

## Section 1: The Community

### Article 1: Broad Definitions

/leftypol/ is an anonymous community of non-sectarian leftists united in common cause against the forces of capitalism, fascism, and liberalism.

Leftism shall be henceforth defined as:

*“A broad set of ideological forces which are dedicated to, by one form or another, dismantling the current material way of things in capitalism and building a new communist one to replace it.”*

The broad tenants of a communist society are outlined in many works of more import than this, but briefly the goals of a communist society are the dissolution of the class divide, social and material emancipation for the whole of humanity, the eventual dissolution of the state, and ending labor as a material venture and returning it to the common people as a task to be taken at their leisure. These goals may executed upon on any reasonable timescale and still be adequately called “communist”.

## **Article 2: Mission Statement of /leftypol/**

/leftypol/ as a community is made up of several different ideological forces who are united under a non-sectarian banner for the purposes of posting and organizing on the board. As /leftypol/ is a largely anonymous community, **any member who is not provably violating the rules or acting in bad faith should be considered a community member.**

The immediate goals of /leftypol/ may change, but its central mission has always remained: **provide an open space for discussion of topics related to leftism and understanding the processes and goings-on of the world through a dialectical and materialist lens.** This mission is a joint effort between the posters and the moderation, the posters generating the majority of the content of the site and maintaining the general discussion of leftist ideas and thoughts on the board, while the moderation ensures the rules are followed and that discussion is straightforward and in good faith.

As such, a team of moderators are empowered by the constitution to take up the task of enforcing the rules, ensuring the smooth operation of /leftypol/, and maintaining board culture through the powers entrusted to them by the community.

(Editor's Note, The respective duties, powers, and restrictions of the posters and moderation will be the subject of section 2!)

### **Article 3: The Alt-Board Clause**

As of writing, /leftypol/ has long since expanded from a single board into a number of alt-boards which host their own community, form of discussion, and general board culture. As such, alt-boards shall be afforded the capacity to develop their own mission statement parallel to that of /leftypol/'s to make clear the function of that board as contingent by the community. This is to be done by a general approval by the posting population and approval of the moderation team by a simple majority, and from there the drafting of the mission statement shall be made for a period no shorter than 1 week so that the community might define itself in its mission statement.

The mission statement is allowed to deviate from /leftypol/'s but must still hold the central tenants of upholding a leftist position and fostering good-faith discussion of the topics contained within the board, as well as maintain a commitment to the global rules of the site. Likewise, alt-boards are entrusted to develop their own rules so long as they do not directly contradict the site rules. The moderation is charged with enforcing the individual rules of different boards in the same manner they would /leftypol/'s.

## Article 4: The Merger Clause

In the past /leftypol/ has had mergers with other boards and chans which has had that community operate largely autonomously to /leftypol/ but still enforcing the global site rules and cooperating with /leftypol/'s moderation. These historical arrangements should be considered a **standing offer** for those chans who are leftist and desire a merger, within the following ruleset:

- These communities may develop their own parallel constitution to /leftypol/ as contingent to the merger agreement, or if they so desire, they may use the alt-board clause to have their own mission statement and ruleset within our constitution, with the exception of being given independent moderation.
- These communities are encouraged to maintain their own board culture so long as said culture maintains a generally leftist attitude and follows site rules.
- These communities are granted their own autonomous moderation who shall enforce their board's rules and work with /leftypol/ and her alt-boards on site-wide issues. No /leftypol/ bans should extend into these boards without good cause (like violation of global rules, spamming, ect) and likewise for these communities.
- These communities are permitted to access and comment on all public boards of /leftypol/ so long as they follow local rules, and likewise for /leftypol/ members looking to visit these communities.

The specifics of a merger is to be decided by the respective moderation teams of /leftypol/ and the chan/board seeking merger prior to their move onto the site through mutual negotiation.

## Article 5: Community Outreach and Alliances

/leftypol/ has brokered and maintained many alliances in the past between itself and fellow chans, boards, and likeminded websites of other forms. These alliances may be **tactical** (often non-ideologically aligned forces but sharing a common enemy or cause with /leftypol/) or **ideological** (the alignment of /leftypol/ and another entity based on shared politics and goals).

The benefits of an alliance generally tend to include **cross-promotion** with the linking of each other's' respective websites on each other as well as mutual community movement between both, so long as each community's members follow the rulesets of both sites as outlined. Other benefits, such as mutual site development, shared moderation, or other benefits as determined by the negotiation of alliances between /leftypol/ and the other site.

As a matter of site security, the negotiation of alliances remains the exclusive privilege of the moderation of /leftypol/, however the community may promote the idea of alliances towards the moderation. In addition, alt-boards may develop alliances with other entities with shared goals with permission from moderation.