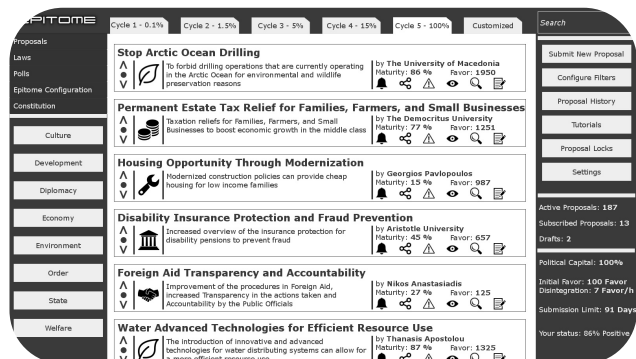


arising from that procedure, if for example in a country of 1 billion each citizen suddenly decided to propose policies every day.



Therefore, the need for a means of control is crucial for the correct function of the society. It is important however, that all citizens are able to participate at the same level in a society, as having a group of people with greater political power than the rest nullifies the notion of democracy.

This is where Epitome excels. The three subsystems of Favor, Cycles and Capital automatically distribute equal political power among the citizens according to the population characteristics, to allow smooth operation in societies of every demand or size whether of 10 people or 10 billion.

We hope in the social contribution of Epitome and the success in its purpose to improve the societies of the world, even if its ultimate use will be to provide ideas or even programming code to other projects that strive for the prevalence of democracy.



The Democracy Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to bring Freedom, Democracy and Progress in the societies of the world.

We will empower different Direct Democratic communities throughout the world, equip them with instruments, ideas and connect them with each other to improve them and their progress.

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EPITOME

ONLINE DIRECT DEMOCRACY PLATFORM



Epitome is an online direct democracy platform for societies of every demand or size. It enables the full and non-exclusive participation of citizens and members through an appealing and abundant design.

Rather than top-down, government controlled referendums, Epitome is a responsive system in which the individual proposals are subjected to peer evaluation and cultivation along with other proposals, each through their own group of creators and supporters building and improving them.

Epitome is not a closed and final product, but a collection of numerous, out-of-the-box options and systems for

societies and communities to customize to their accord. All the features in this system and all its subsystems are optional and configurable and can be activated or deactivated as decided by the people.

Epitome is and will always be free and open source. Anyone can review and contribute to the development. Contribution is a fundamental democratic right, in which, we deeply believe in. In addition, reviewing the code is critical for transparency and security.

THE CORE CHARACTERISTICS

Accessibility. Epitome is designed to provide means of participation for people with special needs.

Adaptability. Epitome continuously scales and adapts according to the population size initially implemented and automatically adjusts through time in line with the changes in the factors of the society.

Democracy. Epitome can function as a complete direct democracy platform without the need of representatives or delegates. Additional option for proxy (delegate) voting, polls and top-down management are provided as well.

Flexibility. Every part and system included in Epitome is configurable not only upon its installation, but its settings can be put under referendum for the population to decide.

Inclusiveness. Everyone can use it, provided that the community rules are followed. In this system the focus lies more in the quality of the ideas and less in the individuals behind them.

Innovation. Systems and instruments

Openness. The open source nature of this platform allows it to be built by everyone, for everyone; in a sense, a Democracy in practice.

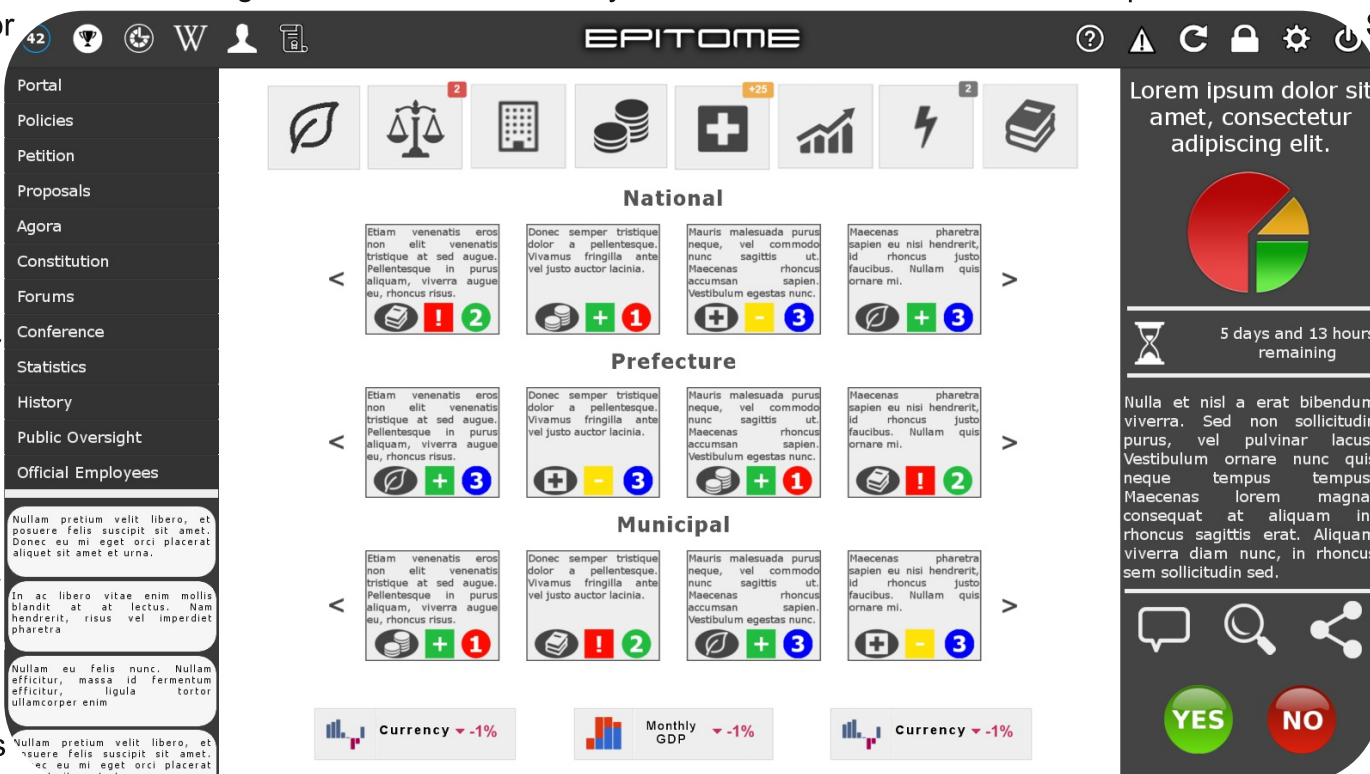
Resilience. Abuse such as propaganda, spam, explicit language, bribing, selling of vote's etc is filtered out by peer evaluation.

Security. The verification system provides an innovative and secure way to validate votes which greatly impedes system penetration through feedback, statistical analysis and surveying.

Versatility. Countries, universities, corporations, unions and in general any form of community can use Epitome as their decision making tool with a multitude of options.

This system is a governance tool for a direct democracy, meaning that

representatives or legislation bodies will not exist, and each aspect of governance will stem out of the citizens. Citizens will not only be able to vote on policies but to propose and amend them as well. There could be however, many problems



provided in the platform are built to enable the smooth transition of nations, by including ground-breaking components which promote the democratic ideology.

Liberation. Epitome is libre software; free as in free speech.

