

## 9/17 Brooklyn Law Magna Carta Symposium 'Citizen's Charter for Cyberspace' Panel Debrief

All parties (FCC and activists) wanted the internet to be the platform for the expression of first amendment rights.

- There was thought that it would spark entrepreneurship
- Saw it as the best way to speak to and reach audiences
- Also bring to the public the basic rights of freedom of religion, right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, etc.

TECHNOLOGY PRECEDES DIPLOMACY in all cases

- The communication of protocols is functionally the government of the net
- The platforms govern

Within the public there is fear of algorithmic governance on the internet, but it's certainly a reality. We need to build face this.

Looking at HTML design principles as an example of the way to frame development and use of the internet going forward:

- they say explicitly "in case of conflict, consider users, over authors, over implementers" -- building the network for the users

***The commons of the internet ... are a resource but more importantly a process***

**The web we want is a semantic web, but the web we need is a socratic one.  
*In cyberspace everything is process.***

Cyberspace is a metaverse where everything is connected, but where there's no government on top.

The cyber-network that we want is one that links us a human beings. We're always the basis.

What's needed in a digital Magna Carta is not an actual declaration, but rather to outline a **process** by which we come to understand truth and governance.

(A Berkman study on cyber rights declarations found → there are over 80!)

We can't figure out governance from the top down. What we need to do first is figure out how we talk to ourselves. → Understand natural networks of communication and trust.

**RESOURCES:** [eMagnaCarta.org](http://eMagnaCarta.org)      [questions.dev.berkmancenter.org/list/MagnaCarta](http://questions.dev.berkmancenter.org/list/MagnaCarta)

**Proposed Initiative of the  
Smart Contracts Foundation  
& New York Internet Society  
re: *Citizen's Charter of Cyberspace***

**Digital Governance Initiative**

The mission: maintaining an open source set of tools that can be used for group governance for any purpose. The initiative will maintain an open source version of the tools, and an open source platform comprised of the suite of tools. This initiative will exist to ensure the deliverance of these tools to any group that desires access.

We emphasize politics as process over prescription. The emagnacarta principles are an inspiration for possibilities of group governance. Our goal is to give groups the ability to define their own principles and practice them according to their own structure.

**The principles of this initiative** (to be hacked out during the session)

- Ensure the rights of all people to access these tools
- Maintain openness and fairness in access of the tools
- Maintain interoperability between the instantiations of the tools

**Proposed Tools include:**

- Digital ID = Persona, wallet, reputation (allow users to access & own data securely)
- Threaded Discussion lists (used by groups to discuss and curate content)
- Decision Making Tools ( for groups to reach consensus)
- Crowdfunding & token issuance
- Voting Systems

**Future Actions**

- These tools are currently in development at ConsenSys and will be on github as soon as they are ready for release.
- Develop repository of the governance structures made using these tools, to be easily forked, modified, and implemented by future groups.
- **dAppathons** coming soon; for future development of the tools & growing the ecosystem of developers & other stakeholders.
- Read our newsletter to stay up to date with future activities: <https://consensys.net/>

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