

Blueprints for Intelligent Democracy

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Overview: This document very briefly outlines the plans for creating a better world through a rational, efficient, and incorruptible democracy. Here, the voters give rise to the issues, then the issues give rise to the political candidates, not the other way around (as is currently the case essentially anywhere in the world). Thus, change is enacted not by the voters pleading to the politicians nor by the politicians pandering to voter factions; change is enacted by the people communicating directly with their fellow citizens through a sincere and thoughtful grass-roots forum. In this system everyone has equal access to having their voice heard and the influence of special-interest money is marginalized. Most importantly, however, everyone participates by diligently constructing, openly expressing, and willingly developing their sincere political philosophy.

This system involves two interdependent parts, the first of which is a unique new political party that is united solely by reason as a guiding value: International Logic Party (ILP). But because a political party dedicated to rationality cannot innately stand for any specific idea, it therefore uses the second part of the system to organize itself: “The Worldwide Stock-Market of Ideas” called Egora. (“Egora” is a contraction of “electronic” and “agora” – the agora was an ancient Greek public space and market.) In return, the ILP maintains the Egora for all to use.

International Logic Party: The ILP consists of any persons anywhere who uphold the five Party Principles. The ILP exchanges ideas across national borders with the fundamental attitude that to find the best ideas anyone must be allowed to criticize our ideas and that anyone must be allowed to provide a better alternative. But, of course, all ILP candidate nominations are made locally for the respective government positions. Also, branches of the ILP are incorporated nationally with their own constitutions, procedures, and autonomous regional leadership.

The **first** ILP principle is that we should always be open to examining any of our own ideas, especially if we intend to hold public office. The **second** principle is that the best way to examine our ideas is to make them as transparent as possible to ourselves and to others. The **third** principle is that the Party as an organization will never dictate to anyone what is logical and what is not. All disagreements about logicity will be settled on a peer to peer basis between Party members, regardless of any of their Party standing. The **fourth** principle is that the highest administrative leadership of the Party consists of only one Filosofos Vasileus/Vasileessa (FV). The role of the FV is to maintain their own Egora and algorithm. Anyone who claims to be the FV may be the FV; it is the role of the Party members to decide which FV to follow. The **fifth** principle is that any candidate running a campaign for the Party nomination or for a public office with the Party nomination may accept funding towards their campaign only from the Party, through the proper channel of Egora. Any donations received by the candidate through outside means may be used only to promote the Party itself (i.e. to promote logical politics).

Egora: The Egora is an internet-based networking platform with five essential functions. First, it allows any person to create their own Ideological Profile (IP), which is a portfolio of their ideas, progressing from the most fundamental observations and theories about the nature of existence to the most practical implementations in laws and social issues. Second, Egora creates a stock-market-style Idea Dominance Index (IDI) for everyone’s ideas, so that when an idea is supported more strongly it is listed higher on the index. Third, Egora allows people to organize real-life meetings to discuss specific ideas, including election campaigns, where opponents may also hold the floor. Fourth, Egora allows ILP members to manage their own election campaign and to support the campaigns of others. This function will create a list of candidates by cross-referencing the ideas that each candidate supports in their IP to the ideas that are most strongly supported on the IDI. Subsequently, the ILP members will cast deciding votes for whoever is most rational, authentic, and qualified. Fifth, being fundamentally a market, Egora will generate revenue from various businesses actors utilizing Egora and its services, the profits of which will be distributed to the ILP members based on how frequently they participate in ILP meetings. The ILP members will then use those funds to support the political campaigns of whichever candidates they personally prefer.