

Contract for Liberty

A bilateral, joint agreement to reciprocally secure individual liberty

1. I, the undersigned, in exchange for the same respect accorded to myself from all other signatories to this contract, agree to respect the sovereign autonomy of all other signatories, including but not limited to:
 - a. the freedom of speech, action, motion, travel, trade, association, assembly, belief, and
 - b. the ownership of property, defensible against all forms of trespass, theft and encroachment, including but not limited to my body, acquired possessions, acquired real estate (land), and created properties and/or value-added properties, such as I may create and produce myself or acquire by trade from others; and
 - c. the freedom to trade, lease or rent my property freely upon mutually agreeable terms with another person, including but not limited to the freedom to make contracts.
 - d. That the freedoms herein named do not exclude other inherent freedoms, given by birth, to all individual human beings equally, but pertain in no manner to created entities, as groups, associations, institutions, or businesses; only to corporeal, living human individuals, distinguished in no manner by race, creed, economic status, sex, age, or any kind of handicap.
 - e. That the boundaries of individual autonomy define themselves by the equality of sovereignty and the reciprocity of respect; such that I owe to others respect for the same sovereignty as I myself possess, and that I command from others respect for the same sovereignty as they themselves possess; and that this quality of respect pertains solely to these boundaries, such that all other forms of respect or esteem arise or not, without relevance to this contract.
2. That, in exchange for the protection provided by the terms of this contract, I agree to participate in the enforcement of the contract, personally and directly, as follows:
 - a. That all signatories to this contract agree to make themselves available by lot to assemble themselves upon the determination of a breach of this contract in order to redress the breach.
 - b. That these assemblies shall have formal construction as "courts of the contract," constituted by a judge / director, clerk, bailiff, counsels, and jury (all drawn by lot), and a hired recorder and notary.
 - c. That a violation of the sovereign autonomy of an individual by another person or persons constitutes a breach, subject to the following resolution:
 - d. That the court shall, upon assembly, verify the breach, determine a likely perpetrator, gather and examine evidence, hear presentations, determine guilt or innocence, and specify an appropriate penalty providing restitution to "make the damaged person whole again, insofar as possible," including damage to the security of his autonomy; that is, to the integrity of the contract.
 - e. That the accused suspect, presumed innocent unless proven guilty by the evidence, may not, by request or compulsion, testify against himself; may confront his accusers; may prepare, control and direct his own defense; may examine and present evidence; may question and present witnesses; and may not stand in jeopardy twice for the same offense.
 - f. That penalty shall take the form of value-based currency, assessed upon whatever property the guilty person may possess or, if destitute, negotiated such as to effect restitution.
 - g. That the authority of enforcement derives from the contractual agreement of the signatories to abide by these terms; explicitly granted by the sovereign authority of each signatory.
 - h. That in the case of inconclusive evidence or innocence, the court shall vindicate the accused suspect, and may either close the matter (of a breach), or leave the breach by "unknown person" unrepaired until such time as new evidence may arise.
 - i. That these courts shall assemble in the instance of a breach to the contract; and shall otherwise disband in whole.
 - j. That "initial juries" shall assemble by lot to review suspected breaches to this contract and refer them to full session courts upon sufficient evidence. When constituted, the initial juries shall review as many cases as possible within a two-day period (in session eight hours per day), and may refer more complex cases to a grand jury, constituted to weigh the evidence on a particular case without regard to duration.
 - k. That a repository of records shall keep on file court records and evidence; funds for the operation of which shall come from penalties assessed for proven breach (as restitution to the integrity of the contract), and from the payment of fees for access to the public record.
 1. That no signatory to this contract shall receive compensation for participating in the courts of contract, excepting those paid professionals (recorder, notary), and excepting that those falsely accused may claim compensation, as restitution for wrongful detention.
 - m. That, other than direct participation, no signatory shall involuntarily fund the operation of these courts; excepting that those unwilling to participate when called by lot may, on a case-by-case basis, pay an exemption fee to excuse themselves from participating (those unable to participate, due to illness, for example, shall pay no exemption fee, subject to court review).
 - n. That private arbitration courts, variously configured, shall hear and remedy disputes arising from private contracts, and may, upon evidence of a breach to this contract, remand cases to a court of the contract.
3. That the "common law" reciprocally recognized sovereignty of individuals repudiates claims by any group, association or society upon the individual, except as individually and voluntarily contracted (not in violation of this contract, nor effecting a breach thereof).
4. That this contract defines the natural human population of this planet, external to governmental territories; and that, to exit those territories, visitors / emigrants must sign this contract with full comprehension.
5. That the signatories to this contract shall, with equal responsibility and by direct participation, enforce and defend this contract, including territorial defense against encroachment of private property by groups or governments breaching the contract.
6. That the repository of records shall, for a fee, keep on file notarized deeds of sovereign land patents.
7. That the repository of records shall keep on file a copy of this attestation, with up-to-date contact information, and shall maintain and execute a diminishing lottery. That those chosen by lot shall bear the cost of certified notification.
8. That I am responsible for my own livelihood, health and welfare, upon my own judgment and by my own effort; with no implication of bond or debt between or amongst signatories beyond the terms of this contract.
9. That this document signifies an agreement between sovereign individuals, not the creation of a political entity apart from them.

I attest to the principle of individual sovereignty and the reciprocal respect thereof as the foundation of human relations in all matters.

_____ signed

_____ dated

_____ notary

_____ witness

SIGNATORY
CONTRACTUS LIBERTAS

The contract is a re-statement of the mechanism of reciprocal respect as a binding agreement.

It removes force from the equation, and allows the space in which to live freely and securely.

The natural mechanism of reciprocal respect is what secures your freedom. The contract is designed to leave the sovereignty, autonomy and freedom of the individual intact; it creates no authority above the people.

The contract binds the sovereign signatories to their agreement, and to a penalty for breaching that agreement (by the action of disrespecting the freedom of another), such as to effect restitution to the victim of the breach and to the integrity of the contract.

This is not a social contract. It does not bind the signatories to any kind of enforced social unity. It is a contract of boundaries – an agreement to respect boundaries – between and amongst individuals, forming no group in its own right, and having no authority beyond that of each signatory.

Liberty is a basic point-of-departure for the human species. It is not an ideal or goal; it describes no social utopia. Means determine ends. Non-coercive liberty is a practical premise. This contract terminates gang warfare and group-sanctioned coercion. It marks a beginning of normal, prosaic humanity.

Reciprocal respect for the freedom of one another is the natural mechanism by which freedom is secured.

**You are already free.
The contract is not the mechanism.
The mechanism exists in you.
The contract acknowledges this mechanism by formal agreement.**

Coercive social governments and institutions create brutes through the use of force, subordinating people to their control and direction. Then they proclaim that we need continuing coercion to deal with the brutes that have been created, and to deal with the rebellion that simmers in the breast of these “civilized” brutes. This is an ongoing abuse cycle called “civilization.”

This abuse cycle must end.

Coercive social organizations reduce the security of your freedom, in exchange for your subordination and promises of power within a ruling hierarchy. Whatever riches and privileges you attain, at the expense of fellow slaves, you remain enslaved for life, in a sociopolitical ponzi scheme.

Human nature and natural law require no force-based schemes to achieve security and peace. Reciprocating respect for the sovereign autonomy of one another is in the self-interest of every human being. Without a power structure, which enables delusions of grandeur and promises power over others, there is no rationale for disrespecting one another’s freedom (it will gain you no status, no lasting value, and only weaken your own security).

A force-based power structure (i.e., government) is the *cause* of the violations it uses to justify its continued existence -- in the initial, coercive subordination of the individual to the group, and in the existence of a structure in which individuals can wield power over others. It is completely unnecessary.

Every group empowered with the use of force diminishes your freedom – in exchange for no values or benefits that can match the material bounty and the security produced through the cooperative efforts of voluntary associations by free individuals.

Contract

A Partnership

Agreement of Respect

Formal Acknowledgement of Reciprocal Respect of individual Sovereignty, Autonomy and Diversity.

- √ Sustained by the terms of this contractual agreement, in partnership with other contract signatories.
- √ Creating no power, group or agency above the individual.
- √ Containing only the individual’s agreement to respect other individuals, in exchange for being respected by them.
- √ Including the terms of sustaining the contract against breach; that is, the terms of how and who shall enforce the contract if breached, and how penalties shall be determined.

Freedom is inherent to your nature and vital to your existence.

The security of that condition requires no force and no cunning.

The boundaries of freedom are established and secured through the recognition and respect of it from individual to individual.