Be Sovereign â€" MVP Document

Overview

Be Sovereign is a digital declaration of independence. Users sign an on-chain declaration affirming their commitment to data sovereignty, self-custody, and digital rights. **Live:** https://besovereign.xyz ---

The Problem

We gave our data to big tech. Our photos, messages, and memories are:
- Stored on servers we don't control
- Governed by terms we didn't read
- Deleted at their will
- Monetized without our consent

Most people don't realize the extent of their digital dependency until a platform bans them, shuts down, or changes its terms. ---

The Solution

A public declaration that:
- **Articulates** the principles of digital sovereignty
- **Captures** signatures on-chain (permanent, uncensorable)
- **Builds** a community of people committed to these values

The Five Principles

- **Data Ownership** â€" Your data is your property. You created it. You decide who accesses it.
- **Self-Custody** â€" You have the right to hold your own keys and not depend on any single provider.
- **Portability** â€" Your identity, reputation, and history must move with you.
- **Interoperability** â€" Systems should speak to each other. No walled gardens.
- **Privacy by Default** â€" Surveillance requires explicit consent. The default is silence.

How It Works

- User visits besovereign.xyz
- Reads the declaration and principles
- Enters name + optional message
- (Optional) Connects wallet for verified signature
- Signature is recorded on Arkiv (Golem Foundation's decentralized storage)
- Signature is permanent and uncensorable

Tech Stack

| Component | Technology | |-----------|------------| | Frontend | Next.js 15, Tailwind CSS, GSAP | | Hosting | Vercel | | DNS | Cloudflare | | On-chain Storage | Arkiv (Mendoza L1) | | Domain |

Target Audience

- Privacy advocates
- Web3 / crypto natives
- Developers building decentralized tools
- People burned by platform dependency (deplatformed, locked out, data lost)
- Network State / Balaji community

Distribution Strategy

- **Arkiv/Golem showcase** â€" Featured to their community (in progress)
- **Twitter/Farcaster** â€" Share via Robert + George accounts
- **Network State community** â€" Balaji-adjacent circles
- **Crypto Twitter** â€" Privacy, self-custody narratives
- **Hackathon exposure** â€" Built during Network School workshop

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Success Metrics (MVP)

- [ ] 100 signatures in first week
- [ ] Shared by Arkiv/Golem official channels
- [ ] Picked up by 1+ crypto media outlet
- [ ] Featured in a newsletter

Future Possibilities

- **NFT badge** for signatories (proof you signed early)
- **DAO formation** for digital rights advocacy
- **Integration** with other sovereignty tools (ENS, decentralized identity)
- **Localization** (multi-language declarations)
- **Embeddable widget** for other sites to show signatures

Key Links

- **Live site:** https://besovereign.xyz
- **GitHub:** https://github.com/robmiller87/declaration-digital-independence
- **Arkiv:** https://arkiv.network
- **Golem:** https://golem.network

Credits

Built by **Robert Miller** at Network School, February 2026. Powered by Arkiv (Golem Foundation).
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