This manifesto has been a bit rambly and long, but I tend to write my manifestos over a period of days as ideas and structures come to me, and I decided I liked a lot of the stuff that came to me, so it stayed. Below are my key ideas if you don't want to read everything, but I implore everybody, even if you have endorsed another candidate, to at least hear me out, because I think they are important, thought provoking thoughts. I understand some people don't like me for whatever reason, but I hope you can see past that, and that I am a good moderator, who will work tirelessly to keep MHoC going strong.

My key ideas:

- Evaluate the success and worth of the select committees.
- To rewrite the constitution line by line, and to set out new proposals for how and when it should be edited.
- Delegate jobs to Deputy Speakers to ease the load from the Speaker and to make the positions more worthwhile.
- Work with the Lords' Speaker to streamline the passage of bills to and from MHoC to prevent bills still floating around many months after they originally passed the Commons.
- Appoint a (group of) Deputy Speaker(s) to manage the /r/MHoCEDM sub, which has long fallen out of use, and would be useful for motions such as this.
- Use the new Events team to create enjoyable new real time events that have consequences based upon the government's actions.
- Consider the proposals for general elections set out by /u/Athanaton and /u/TheQuipton. (I have analysed these in depth below).
- Implement an honours system including MBEs, OBEs, CBEs, and Knighthoods for those who have done exceptional things for MHoC, but without clogging the Lords.
- Establish the banning guidelines mentioned by /u/Athanaton to effectively deal with rule breakers, and expand the probation program as a deterrent against rulebreakers.
- Reduce the number of constituencies with smaller voting turnouts.

I understand some of these ideas are no longer under the sole remit of the Speaker of the House of Commons because of the triumvirate system, so they will be things I will be pushing

with the Lords' Speaker and Head Moderator. I understand the new roles of the Speaker, but I still want to make the whole MHoC Community a better place. I will not overstep the mark.

And my big things:

- Should we restart MHoC?
- Should we set the parties back to Green, Labour, Liberal Democrat, Conservative and UKIP?
- What to do with the vote modifiers?

Foreword

6 months ago, no one who was here at the time would've thought that we would be where we are now. 3 Speakers down, and Ben no longer Head Moderator, was this how it was supposed to be? Either way, it's where we are now, and we can't dwell on the past. We are entering into a new, and in my opinion what is a rather exciting period for the moderation of MHoC. Throughout this period, we are going to need a team of moderators that will be around to see it through completely, and with the current team, and myself, we can do that. I have been an MP for 9 months, Government Chief Whip for 8 months, a Secretary of State for 7 months, and a Deputy Speaker for almost half a year; I am here to stay. Because of my time spent both here as a Deputy Speaker, and several years running a successful Gary's Mod community previously, I have expansive experience running communities, and the stability to be relied upon.

Joe has done immense work during his short tenure as Speaker, implementing select committees, adding /r/MHoCMeta, overturning almost all bans, introducing debate days, the work is almost endless. He has set the foundation for MHoC going forward, something we should all be immensely grateful for, because it has driven him to leave. His work has meant that we are in a radically different place from our last Speakership election. Toxicity and hostility are no longer plaguing us, and despite the losses to the Speakership, we have a strong set of Deputy Speakers, a great new Head Moderator and with me as Speaker, we can be assured of an easy transition to the triumvirate system.

MHoC is keen to see new things added, but not to use them if it requires admin, which I think is what we have seen with the select committees. Unless the Speaker spoon feeds the work to the committee, aside from the ones who have a very keen interest in their subject, little seems to have happened. I'm not sure if it is worth rebooting these to try and get activity going again, or whether to close the ones that have seemingly dwindled, this might just be something for /r/MHoCMeta.

The Election proposals

Rather than performance on every bill and motion, I would rather that we added modifiers for very important legislation for parties, governments, and oppositions. For deciding the

importance of bills and the actions of local MPs, I would have the Triumvirate come together coming towards the end of the term to evaluate evidence submitted. I have looked extensively at the proposals by /u/Athanaton and /u/TheQuipton, and most of what I say below will be in the interests of how a real life electorate would view the actions of the parties, governments and oppositions. Here are my thoughts:

- I think having a modifier for MPs who do work locally (whether it is through legislation, questions) is a good idea, as the constituents would recognise their work.
- I don't like the idea of having a modifier for having any old bill pass, a real life electorate would not be aware of the passing of a bill on the regulation of Helium, for example.
- The same as above for rejected bills, especially considering they were *rejected*.
- I think very important legislation to parties, governments and oppositions should be given a bonus, even if that fails. This is because the voters of that party would likely hear that they have proposed this key legislation, and whether or not it passes they will still know that their key views are being represented, which is why it is different to any old bill being proposed and rejected. It's significance would be decided upon by the Triumvirate. This would encourage the parties on the further ends of the spectrum to at least present their bills, as if it did pass it would provide them with an even bigger bonus for the next General Election.
- If a party experiences a big drama, such as a major defection, it would receive a penalty. Much like the point above, this would be judged by the Triumvirate.
- I think it would be unfair to punish parties for resignations and leadership changes, because although these might damage a real party, as this is a game, changes are much more likely to happen due to people's real life circumstances changing.
- I'm not sure about modifiers for parties' voting record, I think it would certainly be an incentive for parties to whip effectively, but just having one or two poor performing MPs could damage the entire party. Also, the parties voting record isn't something that the electorate is often particularly concerned about.
- I don't like the idea of having random votes, if anything it undoes the work done to make the vote more representative through what has happened through the term. Despite the chances, a party to the far left or right could randomly receive a lot of votes, potentially doing much more damage than good, whether we are looking at MHoC from a point of view of making it more realistic or just from a gaming point of view.

Some of what I said above wasn't actually included in the document, but I wanted to add my own ideas in too. I hope you both don't mind my analysis, I've been quite ruthless with my thoughts and I'd love to know what you both think, as well as the community!

The big points, and long term ideas

Now before the tomatoes start being thrown and pitchforks raised, please just hear this section out. Whilst reading this post the idea was brought up that we could have a complete wipe of MHoC. At first I didn't like the idea (being the reactionary I am), MHoC has a lot of history and

the mere thought of wiping all of that away didn't appeal at all. But after considering it, the idea started to grow on me. We've debated the big issues several times, and the more minor, but still very relevant issues today, such as drug legalisation, railway nationalisation, and euthanasia have all long been debated and settled, unsurprisingly, by being passed. This issue of more left wing and liberal legislation being passed is related to the other 'big issue', which is the idea of a resetting the parties and having modifiers on General Elections.

By resetting the parties, it would create what we have previously seen as something extremely negative, factionalising, and force it in. Leadership contests would no longer be a popularity contests, but be based on policy and ideology like real ones, and parties would have more to cope with than simply churning out legislation, but also having to deal with internal struggles too. In an MHoC that is being more and more described as dulling down, at least for the 'old guard', this would certainly be something that would reignite MHoC. The Conservatives would be more of a mixture of liberals and conservatives, Labour and the Greens would be even 'broader' still. Reddit has a much higher concentration of far left people, as it allows them to congregate and debate their views that are otherwise sparsely held (geographically) in real life, but despite being 'radical', the far left does not seem it. It is the same issue for the Vanguard, who do not submit a lot of legislation, and if they do, it is not often anything particularly conservative nor controversial, either because we have already covered it by passing legislation opposed to it, or for fear of it being voted down, which is yet another thing I'd like to talk about.

As a Model Parliament, our bills, motions, and executive decisions (or lack thereof), have no actual impact on anything other than our microcosm of Britain. It is therefore troubling as to why people are afraid of having their bill voted down, when it has no real impact on anything. If people truly believe in what they stand for, then surely they should just submit the bill and debate it? This is I see the largest problem with the parties on the far ends of the political spectrum, but whether or not removing these parties would help this issue I'm not sure. It would certainly restore some aspect of what we see in the real world of politics, where party leaders are not merely administrators and outside representatives, but also have to keep their party from ripping itself apart, something that has all too easily happened in MHoC past, and been accepted with the quick rise of a new party, something that would not happen in real life. This nicely links into my next part about whether MHoC should focus on realism, or debate.

It is my personal belief that MHoC should focus more on being realistic than it currently does. There are numerous political debating subreddits out there, and of course we have the unique point of representing a functioning legislature and executive, but that is about it. Anybody can share any opinion they have, just like a normal debating subreddit, but either as an MP, Lord or 'concerned citizen'. Now my thoughts aren't to make people say Mr (Deputy) Speaker at the start of every comment, something that is too much hassle to be worth it, but simply to make MHoC a bit more like real life. This doesn't mean having a conservative government for 5 years, as nice a change that might be for some, but to encourage for the most fun government to be at the helm, rather than the most 'correct'. Whether we like to admit to admit or not, reddit has an inherent left wing/liberal bias, and it always will. Events in real life have effects, such as Jeremy

Corbyn's election, but nothing is going to shake that fact. So by only taking into account the votes achieved at the election, which are solely based on belief, rather than experience and the events that took place in the term, we are going to end up in around about the same position at every election, and by extension a centre left government. This also gives left wing legislation a one up, as there is an enhanced centre left due to reddit's bias, and a concentration of far left people who will support it too. This means that when right wing legislation does come along (which it doesn't always, because people are afraid of being voted down as I spoke about above), it is likely to be rejected. Because of this, **any vote modifier system based on all legislation performance during the term will also be broken,** because the left already have the upper hand by being able to pass their legislation, leading to further giving them an advantage and a cycle ensues.

To End

In conclusion, I want you to vote for me for the following reasons:
- I've worked with both the Lords' Speaker /u//u/GhoulishBulld0g and the new Head Moderator, ensuring a quick and easy transition for us all.
- I have experience both as a Deputy Speaker moderating MHoC, but also several years of experience from my days administrating a successful Gary's Mod community.
- I am reliable, as proven by my record as an MP, minister and Deputy Speaker, and will be here to see MHoC into the future for a long while yet.
- Even though we have discussed allowing the Speaker to debate on bills and motions; I would rather spend my time keeping MHoC functioning smoothly.
- I will restart /r/MHoCEDM.
- I will work with the Lords' Speaker and Head Moderator to implement my proposals for vote modifiers.
- I have a clear plan for MHoC, to:-
  - Rewrite the constitution line by line.
  - Use the newly created events committee to make enjoyable, worthwhile events.
  - Implement an Honours system of MBEs, OBEs, CBEs, and Knighthoods.

Thank you for reading,

Don't be in denial.
Vote Djenial.

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