Open Sourcing and Coordinating DAO Research for the Public Good

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How it started

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US crypto founders collectively spend $100s of millions every year on legals - what if we could reduce that by 10x?

Related crypto companies could set up cooperatives through which they collectively buy legal advice on issues that impact them all.👇

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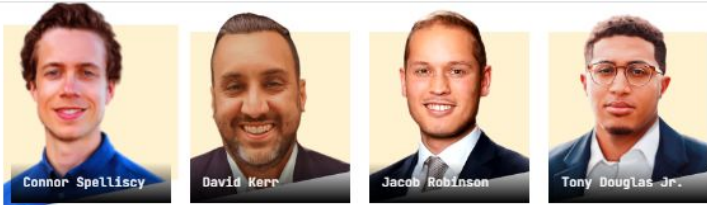# Cooperatively buy and open source DAO Research

- DAOs suffer from many of the same key issues, in particular those related to: legal, treasury management, and governance

- DAOs can reduce research costs by 10x or more by pooling capital and buying research collectively

Cooperatively buy and open source DAO Research

- For example, say Uniswap, Aave, Compound, MakerDAO, and Curve all want to know how they can hire contractors legally

- Early stage research on that subject will be nearly identical

- Each team could decrease the cost of acquiring that research by 80% if it did so collectively

Step 1: Identifying the Issues

1. How do DAOs obtain legal clarity?

2. What are best practices for DAOs to maintain legally compliant relationships with the individuals and organizations that work for them?

3. What are best practices for limiting the liability of DAO stakeholders? Including founders, workers, and token holders.

4. How do you develop an equitable, scalable, and decentralized governance system for DAOs?

Step 2: Building a Research Network

- Fellows + Researchers

- Academic institutions

- Metagov + SCRF
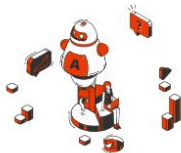
Step 3: Curation and Distribution

- Searchable research hub

- Avoid duplication of work

Results

- **15,000** views of our Virtual DAO Summit

- **2,700+** distinct users on our DAO platform in our first two months

- **150+** curated articles & papers featured on our platform

- **89%** of anonymous users surveyed would recommend v1 of our DAO research platform to colleagues

- **18** research pieces funded, drafted, and/or edited

- **26** Incredible Fellows

Feedback + Next Steps

- Survey respondents would use the platform for
  - **84%** — To identify researchers and operators with particular DAO expertise
  - **68%** — To learn about components of DAOs they are already familiar with
  - **63%** — To avoid drafting duplicative research

- Next Steps:
  - Highlight + support the work of talented DAO researchers and operators, and help researchers in adjacent fields start working with DAOs
  - Improve ease of use of platform and continue adding valuable research
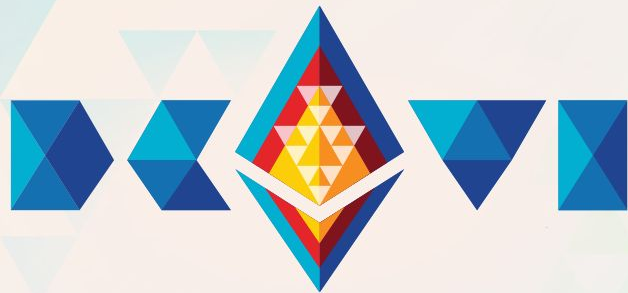
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