

## CODE OF ETHICS EXAMPLE FOR FACE BOOK GROUPS

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Face book and online media chat rooms always commence with the best intentions, and yet they all slide into oblivion for want of a driver, a good administrator or the lack of any code of behaviour. This example is but one of many that groups should be using as a guide or according to the groups needs.

It is not intended to stifle free speech or to stem a robust discussion but merely some sign posts to conduct discussion within those flags so to speak. A good administrator is like a life guard or a chairperson who guides and observes that the discussion are within the parameters set by the group members.

### EXAMPLE CODE OF ETHICS.

**General outline.** This is a discussion group involving participants from around the globe with predominant Hellenic flavour. Members are accepted upon referral or invited. A courtesy message to the administrators to invite a new member is required and all members are expected to read the groups description.

**OBJECTIVES:** The objectives of the group are to discuss and/or debate in a robust and vigorous manner topics of interest.

**ATTRIBUTES OF AN ADMINISTRATOR:** An Administrator (includes co-Administrator) should be a person who can demonstrate leadership, communication skills, patience, moral fibre, emotional maturity, intelligence, organisation skills, political understanding, freedom of expression, thick skin (but sensitive to a point), life experience, a capacity to understand the differences between love, hate, laughter, desire, fun, passion, hurt and when someone is being attacked (for their lack of understanding) and most of all "COMMON SENSE".

**FACILITATOR:** A Facilitator must make a statement regarding his topic and is responsible for attracting member's interests. The difference between an Administrator and Facilitator is one of administrative controls over group discussions

**EXPLETIVES:** Expletives may be used to describe a statement but kept to a minimum. Offenders will be requested to chill out or be exiled for an unspecified period. Behaviour and censorship will depend upon the group dynamics.

**PSEUDONYMS:** pseudonyms are not allowed without reference to the administrators

**RECALCITRANT MEMBERS:** Members who constantly fail to follow the groups description will be shall be subject to the following options by the administrators:

- A. Group dynamics dictate the course of action
- B. Administrator counsels the member in private
- C. Members Topics may be continue to be relocated,
- D. Members Topics collocated under one banner:
- E. Members Topics hidden,
- F. Members Topics removed,
- G. Administrator counsels the member that three options remain.
- H. Member ostracized, (with topics hidden, removed)
- I. Member exiled and advised for what period
- J. Member banned.

In accordance with normal group dynamics and acceptable societal behaviour, "NO" vulgar language, personal attacks, racism, bullying, offensive behaviour, pornographic material or topics that may offend the majority of the group is permitted. When in doubt seek advice from the co-administrators and/or the Group creator. This is a living document and only the group creator is authorized to make changes.



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