

# ThinkTank Community Guidelines

Fostering Collaborative, Safe, and Actionable Problem Solving

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Welcome to **ThinkTank**, a collaborative platform dedicated to solving personal, local, and global challenges through collective intelligence. Our mission is to bridge diverse mindsets, transform complex issues into actionable solutions, and empower individuals to build meaningful improvements in their lives and environments.

To ensure ThinkTank remains a constructive, intellectually safe, and welcoming space, all members are required to follow these Community Guidelines. By accessing or using ThinkTank, you agree to uphold these standards in all discussions, problem-solving rooms, proposals, and interactions.

## 1. Our Core Values

Every interaction on ThinkTank should be anchored in our foundational pillars. We encourage users to actively model these values when engaging with others:

### Constructive Orientation

We focus on resolving issues rather than merely complaining. Contributions should move discussions forward, offer fresh perspectives, or build constructively on existing proposals.

### Empathy & Respect

Problem-solving often touches on deeply personal or highly localized challenges. Approach every user's shared background, limitations, and unique perspectives with fundamental human dignity.

### Evidence-Based Inquiry

Great solutions rely on reliable information. We value data-driven logic, credible lived experiences, historical context, and scientific consensus over baseless assertions or rumors.

## 2. Rules for Constructive Problem Solving

ThinkTank is optimized for collaborative engineering of solutions. To maintain high-quality intellectual output, observe the following parameters:

## A. Stay On-Topic and Context-Specific

- Ensure all responses, sub-tasks, and ideation branches directly address the core problem stated in the active ThinkTank workspace or thread.
- Do not hijack personal or community problem threads to air unrelated personal grievances or redirect the conversation to separate political, corporate, or ideological debates.

## B. Intellectual Rigor and Credit

- **Cite Sources:** When providing scientific data, legal codes, engineering specifications, or complex data to justify a solution, cite credible sources.
- **Originality and Plagiarism:** Give credit to external authors, frameworks, or open-source projects utilized within your solution design. Do not pass off others' intellectual property as your own.
- **AI-Generated Content:** If you utilize artificial intelligence tools to draft a proposal or generate code/schematics, explicitly declare the use of AI tools within your submission text.

## C. Collaboration and Over-Building

- Encourage refinement. If a proposed solution has a flaw, explain the flaw civilly and propose a practical alternative or modification.
- Avoid dismissive feedback such as "This won't work." Instead, use structured critique: "This approach may face a bottleneck at step X; we could mitigate this by..."

# 3. Prohibited Conduct

To preserve safety, inclusivity, and operational integrity, ThinkTank maintains a zero-tolerance policy for the behaviors outlined below:

## A. Harassment, Abuse, and Discrimination

- **Ad Hominem Attacks:** Direct insults, personal degradation, and toxic commentary aimed at a user's intellect, character, or background rather than their proposed solution.
- **Discrimination:** Any content that promotes hatred, discrimination, disparagement, or systemic bias against individuals or groups based on race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, caste, sexual orientation, gender, age, or physical/mental ability.
- **Stalking and Cyberbullying:** Persistent, unwanted targeting of another user across multiple problem workspaces or external communication channels.

## B. Privacy and Safety Violations

- **Doxxing:** Publishing, threatening to publish, or linking to private, personally identifiable information (PII) of any individual—such as home addresses, personal phone numbers, private emails, financial records, or government IDs—without explicit, documented authorization.
- **Self-Harm Encouragement:** ThinkTank is a place to solve personal challenges, but it is not a crisis center. Content encouraging, instructing, or detailing methods of self-harm or suicide is strictly prohibited.

## C. Deception, Manipulation, and Malicious Activity

- **Astroturfing and Sybil Attacks:** Operating multiple accounts or coordinating with groups to falsely manipulate solution voting metrics, artificial upvoting of specific proposals, or systematic downvoting of competing ideas.
- **Misinformation:** Intentional dissemination of demonstrably false, fabricated, or highly misleading claims regarding public safety, medical treatments, or critical infrastructure that could cause real-world harm.
- **Malicious Code:** Sharing software solutions, scripts, or links that contain malware, spyware, ransomware, or attempt to compromise the cybersecurity of the ThinkTank platform or its users.

### Important Note on Personal Dilemmas

When helping users solve personal or interpersonal problems, do not advise, recommend, or incentivize illegal activities, acts of revenge, contract breaches, or physical retaliation. Solutions must always remain within legal and ethical boundaries.

## 4. Moderation and Enforcement

ThinkTank utilizes a hybrid moderation structure involving community flags, certified volunteer moderators, and professional administrators to maintain platform integrity.

### A. Reporting Violations

If you encounter content or behavior that breaches these guidelines, use the internal "Flag Content" tool attached to every post, proposal, and comment. Avoid engaging directly with bad-faith actors, as public escalation often hinders the resolution process.

### B. Enforcement Escalation Pathway

Depending on the severity, frequency, and context of a guideline breach, the ThinkTank administration will apply the following enforcement measures:

1. **Content Removal or Redaction:** Offending text, links, or attachments will be deleted or hidden from public view. Minor infractions will receive a formal documentation warning sent via system notification.
2. **Workspace Restrictions:** Temporary block from posting or commenting within specific collaborative rooms or community problem boards for a specified probationary period (e.g., 24 hours to 7 days).
3. **Account Suspension:** Temporary or semi-permanent freezing of account privileges, preventing any engagement across the ThinkTank ecosystem while keeping the history accessible for audit review.
4. **Permanent Account Termination:** Complete and irreversible expulsion from the ThinkTank platform for egregious or repeated offenses, including severe doxxing, coordinated platform manipulation, or severe hate speech.

## **C. Appeals Process**

If you believe your content was wrongly moderated or your account was mistakenly penalized, you may submit a structured appeal through the Account Dashboard within 14 calendar days of the enforcement action. Appeals must clearly outline the context, reference specific sections of these guidelines, and present objective reasons for reconsideration. All decisions made by the ThinkTank Appeals Committee following a secondary manual review are final.