

# Code of Conduct for the Transhumanist Party

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This is a code of conduct for Party officers and people representing the Party in an official capacity - subsequently to be referred to as "officials". As such it embodies both guidelines for behavior and a list of specific instances (rules) where disciplinary action may or may not be taken, in accordance with the Party Constitution.

## Guidelines

- Show respect to each other, and give each other the benefit of any doubt.
- Refrain from making any accusations.
- Raise sensitive or personal matters in private communication, rather than in formal NEC messages.
- Avoid communications that cause disharmony or enmity.
- Respond promptly, politely, fairly, and impartially.

## Specific Instances of Misconduct - Criminal Convictions

Convictions obtained while being Party member must be disclosed to the NEC by any official. These may constitute a disciplinary offence with certain exceptions. These exceptions are:

- Convictions for civil offences eg parking fines, failure to pay the TV license fee, piracy as a consumer (as opposed to distributor) etc
- Convictions that are politically motivated and non-violent eg Civil Disobedience, providing said offence is not in support of a cause that is against Party policy or interests
- Convictions for what are normally termed "victimless crimes". That is, between consenting adults or done to oneself.
- Convictions for offences that would not be offences if Party policy was the law of the land

## Specific Instances of Misconduct - Speech and Behavior

These include overt prejudice relating to race, nationality, gender, sexual orientation or physical appearance.

- Where there are disagreements over other political issues, including religions, such criticism must

be rationally stated and not framed in an abusive manner.

- All officials must not publicly contradict explicit party policy, except on party forums where such critiques are a necessary part of debate and the framing of future policy. This does not include "slip of the tongue" in online conversations of a trivial nature eg social media. Where the latter occurs it should be brought to the attention of the official by senior party members through personal contact.
- When discussing issues in public forum, from which a personal standpoint varies in large degree to stated Party policy, and providing the results from said standpoint are in line with the Party constitution, attaching a "disclaimer" to the discussion is required to grant the Party leadership "plausible deniability".
- No criticism of the policies of any government, nor the government of any nation, framed in any manner whatsoever is to be grounds for disciplinary action. Personal abuse individual politicians is forbidden, no matter how vile one might consider their behavior or beliefs.
- In no case will the religion of a member be grounds for any disciplinary action
- In no case will there be any disciplinary action due to the actions, beliefs or speech of friends, family or associates of the official.
- The legitimacy of an official's membership of other organizations is outlined in the Constitution.
- A "catchall" disciplinary offence will be defined as any conduct that most people would consider to be grossly unethical. Example of such conduct would include, but not be limited to: bullying, verbal harassment, stalking, extreme trolling etc.
- Communications intended to be private may not be used in evidence concerning disciplinary offences unless the sole recipient is the complainant.

Anyone who vexatiously brings claims of "broken code of conduct" to the NEC will face censure ranging from a warning to expulsion. "Trolling" will not be tolerated.