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Code of Conduct

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Participants will avoid any inappropriate actions or statements that target individual characteristics such as ability status, age, caste, educational background, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, marital status, nationality, political affiliation, race, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic protected by law. Disruptive, discriminatory, or harassing behavior of any kind will not be tolerated. Harassment includes, but is not limited to, inappropriate or intimidating behavior and language, unwelcome jokes or comments, unwanted touching or attention, displaying offensive images, and stalking. Retaliation of any form against anyone who reports a violation of this Code or assists in resolving a situation will not be tolerated.

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