SimDem today.

However, if action is not taken now then this gradual decline is set to continue. As they say, prevention is the best cure. Another Great Expansion Campaign would have us set for a while, and a paired integration effort has already been in the works between the Dol and a UPP representative. The UPP suggests more out-of-Reddit expansion to tap into a wider audience.

The future is bright, but only if we make it so.

Hate Speech

While this is an issue that should have been buried years ago, it still remains topical today. It stands that the UPP will **always** favor creating a comfortable environment for its users over protecting the rights of the hateful.

We are firmly against homophobia, transphobia, racism, and other forms of bigotry, as are all parties. The difference is that some parties do not want to take action against these things for fear of infringing on bigots' "free speech". UPP is not one of those parties.

We recognize that SimDemocracy is an online community, where your real-world political opinions come **after** the experience and well-being of those around you. We will uphold this idea as much as is needed.

tl;dr: more expansion, less hate speech, more economy, less one-party state