

DRAFT: THE LEFTYCHAN MANIFESTO



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I. MISSION

Leftychan exists to provide a space on the internet for leftists and even non leftists of many different political stripes to hang out and enjoy themselves while also discussing the political questions of our time. That being said, leftychan.net is a leftist community first and foremost and will always be managed in a way to preserve this unique aspect of itself.

Leftychan is, conceptually, a repudiation of /pol/; anti-fascist, materialist, and better read. Our mission, above all, is to learn, and help others learn, the philosophical tools necessary to elucidate the interrelated and ever-increasingly complex space of self, society, and politics from the local to the global scale.

While we believe in the rights of individuals to live in accordance to their own wishes and desires is a fundamental tenant of leftism, Leftychan takes a stance to generally be against political discussion revolving around topics of identity politics. We define identity politics as "Prioritising conflicts between genders, races, sexuality etc. over the class struggle". We find that these debates typically do little more than divide socialists and the working class, making the left every more weak and irrelevant. Regardless, you will never be banned solely for using slurs and leftychan respects the freedom of speech of individuals to speak their mind, within reason. One will not be banned for a post or argument relying heavily on identity politics per-se, but it is advised when dealing with idpol and trolling to simply follow the old adage: "Don't feed the trolls."

On the subject of free speech: Leftychan is a board that respects the freedom of speech of both of its political opposition and of the people who find themselves in agreement with the socialist ideas the site represents. However, we are not "Extremists" in the realm of free-speech. Ultimately, all speech is allowed, **however** any posts perceived as agitation of outright far-right or Nazi ideology that this is simply a means to spread one's own pre-existing ideology and not as an actual methodology for useful debate or conversation will be treated as low-effort and disruptive. Thus, will likely be actioned with a deletion or ban. As said earlier, this is a leftist board first and foremost.

In this regard leftychan is also a repudiation of leftypol.org which is, itself, controlled by authoritarian currents in leftism. Leftychan is the libertarian version of leftypol.

2. INHERENT RIGHTS OF USERS ON THIS SITE

We feel that it is necessary for clarification what sort of "rights" users of this site will be guaranteed in order to protect them from the tyranny of power-tripping moderators, which has been a recurring issue on imageboards. Moderators will be expected to respect these rights at all times or face the possibility of removal either through democratic will of the majority, or, through the outright will of the existing administration.

1. Users right to post: All users of the board have a guaranteed right to post whatever they feel is on their mind at any given time, except for if said user is currently banned. Bans are only given in rare circumstances when a user has repeatedly and flagrantly violated the rules or is intentionally disrupting the operation of the site. Furthermore, blatant nazi spam and agit prop, aka "Lol I hate Jews" or any infographics or pictures that are anti-semitic or pro-nazi. (Defending Nazi Germany, Holocaust denial, or sourcing from far-right websites). Additionally, the main /leftypol/ board itself should be held to a higher standard and reserved for serious discussion and debate.

2. No user under any circumstances can or should be voted off the matrix or voted to be banned outright for anything they are saying on the website. This is to open to abuse and can lead to manipulation of the democratic system.

3. The right of users to remove any moderators they see fit that they believe are not doing their jobs is guaranteed by the administration of this website and as stated above can be concluded formally in the form of a vote. Administrators also reserve the right themselves to remove any unruly moderators who are not respecting the fundamental rights of the users of this site.

3. DEMOCRATIC METHODOLOGY

Leftychan is primarily organized and run around the principle of democracy as a methodology for managing the affairs and running of the site. The functioning of this democracy is entirely dependent upon the participation of the user base in the matrix where votes and proposals are held, and we implore you to please join the matrix so that you can give your input to the on goings of leftychan.

In order to be able to vote you must join the matrix and be vetted in the vetting chamber, in order to prove to the staff that you are not a bad faith actor. After this you will be invited into several rooms:

MAIN CHAT: The main chat is for the typical shitposting and banter that occur within online communities such as leftychan, with the occasional political debate or discussion about current events.

CONGRESS: The congress is for any and all serious meta related discussion to the website and of the ongoing votes.

VOTING HALL: The voting hall is for creation of and voting on both proposals and votes, clearly. No talking is allowed in this room and all posts outside of proposals and votes will be deleted and repeated violations may result in an escalation of punishment as the staff sees fit.

For a user to trigger a vote they must first make a proposal. Said proposal must be created and outlined in the voting hall and must get two "yes" votes in the form of a "thumbs up react" on the proposal itself. When and if the proposal passes, it will then move to a voting phase.

The vote must be opened in the form of a poll and a precise outline of the vote must be given in the description and the options for "Yay, Nay, Abstention" must be given on said vote. After creation a vote will have a period of 72 hours from the date of creation in order for the users of the congress to vote with their appropriate response. In the case of a majority of 6 or more anons overwhelmingly supporting a proposal, then the vote will be fast tracked to 24 hours.

After a majority victory a vote will be concluded and put into practice, or, in the event of a loss a user must wait 2 months before they can return to visit the same topic.

All victories must be a civil majority. No tie breakers.

4. THE BOARDS

Leftychan consists of a series of boards which each have their own purpose and uses. Users should try to adhere to these guidelines when using which ever particular board. Each board and its function will be explained now:

/leftypol/ - the leftypol board is for more serious and formal political discussion of not just a leftist nature but all political discussion with a leftist hegemonic outlook or from a marxist perspective. Other ideologies are tolerated but you must be

respectful when posting and and not treat the board like /b/. We expect at least a modicum of higher quality posting on this board in particular.

/b/ - This is the "random" board. Anything goes. Do not violate the global rules. No spam, no CP and the rules regarding idpol focused and nazi posts still apply.

/WRK/ - WRK is a board related to this discussion of work and being a wagie. Keep discussion quality higher than /b/.

/hobby/ - Hobby is a vestigial board that acts as a general discussion board for hobbies of all kinds.

/tech/ - Tech is the technology board which exists for the discussion of computer science and electrical engineering subjects.

/edu/ - Edu is a high-quality board for the discussion of history, philosophy and the arts and as such will have an extremely high posting standard.

/ent/ - Ent is for the general discussion of entertainment not valued enough to be allowed its own board

/777/ - The roulette board. Every few months or so we will decide a board to run temporarily on this board as a test trial and see if it deserves to have its own board based on user traffic.

/poasad/ - Posad is the conspiracy board that might fall in the realm of the more insane or schizophrenic out there. Do not post totally absurd theories like big foot or Chupacabra. Keep it at least related to the discussion of our economy, government or aliens and ayyys, obviously.

/R9K/ - He man woman haters club. Global rules apply.

/dead/ - Dead is our post left individualist or goth/emo board. You decide.

/i/ - Board for the planning and discussion of invasive actions against our enemies.

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