

Universal Declaration of Shit

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Preamble

Recognizing that throughout history, society has been filled with all kinds of **shit**—both literal and metaphorical; Acknowledging that shit takes many forms, from bureaucratic nonsense to systemic injustices, from cultural absurdities to everyday frustrations; Affirming that while some shit is necessary, too much of it can be toxic, unjust, or just plain ridiculous; We, the people of the world, hereby declare the following principles regarding the presence, management, and reduction of unnecessary shit.

Article 1: The Existence of Shit

Shit is everywhere. It is universal, unavoidable, and sometimes even useful. However, not all shit is created equal. Some shit fertilizes growth, while other shit just stinks up the place.

Article 2: The Classification of Shit

1. **Necessary Shit** – The kind that helps things move forward, like hard truths, constructive criticism, or natural consequences.
2. **Bullshit** – The unnecessary, deceptive, or bureaucratic kind that wastes time and energy.
3. **Toxic Shit** – The harmful kind, including corruption, discrimination, and willful ignorance.
4. **Sacred Shit** – The myths, beliefs, and traditions people hold onto, for better or worse.

Article 3: The Right to Call Out Shit

Every person has the right to identify, question, and call out shit when they see it—without fear of retribution. Societies function better when people are allowed to say, *"This is bullshit."*

Article 4: The Management of Shit

Governments, corporations, and individuals must take responsibility for reducing harmful shit while promoting the useful kind. This includes:

- Cutting down on bureaucratic nonsense.
- Holding accountable those who spread toxic shit.
- Encouraging transparency to prevent hidden shit from piling up.

Article 5: The Cultural Aspects of Shit

Different societies have different tolerances and attitudes toward shit. What is considered an acceptable level of shit in one culture might be unbearable in another. Mutual respect is encouraged, but so is critical thinking.

Article 6: The Shit Cycle

History shows that shit tends to repeat itself. Recognizing patterns of past bullshit can help prevent future messes. Education should include an understanding of historical and systemic shit to help future generations manage it better.

Conclusion

We recognize that while we may never eliminate all the shit in the world, we can at least be more aware of it, manage it better, and strive for a world with less bullshit and more meaningful, productive, and occasionally even humorous shit.

Signed,

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