

THE BUNKERCHAN MANIFESTO

Bunkerchan is an imageboard/chan website comprised of three imageboards, 8chan's /leftypol/, GETchan, and the former Bunkerchan, culminating to form the new united Bunkerchan and its three staffs.



Staff of Bunkerchan:

Owner: Space_

Admin: comrade_rat, Comatoast

Development Team: comrade_rat, Space_, Zeke Roa, antinous, Zer0



Staff of /leftypol/:

Board owner: stalin420

Volunteers: Krates, d011ars, pask, Nox, Ausfaganon, Caballo, swagneato, turbojanitor, Comatoast, antinous, Comet, cl_anon, kojus, anatta19, bkirsanov, dubczek, Zul, Comrade Watermelon, comrade_rat, Zer0, ghostixo, Barbara_Pitt



Staff of /GET/:

Admin: Zeke Roa

Volunteers: MeinFlank, PB, Yugo, Anon

ARTICLE 1: OUR MISSION

Bunkerchan's mission is to provide a fun and enjoyable space for the working masses around the world. Our goal is to act as a centre for serious political discourse and less serious informal discussions on various topics related to leftist thought.

We are the negation of /pol/; anti-fascist, materialist, slightly 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.

An important part of /leftypol/'s unique character is our opposition to identity politics. We believe that conflicts between genders, races, sexualities, and so on are distractions from the wider class struggle that are intentionally fanned by the ruling class. This does not mean that oppression based on personal characteristics does not exist, but that it should be approached from an egalitarian perspective which is not personally accusatory and does not assign 'victim' and 'oppressor' groups. The rights of individuals to live according to their own wishes is a fundamental part of leftism.

ARTICLE 2: SEPARATION OF POWERS

Bunkerchan.xyz is a community of three parts coming together to form a united whole; see addendum 1 located at the end of this document.

The Bunkerchan administrative group consists of /gulag/ and /roulette/, which are intended to be used for site maintenance and feedback and for the testing of new board concepts, respectively. It is under the authority of the 'original' Bunkerchan staff from before the migration of /leftypol/ upon the closure of 8chan.

/leftypol/ consists of the aforementioned board, used for leftist political discussion with a certain amount of levity and digression, /hobby/, which is intended for leftist and non-leftist discussion of a variety of topics, like entertainment, literature, hobbies, and subcultures, /tech/, which is for discussion of software, hardware, and the industry in general, /edu/, which is for the discussion of history, literature, and general academic topics without a required emphasis on leftism, and /games/, which is a board designed for videogames, board games, and tabletop.

GETchan consists of /GET/, an anime-centric leftist community board, and /ref/, or 'refugee camp', which is sometimes used for foreign-language discussion or international topics.

These boards are governed by their respective administrations and volunteers, though all members of the Bunkerchan team have now joined the /leftypol/ team as coequal volunteers. Bunkerchan's original boards and /leftypol/ have agreed to abide by the provisions contained in the manifesto from this point on and work according to the 'modocratic' system which will be detailed in Article 5, and are governed by the general rules listed from this point.

GETchan's boards are administered internally by Zeke Roa and their team under their own rules and traditions, and are not covered by the provisions of this manifesto henceforth. Therefore, the following articles apply only to /leftypol/, /hobby/, /gulag/, /roulette/, /tech/, /edu/, and /games/. Unless otherwise specified, all these boards share the same moderation team.

In addition to the bunkerchan.xyz site, the Bunkerchan administration maintain a matrix chat instance '/leftypol/' for further redundancy, and the GETchan.net site is maintained as a backup site for Bunkerchan in the event of catastrophic site failure.

While individual interpretations of the rules and agreed practices may differ somewhat, this manifesto is intended to provide the 'be all end all' authority on how Bunkerchan should be run, and should not be contravened except by a formal, critical, majority vote. The actions of the staff and users should follow from a straightforward interpretation of the text herein.

ARTICLE 3: THE EXPECTATIONS OF STAFF

The staff is expected to act as transparently as possible given the unique conditions of imageboards and of Bunkerchan, and should generally try to act in accordance with the wishes of the user-base of their own boards and that of Bunkerchan as a whole.

While individual contributions are both expected and welcomed, staff members should ultimately serve as vessels for the will of the users of Bunkerchan as far as can be reasonably achieved given the constraints of the medium of imageboards.

Staff members are expected to never issue unwarranted or unjustified bans, move or lock threads without valid justification, or otherwise attempt to undermine the democratic will of the users of the community.

Staff members must review the post history of a user before issuing an IP-wide post deletion in order to prevent unintended deletion of important posts or threads. A user's posts should only be wiped as a whole if they are consistently lacking in quality or merit or consist of spam.

Staff members must give an explanation for all bans along with the ban when it is issued. This might consist of one word in simple cases, like "spam", or a longer statement, like "posting in bad faith, trolling". The ban reason should let the user know in plain terms why they are banned, and should also not be used to insult a user.

When threads are anchored or 'bumplocked', the acting staff member must leave their justification for the decision in the offending thread. In the absence of such a justification the thread should be unanchored, or else the action justified by another staff member. The thread may still be unanchored at the discretion of a consensus of other staff members as usual even if a justification is given.

In addition, anchoring decisions should primarily be made based on the content of the original post and posts by the original poster. Ideally, threads should not be arbitrarily anchored due to later derailing or disruptive posts which are out of the control of the original poster and the offending posts should simply be removed.

ARTICLE 4: THE RULES FOR USERS

In general, the rules are enforced to provide an entertaining and edifying space for all posters to enjoy, and should serve to keep the board easily usable and free from spam and on topic, with discussion productive and open. In addition, content which is illegal in the United States will be removed.

No spam is to be tolerated. Spam from a bot is subject to a permanent ban or more severe actions to preserve site security. Spam from a user may also be subject to a ban, the severity of which depends on the situation and is at the discretion of the volunteers.

ABSOLUTELY NO CP SHALL BE POSTED ON THE SITE. Anyone posting child pornography will immediately face a permanent ban and their IP will be logged and recorded in the event of a police crackdown for the preservation of the site. Content which 'doxxes' another user or person will also be removed. Other content which promotes or endorses illegal activity may be removed as the discretion of the moderators.

Pornography should not be posted on /leftypol/, /gulag/, or /roulette/. In addition, images which are excessively offensive to the eye or to civilised sensibilities may be removed without warning (for example, gore) and punished with moderator action.

Posts should, overall, be conducive to an informed and productive discussion. Bunkerchan is not an academic journal, but it is also not a cesspit of back and forth bickering and pointless insults. Users should attempt to argue for the point they are presenting in an honest and open way and should be receptive to information or arguments that do, in fact, challenge their views.

Reaction and liberalism, or any other kind of non-leftist positions are not banned per se, as we will endeavour to allow and encourage people of other political philosophies to explore leftism through Bunkerchan so long as they follow the rules contained herein.

In addition, Bunkerchan is committed to the ideal of left unity, or at least that the left should have an avenue for open discussion, so all leftist ideologies are tolerated and Bunkerchan is not officially wed to any specific ideology.

To ensure a basic level of quality, topics or posts will not be tolerated when contributions are not conducive to well-intentioned discussion. Therefore, posts that;

- (1) argue under false pretences ("false flagging")
- (2) imply reactionary positions of the userbase as a form of group shaming
- (3) are of an overly derisive and mocking nature
- (4) are of a gratuitously offensive or hysterical nature
- (5) are debating inherently reactionary topics where no reasonable debate is possible
- (6) are low effort sectarian bait rather than good faith discussion
- (7) are likely to create pointless and unconstructive arguments about 'idpol' (as defined in sec. 1)

May be removed at the discretion of moderation staff. Some examples of topics or posts which would likely fall under these rules and are subject to being removed are as follows;

- (1) "Hey fellow commies, did you prep your wife's bull today?"
- (2) "Why do you guys all hate trans people?"
- (3) "haha, btfo commies hitler rulez"
- (4) "I hate fucking Mudslimes, hang them all before they rape our children"
- (5) "In what way should be exterminate the lesser races, guys?"
- (6) "tankie/anarkiddie hate thread" or "why does this theorist suck so much?"
- (7) "why can't I have women as sex slaves?" or "why are whiteoids like this?"

These examples are low quality posts that are considered, at best, bait, but are better described as spam. Any poster that violates this rule may be subject to a ban, and any post that violates this is subject to deletion, subject to the discretion of moderators where they feel the topic may be an avenue for productive discussion.

Once a ban is issued, it should be followed by the user and not contravened. The evasion of bans will lead to continued bans and possibly an escalation of moderator action against a user. In addition, it is prohibited to attempt to imitate a moderator, or to give the impression of being multiple users at a time (for example to unjustly make one's own opinion appear more popular).

Volunteers may remove other posts according to their own discretion which they feel does not contribute to the stated mission of Bunkerchan, but they should try to adhere to the standards of the community and of their fellow moderators.

Users have the right to question and challenge any bans or post removals, or other moderator actions, which they feel are unfair or do not live up to the spirit of the rules. This may be done in the moderation feedback threads on the various boards, or on the meta board, /gulag/, but comments should be considered and constructive, and should not devolve into polemics against the volunteers. In addition, the use of individual user tripcodes or other identifying marks will be prohibited in moderation topics.

ARTICLE 5: CONGRESSIONAL MATTERS

All matters shall be decided by vote of the staff and if possible should the opinions of the community as a whole will also be considered. The nature of international anonymous image-boards makes capturing user opinion difficult. The staff is expected to try to gauge the general opinion of the boards objectively as possible and use that information to guide their decisions.

Matters which have a relatively low impact, such as removals of individual posts or new threads which are without merit, or short term bans of individual posters, volunteers may act on their own initiative. However, the removal or modification of longstanding threads with a large number of posts, or matters which affect entire boards should be decided by the moderation team as a whole as a consensus.

When other staff members are not available for consultation for non-obvious bans which are urgent, the staff member is expected to list and share the details of the ban so that other staff members can review their decision and provide oversight at a later date.

The modification of site or board rules, the modification of the manifesto, or other decisions with a profound impact should be subject a formal vote among the staff in the moderation chat.

For a formal vote to be called, a mod or admin must clearly propose the matter in the relevant moderation chat. Votes will take place in the form of a thumbs up or a thumbs down and the wish to abstain shall be marked via the 'eyes' emoji. Votes in which multiple options are necessary may be responded to with the corresponding '1', '2', '3', etc emojis.

More detailed discussion is possible and encouraged where ambiguity or controversy exists. If possible, the moderation should come to a rough compromise between themselves on the matter where all perspectives are considered, though in some cases this will not be possible.

For non-critical matters, there is an option to fast track a proposal. A non-critical proposal may be fast tracked if there are three or more staff members which respond positively (including the original proposer) within **TWO HOURS**. The fast tracked proposal will then be considered de facto agreed without objection **TWENTY-FOUR HOURS** later, and if possible other staff members should object during that time.

Critical matters shall include the election of staff members, moving well-established and popular threads between respective boards, and the amendment of these articles and otherwise matters that transcend the rules and jurisdictions of individual volunteers. When the presidium deems a matter as critical, the matters will have a minimum of a **SEVENTY-TWO HOUR** voting window and are ineligible for fast tracking.

When the votes are deemed as concluded by the majority of the staff, a decision will be made and the matter will be considered closed and ready to implement, if applicable. A decision which has been made should not be revisited without significant change in circumstances or extenuating circumstances for at least a period of one month. A member may choose to withdraw their own proposal during the proposal or voting stages, in this event, the matter will not be considered 'closed' and can be revisited as required.

Unless the matter requires secrecy for operational reasons, formal voting should be announced to the user-base at minimum within **SIX HOURS** of the start of voting, or before voting begins. The vote should be posted in the appropriate thread, most likely the moderation thread or as a dedicated announcement for truly momentous matters, and in the moderation votes thread on /gulag/, for the entirety of the voting period, and the post should be identified in an official manner (ie. using admin/volunteer IDs).

The user-base should be measured for their opinions of the matter wherever possible, and the staff should use this feedback to inform their proposals. Staff should try to balance the sometimes competing desires of different users in the best way possible but should not ride roughshod over the wishes of the userbase in general.

To this end, special rules are used for the creation of formal site polls – these can be proposed by the approval of only two staff members, and votes must run for only **TWELVE HOURS** before being accepted by a simple majority and implemented. Due to their speculative nature, internal polling votes will not be disclosed to the userbase until their success and the creation of the poll. Official polls should not be conducted outside of this mechanism due to the possibility for confusion.

A public log of all moderation votes and their results should be maintained for the later reference of both staff and users, and to ensure that decisions are recorded and followed.

ARTICLE 6: TRIAL AND REMOVAL

All efforts will be made to guarantee due process for all users of Bunkerchan. However, due to the transient nature of imageboards and anonymous users, the process for users must take place

informally in moderation threads and internal chats. For staff members however, there must be a more formal procedure.

The staff has the right to begin trial or adjudication procedures against any staff member for any reason, but typical reasons may include failing to comply with moderation guidelines, seriously disruptive activity, abuse of other staff or users, contravening or attempting to contravene site security, or intentionally causing damage to the site or user-base through any means.

Staff members so accused should have the right to speak before the staff, the right to a full adjudication, the right to present their own case, and the right to a fair vote before the majority of the volunteer/administration team, with any users who may have a severe personal conflict of interest abstaining.

Removal of staff members should at all times require a critical vote in moderation channels. However, due to the nature of site security, the accused may have their moderation powers removed from them during the trial or before the trial begins for reasons of safety, to be returned immediately if they are found not guilty by a majority of moderators.

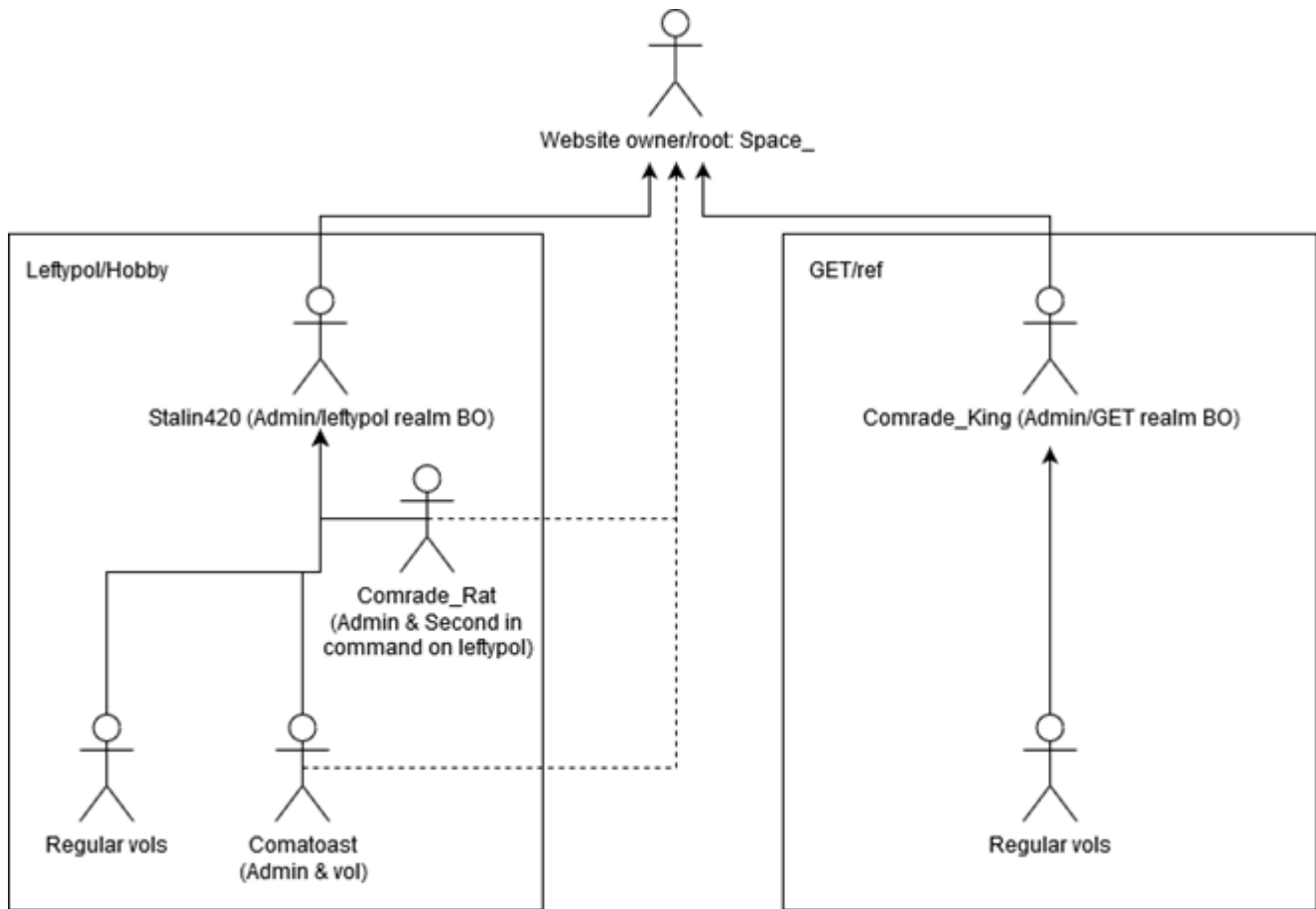
This trial process is not intended to determine the absolute truth of matters per se, and matters should be judged on the preponderance of evidence; whether it is more likely the accusation is true than that it is false. In addition, users who are found guilty by the letter of the rules or the accusation may regardless be found not guilty of committing an offense that deserves their removal by the moderation team through the process of jury nullification.

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**Signed and approved by space\_, stalin420, Zeke Roa, and a majority of volunteers.**

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The two realms act as semi autonomous entities within BunkerChan. The two realms are moderated by their respective vol teams which are appointed and approved by their respective realm BO under different rules.

The gulag and roulette boards are moderated and run by the admin staff in coordination with the moderation team of both realms. Please refer to the website manifesto for more information.

Leftypols realm is run on the basis of a mod democracy. Here, any volunteer can propose a vote, which ought to get be approved as either critical or non critical by the other vols. After approval, there is a timeframe in which mods can vote for, against or abstaining. There are different rules on the timeframe for critical or non critical votes, but for both a majority of the votes cast must be in favour for it to pass. The BO has tie breaker powers in cases of stalemates. Only vols within the realm of leftypol are allowed to vote on proposals within the leftypol realm.

The GET realm is run in a traditional fashion. Comrade\_King appoints volunteers and retains full control over the entire realm.

Addendum 1: The political structure of Bunkerchan (by Comrade\_Rat)