

A memo for Clarification

The Court's Appellate Decision Clarification is being requested for.

The court finds that the discord platform is a separate moderated platform for discourse involving the community with the rights of extra channels and speech to others being non-essential to belonging to the community.

The discord is bonus meta-content to the minecraft server, while the discord is a massive asset to better communication it is not the only path of communication within the community. The discord has the advantage of recording communications compared to the fast moving chat in-game, and allowing all players online and offline to see the communications. This allows users to go back and see past chats, therefore a wider group will see said messages and different reflections of ideas may occur to different members. Therefore, the content must be moderated to conform to the average ideals of members and show more respectful communications to the majority. "The most good, for the most people". This thought can cause some aspects of speech to be restricted and in certain cases the right to speak to the majority to be revoked. Any member who loses the privileges of discord can still participate in all in-game functions of the nation albeit with extra steps. Not necessarily as a punishment of extra work, but more so "You put a bad taste in the majority's mouth, you are not kicked out of the community but maybe you should take the time, ask for the things you need/wish to participate in and be a functioning member instead of a shit-poster".

The rights entailed in the Charter apply in unique ways to the discord platform as it is not necessary to exist in the discord to be a member or citizen of the community of Yoahltl In-Game. The platform of Yoahltl's discord is owned by an individual who distributes rights to other members to moderate or speak with-in the platform. It is a platform under which The Yoahltlan Charter is applied for the purpose of organization, moderation, and structured communication by the owner and accept as rule of law by the members. However the sole rights of distribution membership of the discord platform are still afforded to the owner of the platform.

A single individual does own the discord and ultimately can decide to give or remove rights

The people have chosen the current discord platform as it is to be the external means of communication and therefore the rule of law is to be afforded to members as granted by the Charter, as well as the extra rule of the owner can determine membership of the platform.

The members of the community give the discord owner trust and power to moderate in the best way the owner sees fit and in our case that is distributing moderation rights to the elected government and the opinion and wishes of the members.

Ori's Request for Clarification

If I may, I'm not looking to sue or anything, but rather just asking formally for clarification. In the recent case of Aki vs Sventhar, it was concluded, among other things, that the Discord is non-essential and therefore one's membership is not certain.

This is a correct statement as defined in the Appellate decision, however one's membership is certain, excluding the situations where moderation is being requested or applied by the means laid out in the decision(s).

I'm somewhat concerned that some of its aspects are being overlooked. For example, the very existence of the appeal and its conclusion were unknown to me, same goes with the proposals that have since passed and failed, same thing with citizens' votes.

The court recommends that anyone not participating in the discord either by free will or exclusion by the members or government take extra time and effort to request all pertinent info from other members of the government. The functioning of the community does depend on the replies of members and government , however we have never had any issues in the past of in-game relays when requested (although it may take several attempts to obtain the info).

Some of this ignorance is no doubt attributed to my living elsewhere, but I do still have access to Huechat on my accounts and while I haven't been spectacularly active or anything, I have spoken in and seen conversations in Huechat. I think to brand the Discord as entirely non-essential implies that there's a viable alternative to remaining [passively] informed and fulfilling one's civic duties.

Community and communication is a two-way street, and the court is not implying in harshness, but recognizes that time of day, active community members, and requests for information are all variables. In a perfect world, in-game communications and discord communications would be relayed and matched up and searchable on both platforms, but since we don't have that option the best way is for everyone to ask questions when needed, and for everyone to offer the help and effort to satisfy the community's needs .

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