# Article I - v0.1 Draft EOS.IO Constitution - No Lying[[1]](#footnote-1)

# Purpose

The purpose of this article is make lying (i.e. making statements that are misleading or false) be a violation of the Constitution and thus actionable.

# Article I Text

# No user of this blockchain shall make knowingly false or misleading statements, nor statements that constitute discrimination or harassment, nor profit thereby.

# Commentary on Article I

"User of this blockchain" should be read as meaning every token holder, every account holder, and every person who makes use of the blockchain through a DApp. This includes a person who may interact with a DApp where the DApp holds all the tokens that are used by the person, and the person has no independent or separate token holdings or account.

This seems to pass the "dead man test" for negative rights -- a dead man can fulfill the injunction to refrain from making "knowingly false or misleading statements."

There are two injunctions, one against making statements, and the other against profiting. This may be repetition or overstatement; the phrase "nor profit thereby" could be implied by the prior text. The phrase "nor profit thereby" is included in order to bring added clarity, and to indicate that if person A lost money or property to person B because of a false statement by person C, A can recover from both B and C.

# References

None yet

1. https://forums.eosgo.io/discussion/432/article-i-v0-1-draft-eos-io-constitution-no-lying [↑](#footnote-ref-1)