

THE SOCIAL CONTRACT

(in case you missed it)

We, the party of the first part (“the rulers”), promise you (the party of the second part):

- (1) To protect your interests, as we define them, as best as we can, provided you do as we tell you to do.
- (2) To protect you by all available means, including lethal force, from harming your own interests, as we define them.
- (3) To protect you above all by protecting your protectors.
- (5) To hear you, when we give you an opportunity to speak, but we do not promise to listen to you.
- (6) To let you love yourself, your relatives, your neighbours and other human beings, provided we give you licence to do so.
- (7) To let you use our property as you wish, provided you use it as we wish.
- (6) To deal with you with as much leniency as we deem necessary or justified, given the purpose of this contract.
- (8) To let you, at any moment and under any pretext, authorize us to increase our power over you.
- (9) To pretend, as best we can, that we are your servants, provided you pay homage and tribute to us, at our simple request and in whichever form we impose.
- (10) And to do all of the above with as much honour and integrity as we can muster, provided you do not demand more than we give.

In exchange for these government benefits, you, the party of the second part, promise to acknowledge

- (11) The beneficence of your rulers by handing over your children to them.
- (12) That your rulers and their agents always act as your agents and with your free and full consent, so that
 - (a) Everything they do to you must be interpreted as something you do to yourself;
 - (b) You accept full liability for whatever they do to you or to others.
- (12) That you are a party to this contract, whether you consent to it or not.

Date: Always

Signatures

An agent of the rulers

(for the party of the first part)

In agent of the rulers

(for the party of the second part)