

The Constitution of the United Roommates

Preamble:

We, the people acting as United Roommates, in order to form a more perfect living environment, ensure domestic civility, protect basic freedoms, decrease the likelihood of conflicts, protect inalienable roommate rights, and strengthen our circle of mutual respect, do authorize and establish this Constitution of the United Roommates to be the highest law of the living space.

Note: The word 'roommate' and 'person' are considered interchangeable.

Article One:

Freedoms

A.) Freedom of Communication

1. To communicate or **not** to communicate, concerning any issues, is the choice of each person, but communication is strongly encouraged by this Constitution.
2. The manner in which each person decides to communicate will **NOT be restricted**, nor will the choice of words be restricted, except where those words may infringe on other Freedoms or Rights herein.
3. Not everyone communicates at the same speed, so a reasonable amount of time will be given so that each person can completely finish talking.

B.) Freedom of Independent Thought

1. No person will ever be ridiculed for their own thoughts or how they express those thoughts.
2. Any person can think in any manner they choose.
3. A person's thoughts are never required to be shared, if that person so chooses not to share.

C.) Freedom of Movement

1. Permission is NEVER required from any person for a any other person to move about the shared community living space or the world at large.
2. Where and when a person moves about will NEVER be under any kind of unwelcome surveillance or scrutiny.
3. It is NEVER required to be explained why a person moves about or where a person is going, unless the person **chooses** to explain them self.

D.) Freedom of Choice

1. Choice is ONLY under the direct control of the person making that choice.
2. No person will be ridiculed for their choices in any way that makes that person feel badly about their choice, which is determined SOLELY by the person being ridiculed and no one else.
3. No person will be intimidated or coerced into, or out of, any choice that person has made.

E.) Freedom to be Right or Wrong

1. No person will ever be forced to admit to being 'right' or 'wrong'
2. No person will be made to feel bad for being 'right' or 'wrong' about any issue, which is determined SOLELY by the person who feels bad.
3. Being 'right' or 'wrong' will NEVER alienate any person from the Rights and Freedoms protected by this Constitution.

F.) Freedom of Personal Opinions

1. All personal opinions will be respected, as long as the opinions do not infringe on any Rights or Freedoms in this Constitution.
2. Any person's opinion is allowed to change or be modified without ridicule or negative consequence.
3. Opinions should never be ridiculed.
4. It is NEVER required that any person must accept the opinion of any other person.

G.) Freedom of Sarcasm

1. Any person can freely express sarcasm if it does not result in excessive ridicule, which is determined SOLELY by the person on the receiving end of the sarcasm.
2. Sarcasm is allowed until, and unless, the person receiving the sarcasm asks for it to stop, then this request MUST be respected.

H.) Freedom of Emotions

1. Any expression of emotion is allowed, even encouraged, unless the manner of expression may infringe on other Freedoms or Rights herein.
2. No emotion is considered 'right' or 'wrong' and the expression of emotion is forever protected by this Constitution.

I.) Freedom of Personal Style

1. Style is defined as any manner of personal use of clothing, hairstyle, dress, or actions.
2. No person's style will be repressed, unless the manner of expression may infringe on other Freedoms or Rights herein.

Article Two:

Rights

Right to Privacy

1. Only each individual person can decide what level of privacy they need.
2. Any and all requests for privacy will be respected and GRANTED, no matter the circumstances.
3. Each individual person solely determines how long they require privacy and any duration asked for will be GRANTED by this Constitution.

Right to Personal Space

1. Personal space is defined as any physical, emotional, spiritual and/or any other space that is in that persons DIRECT control. Ex: A remote control in use is considered personal space.
2. Only that person can decide who can be within their personal space and for how long, and all requests for an increase in personal space will be respected.
3. Only that person can determine the level of 'penetration into personal space' that is allowed.
4. Any level of personal space shall NEVER be considered to be the same in all circumstances, even if at earlier times a certain level was allowed DOES NOT mean that same level is automatically allowed right now.

Right to an Intimidation Free Environment

1. No person should EVER intimidate or feel intimidated in the living space.
2. Only that person being intimidated can determine if intimidation has occurred and to what intensity.
3. A person can ALWAYS voice their feelings of being intimidated at anytime and this will be respected.

Right to Forgive or Not Forgive

1. Getting forgiveness is never mandatory but is encouraged by this Constitution.
2. Any person can ask, or NOT ask, for forgiveness at anytime according to their own discretion.
3. If forgiveness is NOT given, acceptable 'reasons why' must be presented, if asked.
4. Whether or not forgiveness occurs, all **Rights** and **Freedom**s are still protected.

Right to Argue the Point

1. Arguments must proceed with respect and in good faith with this Constitution.
2. No person is required to accept any argument before they are ready.
3. Even if a person thinks an argument is 'bad', 'wrong', 'unsure', 'weak', and/or 'strong', each argument will be equally respected, and no person can infringe on the Rights and Freedoms established in this Constitution.
4. No person is required to wait till an argument is finished before they can exercise their **Freedom of Movement**.
5. No person is required to continue arguing once they choose to be done.
6. No person is required to understand the other persons 'point of view', though that is strongly encouraged by this Constitution.

Right to Have Guests

1. Guests will be expected to follow the Guest Interaction Guidelines and acknowledge this Constitution as **the highest law** of the living space or forfeit Guest privileges.
2. No person will restrict this right UNLESS the guest(s) has knowingly broken the 'spirit of this Constitution' at least three(3) times OR has infringed on a persons **Right to Intimidation Free Environment** even one(1) time.
3. Any person has the right to request BANISHMENT of a guest and this request will be respected and discussed, and if the reasoning is legitimate, all persons will abide by any banishment agreement. Meaning the GUEST can get physically kicked out of the living space, if necessary.

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Done in convention by the unanimous consent of the roommates paying rent in this living space, in witness of this complete Constitution of United Roommates, hereunto subscribe our names, thus bringing this Constitution into authority here ...

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