

Proposal Summary:

I propose the removal of the “Trending Delegates” selection from the Arbitrum DAO site or altering the way that it works to make it fairer. Instead, we should encourage users to explore different delegates based on performance, and region, or by having delegates write a small post that would be displayed on tally.xyz. This will promote healthy competition among delegates and help users make a more informed decision about who to delegate to, while also maintaining a diverse and decentralized network that is not controlled by a single entity.

Background

The current “Trending Delegates” feature may seem useful for identifying popular and successful delegates, but it can actually lead to centralization of power by suggesting to delegate to only a select few individuals. By promoting only the trending delegates, we are limiting the diversity of options available to users and potentially discouraging them from exploring other options. It could reinforce their position as a trending delegate and lead to a never-ending cycle of trending, leaving smaller delegates never to be seen.

Furthermore, the fact that the trending delegates section updates every time the page is refreshed does not address the concern as the same few delegates continue to appear in the trending section, and users may still be incentivized to delegate to them.

If users consistently choose to delegate to a trending delegate, it could create a situation where a small group of delegates have a disproportionate amount of power within the network. Therefore, it is crucial to promote diversity and decentralization to prevent a situation where only a few large delegates have a significant amount of power and influence in the network, while smaller delegates are marginalized and unable to make a meaningful impact.

In summary, by removing the “Trending Delegates” feature or altering it to be more fair and diverse, we can encourage healthy competition among delegates and promote a decentralized network that is not controlled by a single entity.

Please refer to this thread for more context: [Remove "Trending Delegates"](#) but discuss the proposal in this thread.