

MANIFESTO OF THE DEMOCRATIC DIGITAL REPUBLIC

Preamble – Humanity Before Code

We, citizens of the 21st century, declare that technology must never replace politics, but serve it.

The Digital Republic we are building is a tool in the service of human freedom, not a depersonalized system of control.

Our ambition is not to code a new cage, but to open the doors to shared, distributed, and reversible sovereignty. A republic without a head, but not without a conscience. A community without a center, but not without connection.

1. The Primacy of Humans Over Algorithms

No political, fiscal, judicial, or social decision should be made entirely automatically without the possibility of human appeal.

We reject absolute automation as a cold form of oppression.

Grace, forgiveness, nuance, and dialogue must have a place in any political system worthy of the name.

2. Distributed, Reversible, and Transparent Sovereignty

Power belongs to all, and cannot be seized by anyone.

Our system is distributed, supported by technologies such as the Tangle*, but it must remain understandable, governable, and collectively modifiable.

We affirm the right to political evolution, including through the voluntary fork* of autonomous communities.

3. A Simple, Fair, and Redistributive Tax System

Each transaction may be lightly taxed, in a transparent and inescapable manner. But this tax must not feed an opaque power — it must be redistributed directly to all, as a civic dividend*.

The economy must serve life, not accumulation.

4. Contextual, Human, and Proportionate Justice

We believe in stable rules*, but also in their human interpretation. No code, however perfect, can render justice without understanding the circumstances.

Citizen and elder councils must have the power of mediation, amnesty, and correction.

5. Inalienable Digital Freedom

Each individual must remain sovereign over their identity, their data, their connected or disconnected existence.

The right to disconnect, to anonymity, and to voluntary exile must be guaranteed.

The phone must never become a leash.

6. A Living, Rooted, and Sensitive Community

Our Republic is not an abstraction.

It rests on women and men, gestures, and voices.

It protects physical places, local traditions, collective rituals, and shared memories.

Technology must not kill the sensitive. It must extend it.

Conclusion – A Politics of Trust

This manifesto is a commitment. It is not a definitive instruction manual, but an oath of vigilance.

Together we create a space of freedom, not a tool of conformity.

It is up to all of us, collectively, to keep the spirit of this republic alive.

For free technology without human conscience is nothing but an automaton of servitude*.

Glossary *

Civic Dividend*: Income distributed to each citizen, funded by a light transaction tax. It embodies the automatic redistribution of wealth to the community.

Reversible Sovereignty*: The ability for a community to regain control of its political organization, or even “fork” (see below) to create an alternative branch.

Voluntary Fork*: A community's split to create a new version of the system or republic, based on disagreement or the need for evolution.

Tangle Technology*: A distributed ledger technology without blocks or miners, used notably by IOTA. It enables fast, decentralized transactions with very low energy cost.

Council of Elders*: A citizen body chosen to deliver nuanced judgments in complex cases, outside a strict algorithmic framework.

Automaton of Servitude*: An automated system that applies the law without conscience or moral sense, leading to cold oppression under the guise of efficiency.

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