

# Vespucci - Fictional Disclaimer & Community Support Initiative

## 1. On-Screen Disclosure Notice

To be displayed on a black screen at the beginning of each episode.

This story is a fictional cautionary tale.

While it is set in a world that mirrors our own, the events and characters depicted are not real. It is intended as a critique of the systems that can lead to division and conflict, and is presented with the deepest respect for the men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces who dedicate their lives to protecting their nation.

## 2. Rationale for Disclosure

The inclusion of this notice is a deliberate creative and ethical choice designed to frame the audience's experience and honor the real-world service members whose profession is depicted.

- **Clarity of Intent:** The notice immediately establishes that *Vespucci* is a work of speculative fiction, not a docudrama or a historical account. This is crucial for a series defined by its "grounded realism" and "uncanny prescience", as it creates a clear boundary between the fictional narrative and the real world it reflects.
- **Thematic Focus:** It directs the audience's focus toward the show's core themes: a critique of the systems of power, the "weaponization of public anger", and the "bureaucratic cowardice" that can lead to national collapse. It clarifies that the story's conflict is with these abstract forces, not with the soldiers caught within them.
- **Respect and Trust:** It serves as a direct and public statement of respect for the Canadian Armed Forces. This proactive measure is intended to build trust with the audience, particularly Canadian viewers and those with ties to the military, assuring them that the series' dark narrative does not reflect on the integrity of real-world service members.

## 3. Potential Charitable Partnerships

To translate this respect into tangible support, the series could partner with or encourage donations to established, reputable organizations that support Canadian military members, veterans, and their families. A link to a central landing page with information on these charities could be included at the end of each episode's credits.

Here is a list of potential organizations:

- **Support Our Troops:** The official charitable fund of the Canadian Armed Forces, providing financial assistance for military members, veterans, and their families through programs addressing everything from emergency needs to family support and mental health.

- **Wounded Warriors Canada:** A national mental health service provider for Veterans, First Responders, and their families. They offer a range of clinically facilitated programs focused on trauma, PTSD, and operational stress injuries.
- **Soldier On:** A program of the Canadian Armed Forces that supports veterans and serving members to overcome physical or mental health injuries through physical activity and sport.
- **The Royal Canadian Legion:** Canada's largest Veteran and community service organization, the Legion provides financial assistance, advocacy, and support services to veterans and their families, while also promoting Remembrance.
- **True Patriot Love Foundation:** A national charity that supports the military community through funding to local organizations in the areas of mental health, physical rehabilitation, family support, and veteran transition.