

## **THE PATCHWORK MODEL**

### **A Visual Deliberation System for our countries and unions**

Dear Institute,

I write to present a deliberative model I conceived over twenty years ago, which today finds the historical conditions to be considered at the highest levels. For the crisis of trust in representative institutions has become so visible — and so costly — that it can no longer be ignored.

Any parliament faces today the same procedural flaw: decisions are made by counting, not by reciprocal understanding. Votes are cast after bitter confrontations, on already crystallised positions, yielding razor-thin margins that leave half the chamber — and half the citizens — defeated.

This is not consensus. It is surrender to the past.

#### The Root of the Problem

The deliberative systems currently in use remain on the plane of tallying preferences, never requiring mutual understanding as a necessary condition for reaching a decision. The Patchwork Model changes the way of proceeding: it does not aggregate already-formed opinions — it brings them into contact before they harden.

The opacity of current parliamentary processes — informal trilogues, closed-door negotiations, positions never publicly justified — is not a mere technical flaw to be corrected. It is the expression of an outdated paradigm, dysfunctional from the outset, which today we can finally resolve to replace with an adequate one.

#### The Model

The substance is simple. Every member of parliament appears as a coloured square in a dynamic patchwork: green for those in favour, red for those against, yellow for those abstaining, white for those still reflecting.

Clicking on any square reveals that parliamentarian's specific thinking, and one or more colleagues may open a direct dialogue.

The evolution of collective opinion is observable in real time, as peer-to-peer interaction within the Patchwork Model carries the members of the assembly from closed disagreement to open consensus. Decisions do not emerge from a vote count, but from a convergence sought and achieved through mutual understanding — person by person, pixel by pixel.

What the Patchwork Model offers that no other system has ever even considered.

1. Total transparency: every position and its evolution over time remain visible to all.
2. Real consensus: by facilitating direct dialogue, genuine agreement emerges — not the surrender of the minority.
3. Absolute equality: one person, one square. No differential weight for party, seniority, or nationality.
4. Nuance preserved: binary yes/no voting eliminates intermediate positions. The Patchwork exalts them.
5. Sustained participation: the process is visual, social, engaging. Deliberative fatigue is no more.
6. Positive pressure: polarisation becomes visible and uncomfortable. Consensus becomes visible and desirable.

## The Vision

For thirty years I have worked to develop tools that transform democracy from a hollow word into a clear and functioning system, grounded in logic and reason rather than force. The Patchwork Model is one such tool, and it shines for its concreteness: it requires no constitutional reforms, asks nothing to be dismantled. It adds only a visual, interactive, and transparent layer over the process already underway.

Whoever wishes his country and may be also others not merely to survive at best, but to begin expressing themselves with full energy — because grounded in broad and motivated consensus — cannot but want a decision-making system that does not conceal but reveals, that does not suppress nuance but allows it to emerge and refine the final outcome.

The exposition of the model is available at historical site:  
<https://PatchWork.hyperlinker.org>

The homepage image alone conveys the essence of the model.

It is not conceivable that our countries should evolve without being equipped with the tools that make evolution possible. Nor can it suppose it may continue to produce obligations and prohibitions, to direct life in a totalitarian manner, without being held accountable to its Citizens. The advent of Synthetic Intelligence has rendered the use of force untenable.

The advent of new tools makes possible the systemic analysis of every legislative act: how it is born, who proposed it, which interests it served, who benefited from it. The parliamentary fog is about to be swept away regardless. The Patchwork Model has offered itself for over twenty years as an excellent method of transparency.

May the gods not allow it to prevail instead as a verdict system.

The first step I hope for is to build a functioning platform and begin experimenting through a pilot project, in a limited context. Should you consider this proposal for innovation worthy of attention, please know that I am at your disposal to illustrate and develop the project in whatever way proves most useful.

Grateful for your time, grateful for your attention, I send my warmest regards.

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