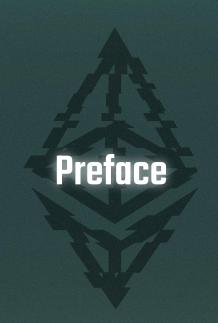
Cults, truth, values and the bubble

On navigating and finding your place in this space

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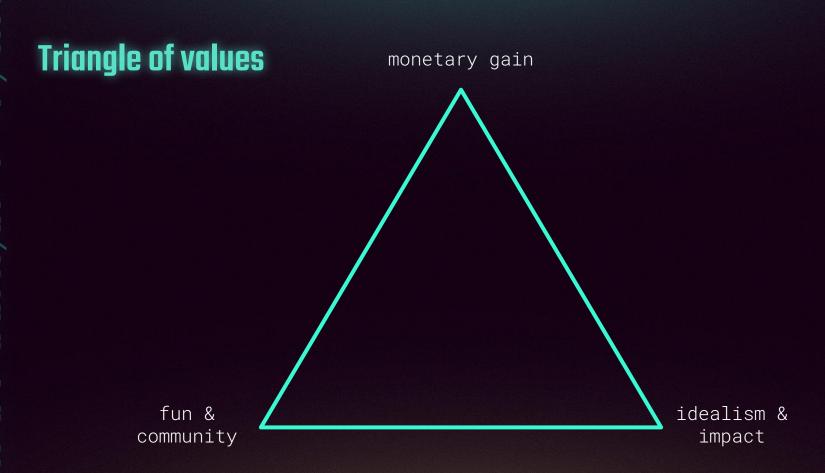
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Overview

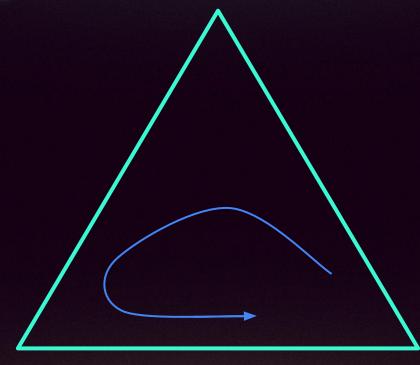
- 1. Values: individual and in the ecosystem
- 2. Games: economical games beget political games
- 3. Truth: what we trust in and the human side
- 4. Cults: the tribes and memes that govern us
- 5. Bubble: interfacing to the real world
- 6. Concluding

What's your motivation to be here?





monetary gain



fun &
community

idealism & impact

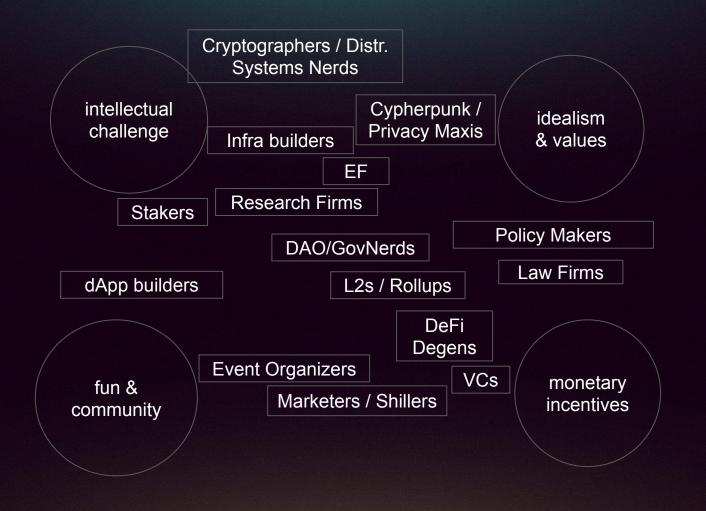
Expanding on this to create a small map..

intellectual challenge

idealism & values

fun & community

monetary incentives



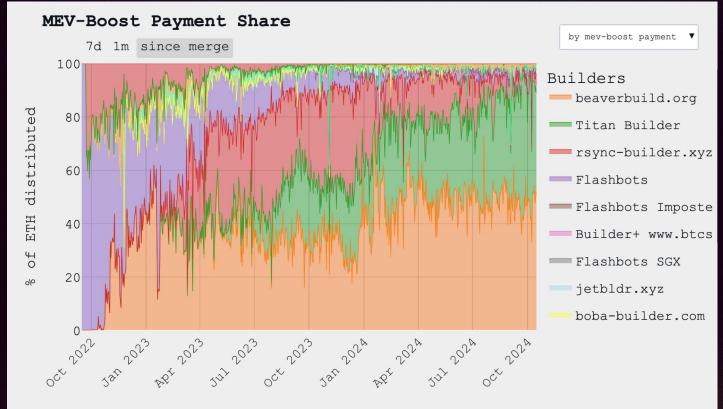
Games we are playing

"In any market structure with private value (e.g. private orderflow) the stable equilibrium is a monopoly."

-> see Christoph Schlegel's talk (flashbots)

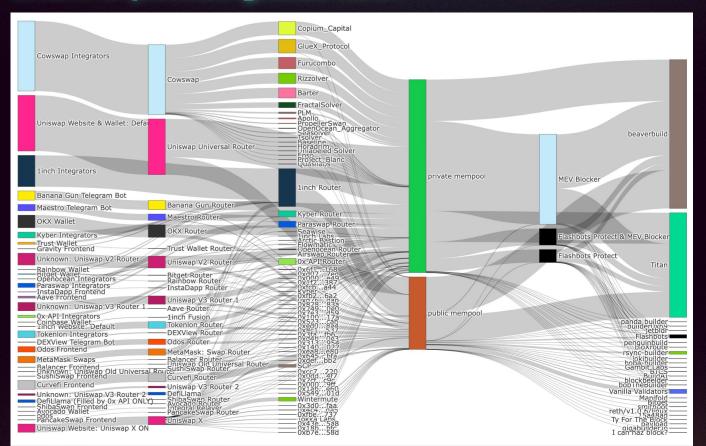
That means...

Would this naturally tend towards monopoly?



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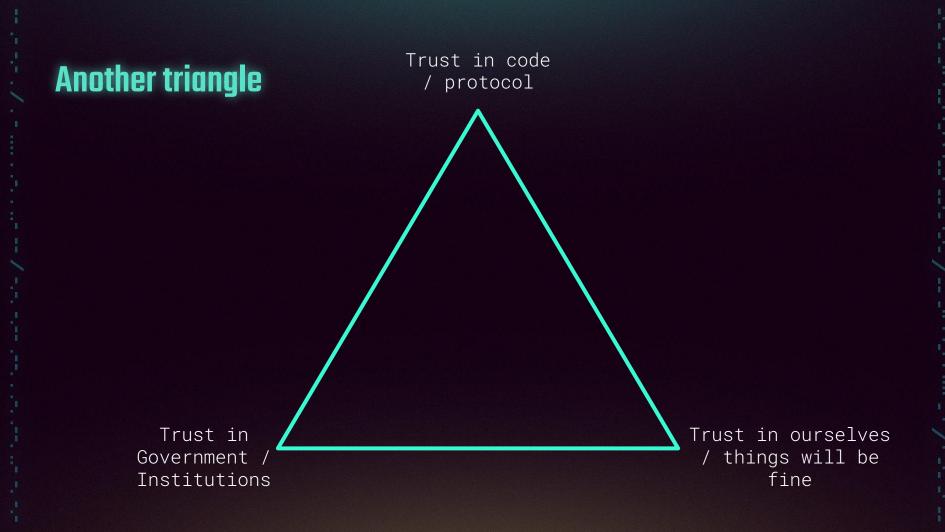
Extent of political games here?



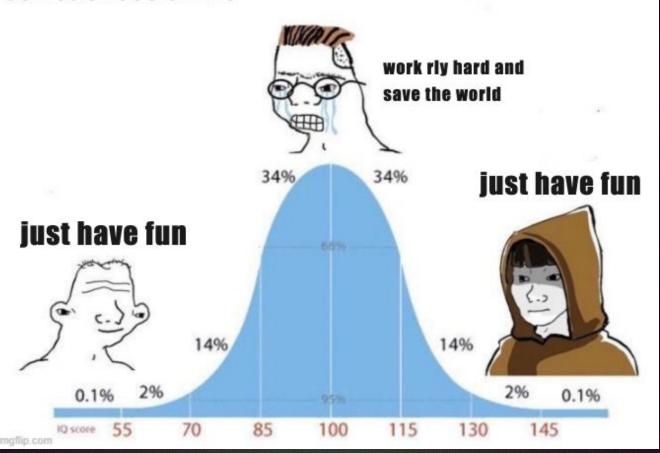
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What do we trust in?

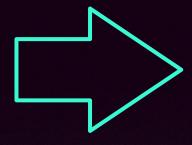


seriousness of life



Less impact on the world cuz just having fun in our playground?

Can we start being more relaxed about small internal tribal wars?



.. and then focus
more on the external
challenges and
interfaces with the
rest of the world?

Our real needs as humans in here?

Do we want to feel useful? Being part of something larger?

Do we want to feel loved and less lonely?

Being seen and accepted with all our weaknesses?

Can we allow ourselves to be confidently insecure?

Reasons why things like this here and popup cities are thriving



So what about the cult-vibe and being in a bubble??





The world is watching more closely than we think

NO. 1112 AUGUST 2024 Regulating Decentralized Systems: Evidence from Sanctions on Tornado Cash

Anders Brownworth | Jon Durfee | Michael Junho Lee | Antoine Martin

38 page paper by the NY fed

showing astonishing knowledge of how the block builder and validator landscape works

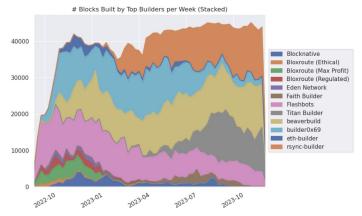


Figure 8: Block building concentration

Conclusions based on all of this?

- 1. Oh damn, this space is complex yes!!
- 2. Don't always overanalyze, trust your intuition
- 3. We are all just humans, **be vulnerable**, dare to not know and **ask really stupid questions**
- 4. You can **create things**, even if you feel like you still a n00b and know nothing (it's very relatable!)
- 5. Let's **peek outside of our bubble**, of our own tribe/cult and also beyond crypto to rest of the world