# Social Contract Platform Architecture

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An open source platform for an international social contract.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau and John Locke wrote Social Contract + Two Treaties of Government, respectively.

Locke: “No government has the right to demand obedience from a people, who have not freely consented to it.” This is the essence of a social contract = Agreement on the Right to Speak. We want agreement that binds us together person-to-person, rather than person-to-government. Representatives are people, so we can still work with governments person-to-person.

The golden rule, “Love thy neighbour as they would thyself” is a social contract.   
  
Assumption: The medium of “direct international political dialogue” will be online software.

Jesse Naiman:

Needs to work with opensource web developer communities.

If we had OpenSource platform to convey the mood of respondents on topics of discussion, the questions and answers would soon duplicate. Thumb-up buttons allows a group input to prioritize shared concerns. Duplicated answers rise up to become the items of concern in surveys for global discussion.

We have a way for multiple-way ‘dialogue’ on posed issues. Every medium has its inherent strengths that dictate which medium you choose for each task. Using a TV for sound transmission alone turns it into another medium, radio.

The internet lends itself to multiple source communication.

News media reporters never give references, so they would get a ‘Fail’ mark if they were back in school.

Suggested next steps:

The following begin to frame the questions of HOW to produce the outcomes we want -

Determine if the open-source software, or a part of it, already exists, eg. suitable databases or wikis.

Outline the features and benefits of the project(s).

Post outlines of the features and benefits on kickstarter.com to get funding, say for software development or storage.

Test (alpha) introduce new items to produce the platform to generate an article (on-line medium – wiki, comments, references)

Staging (beta) with no new items

Feedback and reworking

Release

Rick McFarlen:

Database structuring / design of architecture and web screens.

Lobbying of elected officials to introduce or change legislation. Petition of 500 signatures. Emphasizes person-to-elected official as a relationship and line of communication. An elected official will be effectively forfeiting the right to lead if she or he does not implement what people have petitioned for.

Assumption: We can trust in people’s intelligence and that they will act in accord with the greater good rather than petition frivolously or selfishly.

Architectural features currently include -  
Campaign based on advocacy  
Means to create an initiative

Web screens for forums

Solidify an issue through education by linking to a wiki that presents a multithreaded discussion of the idea. Comments, legislation, a person… these are all regarded as ‘entities’ that can be commented on recursively. Compare this to Facebook where people only comment on comments / pictures, etc.

If people choose to use this as a platform for their riding, it might also lead to co-creation by neighbourhood.

Changes to the features would modify the voting system as a self-evolving entity.

Laws could be implemented to add to the effectiveness of the voting system.

New way of Reporting on Concerns within Society

This system attempts to grapple with how mainstream media concentrates on reporting at the lowest level analyzing events.

Need for systemic change in terms of, “How gain input and change how we operate as a society.”  
Need for sub system change in terms of, “How we transport people around.”  
Trends level – “12% rise in the number of cars that hit trees last year.”  
Event level – “Car hits tree today.”

Collective happiness / unity / peace / harmony.

Gautama Buddha / Siddhartha said, “There’s nothing more destructive than the habit of doubt.” It breaks up the unity.

Unity requires ‘earned trust through the experience of collaboration’ as the antidote to doubt.

Governance of Economy   
  
This platform is for an online governance system. We could start to influence the economic system by including outlines of the governance systems of particular companies so that we could look at their form of governance before purchasing. Based on the company’s ethics, through our spending, we vote in terms of which companies succeed / rise economically.