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**TRADITIONALIST
DOCTRINE**

INTRODUCTION

This short book is presented by the Young Traditionalists organization as a guideline for our community. It should be used to demonstrate our ideals to new members and capture what it means to be a traditionalist.

In the short chapters of this book, you will discover our cultural beliefs. These beliefs are based on European and American values learned from our forefathers.



Why Traditionalism?

Traditionalists believe the modern world lacks important values which have been lost due to social ideologies such as modernism or progressivism. We value cultural traditions, and see their erasure as being harmful to human society.

Our ideals are to maintain and preserve these disappearing values; ones which withstood the test of time prior to recently. Our goal is to make the world a better place by socially re-installing these core doctrines in our family life, social life, and professional life.

The rest of this booklet will further explain our stances on social issues as well as lay out our fundamental doctrines.



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CORE VALUES

We define traditionalism as the philosophy of *embracing the original cultural values of a person's national ancestry*. It is a Japanese man taking part in Japanese traditions as much as it is an Indian man taking part in Indian traditions.

Core values will vary in many regards depending on a person's heritage and nation, so it is important to establish how this booklet receives its doctrine. In the case of our organization, we consider ourselves to be *Western Traditionalists*: people who demonstrate a mixture of pan-European cultural values and traditions.

Western values stem from our culture and our religion. Ultimately, the foundation of western countries is built on the values of Christ. This is how we come to many of our social positions which will be discussed in this booklet.



Our core values include the restoration of patriarchy, keeping our communities modest, understanding the value of discipline and honor, and building towards becoming a more sophisticated society.

The Traditionalist is someone who strives to improve themselves both physically and mentally; it is someone who wants or has a family to care for; it is someone who can revere a simpler lifestyle.

This simpler lifestyle is not a trend or aesthetic. It is not something that should only be practiced at a person's convenience or to just make a statement.

Traditionalism is normalcy. The only reason we coined the term is because, in recent years, this normalcy started to fade away.



Why Traditionalism is Needed

Modern culture is shifting to a post-Christian and hedonistic state. The world we inherited from our forefathers has been polluted by subversive philosophies which idolize the pursuit of pleasure and indecency.

It is a poison that taints our heritage and ancestral values with ideologies of self-pursuit. People in the modern world would rather ditch the family life for careers. Some have even been convinced having children is a financial burden, rather than a blessing.

This indecency has also corrupted our art and architecture, and has given the people in our nations a bland taste for simple and uninspirational things. It makes obscene and vulgar content palatable for future generations by corrupting young minds.

Many people in our age group are mentally ill, have terrible habits, are atheist, and have no respect for themselves or their elders. This is a common phenomenon that occurs in dying cultures: young adults become demoralized and fall to nihilistic weakness.

Without traditional values, people's minds try to escape. The darkness that surrounds them pushes them to vices like media, drugs, alcohol, weed, or acting on carnal desires.

Everything that identified western nations has been corrupted; from our traditions, to our faith, to our artwork, to our language, to our communities. Traditionalism is needed because there needs to be a movement to counter the depravity we see in modern western countries.

Our generation needs guidelines from our ancestral values so we can restore the broken foundations of society. Traditionalism is the only solution to modernity.



Our Cultural Positions

To conclude this section of the booklet, below is a short summary of some of our organization's positions on some social elements.

Abortion: This is widely regarded by the traditionalist community as evil and sinful. You cannot be a traditionalist and think that abortion is acceptable for any reason.

Pornography: This is seen by all members of our community as a vice which corrupts young men and hugely dishonors young women.

Smoking: While some members of the traditionalist community are okay with occasional pipe or cigar smoking, most of us are in agreement that cigarettes, vaping, and weed are harmful.

Alcohol: There are some western traditions which include casual consumption of alcohol, but our community is mostly against alcohol as a beverage.

Feminism: We see feminism as an introductory doctrine that goes completely against our values. Out of it spawns even more subversive philosophies which are socially destructive to western culture and institutions. This applies for all "waves" of feminism.

Homosexuality: This, along with transexualism, goes against our biblical beliefs and causes great harm to our nations and communities. Like abortion and other abstractions, this should go without saying.

Tattoos: While some other cultures include tattoos in their traditions, many members in the Western Traditionalist community sees this as immodesty. In other words, it dishonors the temple to tag its walls with grafitti.

Vulgar Language: Use of swear words is against our doctrine entirely. We encourage traditionalists to be responsible with their words for character development and community representation.

Birth Control: Not all traditionalists believe this way, but a number of members in our community believe most forms of birth control are wrong and contrary to God's plan for our families. It may be strict, but they believe family planning is the only accepted form of birth control.

Technology: As technology can be used for good, it can also be used for evil. We shouldn't spend hours of our day scrolling through social media or playing video games, but that doesn't mean those things are inherently evil. Traditionalists are not against technological advancements, contrary to some external opinions.

Patriarchy: Patriarchal values build strong families, which builds strong communities, which ultimately builds strong nations. The strength and honor of our community is dependent on men leading us.

Dating: The traditionalist community is against dating. Instead, we suggest that men should seek a woman by receiving her father's blessing to court her. If she is interested, a courtship will begin and both the suitor (young man) and his intended (young lady) should spend time getting to know each other's long term life goals to ultimately decide on whether or not to pursue marriage.

Unmentioned social positions will be elaborated on further within this booklet. This was a short summary of introductory values.



ANCESTRY AND LEGACY

The words "ancestry," "legacy," or "heritage," often get thrown around in the Traditionalist community. Your legacy is more important than you may realize. Family, not just in an immediate sense, but as a long lasting kin, is something that exists forever.

Your bloodline has existed since the moment of creation. It is your duty to ensure you continue your lineage. The Traditionalist walks the Earth with a thousand ancestors walking behind him, and he prepares an inheritance for the thousand descendants who will walk ahead of him.

This modern world teaches against the family unit, and encourages people to not have children. In doing so, people who choose to live out their adulthood without a child doesn't just kill their bloodline, but also their age-old legacy. It is an important Traditionalist teaching to have families, as we are taught to be fruitful and to multiply.

It is also important to note that a family's name and legacy is carried on by the patriarch (this will be elaborated on further in the booklet). This is why traditional fathers should be strict on the young men who they allow to court their daughters. These fathers should be searching for men who inhibit similar identifying traits to their branch of the family.

To conclude, we each have our own branch of the human tree. We should keep our branch in line with our familys' ancestors, as their work laid the foundation for the western world's success. We should also strive to make it even better, to build upon our core values to bequeath a stable and Christian world for our descendants.



SELF-IMPROVEMENT

For a man, strength and honor is everything; it is his way of proving his ability to protect and provide for his wife and family. For a woman, improving her self and mind is the way for her to prove her ability to raise and nurture her family. Self-improvement means different things for men and women, so this section will touch on both.

Traditionalists are always striving to improve themselves. While the modern world teaches us to "love ourselves" and to "be happy the way we are," it is critical that we reject this philosophy of staying motionless in our weakness. There is no dishonor in being weak, there is only dishonor in *staying* weak.

Self-Improvement is not just about exercise, although that is an important aspect of it. Other things fall into the category of self improvement as well, for example: getting a healthy nine hours of sleep every night, waking up early, making our beds daily, bathing daily, dressing modestly, maintaining healthy posture, eating healthy diets, and avoiding our vices.



Vices

We define vices as bad habits or crutches. People (we all do this) fall back on vices to escape reality or make our hardships "easier," without making considerations to how these vices affect us and our loved ones in the long run.

Mentioned previously, vices include drugs, alcohol, weed, pornography, overeating, or just skipping out on our self-improvement routines for the sake of taking the "easy" route.

In other words, these vices occur when you think to yourself things like, "I don't feel like making my bed today," or you stay up too late at night because of your natural lack of discipline.

Discipline plays a major role in self-improvement, as it keeps traditionalists active in their mental and physical health.



Health

When it comes to fitness, men should seek more intense exercise than women, but members of both genders should still be physically active. Accompanied by fitness, it is also important to eat a balanced diet and avoid sugary drinks.

Traditionalists strive to be healthy. We have a duty to each other to have clear minds, be well-rested, and be in good shape.



GENDER ROLES

Another fundamental part of Traditionalism is the way we view men and women. Though controversial in circles outside of our community, traditionalists believe men and woman are *not* equal.

There is a reason God made two genders. Both are designed to compliment each other, and therefore they cannot be the same. Men succeed at certain things that women do not, and vice versa.

Men are tasked with a duty to protect and provide for women and children. Women are tasked with a duty to birth and nurture. The two genders work together to build successful communities. This success is the result of masculinity complimenting femininity.

When it comes to careers, men should be the workers of society. Young women can still be encouraged to work briefly in nurturing jobs such as nursing or teaching, but should never be encouraged to get a career and work permanently.

When a woman marries, it is her and her husband's duty to start a family. Her husband will provide for her and the children, and she will be a mother and homemaker and will take care of her babies. At no point in this process should a woman seek a career; it is a strong traditionalist belief that the position of providing is reserved exclusively for men.

When it comes to nurture, women should be the nurturers of society. A man cannot be comforted by another man as easily as he can be comforted by a woman. It is within females' delicate nature to be more sympathetic and compassionate.

We believe men should be excluded from feminine activities, and women should be excluded from masculine activities. As mentioned previously, it is a core doctrine of ours that mothers should not be in the workplace. This raises many questions to outsiders, and sometimes leads to accusations of our anti-feminist nature as being misogynistic.

We do not believe women are inferior to men. In fact, it is a strong point in our platform that men should go out of their way to honor women. It is a man's role to assist women, like reaching for a high item on a shelf or walking her groceries to her car.

This is not to patronize her or put her down, but to show her that she, among all women, are valued members of our communities. Women are the birthers and nurturers of society; the mothers and grandmothers who give guidance to her children.

Traditional men follow a chivalric code, and have a strong stance against the objectification of women in our world. Men are taught to honor women, and a good man will not believe himself to be superior to her. Men and women are equally important, but unequal in regards to our capabilities.

The Patriarchy

Authoritative positions, whether in the government, church, or home, are to be held exclusively by men. This is the way western nations have structured their leadership since the beginning of time.

Members of the traditionalist community agree that men are suited for masculine things. Leadership is a masculine trait. Because of this, men should be at the head of the household.

Patriarchal structure starts with the supreme authority, Jesus Christ (God). Beneath him are men, a humble second authority. Beneath men are women, and beneath women are children.

Out of this system arises a need to protect women and children, where the authority of men is compensated for by the value we place on our future generations and their mothers. This is why women and children are prioritized in crisis situations, for example.

All throughout the world, tribes, families, and nations have been led by their patriarchs. Patriarchy has held true against the test of time, and we believe it should be restored. Feminism has caused chaos in our society, and the "empowering" positions it grants women have been a disaster to western culture.



Courtship

Another social construct traditionalists wish to restore is the system of courtship. This is the idea that a man must pursue a woman, typically at the approval of her father, with the intent of marriage. This is in opposition to casual dating.

Our desire to have companionship, even if done in an appropriate manner, drives us to romanticize casual dating. This, however, is actually not romantic and often leads to broken marriages, overlooking flaws, and even missing out on finding the right person.

Some traditionalists believe dating to be the cause of our divorce rate being so high. A century ago, divorce was an *extreme* rarity. These people suggest that casual dating – the common system of going out with a person, breaking up, and repeating – to be the cause of this phenomenon.

In the modern world, people train themselves to think they can repeat this cycle as many times as they want. This mentality follows them into marriage, and therefore, dating just becomes a practice session for divorce.

The traditionalist outlook, however, suggests you should not even consider a courtship with someone unless you can foresee marriage in the future. In other words, you should be prepared to be in it for the "long-haul."

This is not to say courtship is fool-proof. Many courtships, like modern relationships, also fizzle out. The main difference is in mutual (traditionalist) attitude, parental approval, and future intent.

Courtship is the sophisticated and decent alternative to casual dating. Instead of having a 'boyfriend,' a woman can use the term *suitor*. Similarly, instead of having a 'girlfriend,' a man can use the term *intended*. This is better than using childish terminology to describe our future husbands or wives. It also captures the natural concept of pursuit.

For example, women cannot initiate courtships. Women are to be pursued by men. When a man is interested in a woman, he should pursue her. In the case where a woman is interested in a man, she may try to get his attention, but women should never profess her feelings until the man has professed his.

When a man is interested, he may start by getting to know the woman at work, school, church, or wherever the case may be. If there is potential, the two may start to become closer friends. When they do, and if the man believes he is ready, he can make his intentions clear by asking the woman to accompany him to dinner or something of that nature. (Obviously, the man pays for this.)

This should be done with her father's permission, but depending on the case, it can be difficult to get that initially. If the man cannot reach her father, for whatever reason, he should still meet her father shortly after the courtship begins, for the sake of approval.

During the course of courtships, the people involved should be discussing big-picture things such as how many children they want, where they want to live, what their values are, or their future plans in life. If the compatibility holds up, the man should gain permission a final time from the lady's father to take her hand in marriage. If approved, he can make his proposal to her and she can either accept or deny, leading to life-long matrimony.



In conclusion, men and women have different places and duties in a traditional society. Men are designed to provide and women are designed to nurture. This should not be controversial, and we need to restore this traditional outlook in our local communities.

MODESTY

There are different tiers to modesty: the way we dress, the way we speak, and the way we compose ourselves. Part of being a traditionalist is being decent, modest, and high quality people.

First of all, modesty is for both men and women. In regards to the way we dress, it is not just the avoidance of revealing clothing, but also a way to reflect our inward self with our outward appearance.

Traditionalist doctrine is against dressing down. The word "casual" is another modern term making it acceptable to underdress and cut corners. We challenge this by encouraging our membership to dress up, even for social engagements.

What we wear reflects our character. Women should be wearing modest (below the knee, nonrevealing) dresses and men should be, at the very least, wearing button down shirts tucked into slacks. Clothes should not be form fitting, nor reveal too much skin, even with swimwear. Men should not be swimming shirtless and women should wear one piece swimwear.

The way we dress is important, and we should dress up to show others that we care. This is not a call for vanity, but instead a reminder that our ancestors used to care about what they looked like. It was expected for men to wear a suit to the theater or airport, and it was unacceptable to show up to church in anything less than formalwear.

We hope that, by dressing modestly, we can inspire others to join our movement against the depravity that is our indecent modern world.



Discipline

The way we compose ourselves is another tier to modesty. Of course, it takes an element of discipline to dress up nicely for your day, but there are more levels to being disciplined to be modest than just how we dress.

While discipline is touched on in the self-improvement section of this booklet as well, there are a few things in the modesty category that can also be said about it.

We should discipline ourselves to act as sophisticated people. The Traditionalist cares about his or her influence in their community, and therefore acts accordingly. We are disciplined to follow modest etiquette. This includes: arriving to reservations on time, not pointing, covering our mouths when coughing, not yawning in public, waiting for others (and praying) before eating, or gentlemen opening doors for ladies.

Language

The last tier of modesty in our doctrine is language. Language includes the way we speak, but also our body language. It is important to speak clearly and try to avoid contractions. The Traditionalist should speak with proper grammar and about relevant things.

We should not be saying vulgar words and we certainly should not be telling vulgar jokes. Traditionalists use language as another way of showing people we care. We should use our speech and body language as a way to show respect to our fellow men.

The Traditionalist makes eye contact when speaking or being spoken to. We stand when being introduced and shake hands to honor each other. We avoid private conversations in front of others, and we do all of this out of respect.

Language is a tool that needs to be used responsibly. Traditionalists understand the value of speech, but also the value of silence. We should govern ourselves to be more gentle and patient; by doing so, we appear mature and composed.

Apart from body language and spoken language, written language is also important. Traditionalists should practice cursive handwriting and try to avoid sloppy mistakes in penmanship.



ART AND ARCHITECTURE

It goes without saying that art and architecture bear an obvious reflection of the culture they are created within.

The beautiful architectural designs in western nations, inspired by our Roman ancestors, are being replaced with degenerate modern works. The same applies for the other arts; music, paintings, even storywriting and literature.

Modern art is vulgar and uninspiring. Its music encourages hedonism and degenerate activities like drugs, partying, and sexual immorality. Its literature and movies are a disgrace that mold our culture into an irreligious wasteland.

The arts are contaminated and most people do not even see it. Art universities do not even teach technique anymore; creativity, technique, and craftsmanship have all been replaced by procedure. This procedural artwork is boring, tasteless, and uninspiring.

Traditionalists, however, are an inspired group of people. We revere our historical architecture and have a passion for high quality arts. We use artwork to capture moments in history and make them last forever, like honoring our leaders with statues, buildings, or paintings that inspire the future generations.

Artwork should be meaningful. We have a desire to bring back realistic paintings, restore decency in the film and music industry, and construct high quality works of architecture.



COMMUNITY

Our sense of community is critical. Before social media and television, people used to go to community events, meet each other, and make strong friendships with their fellow neighbors.

Local communities make a great nation. In our doctrine, we believe that strong nations begin with strong families. A strong family with a mother and father is a small community within itself. This small community grows when in the environment of the church. The church is the hub of the local community, and where the individual families of the local area can find unity.

Together, with these strong communities, each founded by families upon the values of Christianity, ultimately creates stability and greatness in western nations. This is how successful civilizations have always worked.



THE ENVIRONMENT

Our natural world is a gift given to us by the Lord. Traditionalists revere nature and the environment. Many traditionalists own homesteads, farm the land, or raise animals.

Many traditionalists try to be self-sustaining, and therefore it's a common belief of ours that industry is actually a negative thing. The industrial revolution is seen by many people in our community as a disaster, and the rapid progression of manufacturing helped to ruin our environment, food, and local communities.



Modern industry is just another problem born from the modern world. While a lot of good things objectively came from it, the other side of the coin is that many small communities were split up, and the outcome was, mostly, just for consumer products.

Of course, the disolution of local communities and family owned business is one problem of modern industry, but also its relentless effects on the environment. Modern agriculture produces unhealthy products that ruins our soil, and that is without even a mention of what evils modern animal agriculture produces.

Most of our food is processed and laced with microplastics. The world's products are generic. Most industrial practices are seen by our community as immoral; these practices are not traditional, they are destructive. Traditionalists need to do more than the average person to revere the environment.



TRADITIONALIST POLITICS

We are often asked if traditionalism is a political ideology. To be a true political ideology, we would have to agree on social *and* economic policies, which most of us do not.

Traditionalism is, for the most part, a social ideology. Our members agree on most of our social doctrines, but hold a wide variety of political beliefs. The majority of these beliefs are as follows: American republicanism, libertarianism, fascism, monarchism, theocracy, and aristocracy. Some choose to be apolitical, as they believe politics cannot solve our issues.

Our members are almost all nationalist, hold relatively negative opinions about democracy, believe in similar social reform needs in the United States, and are against most forms of far-leftism such as Communism or Marxism.

As far as *religious* politics go, the traditionalist community is denominationally mixed. Around 60% of our membership resides in the Catholic or Orthodox community with the remaining 40% being Protestant. *Our organization urges that members of these three churches put their differences aside, the same way they can put aside economic and political differences.*

Another very popular political question we are often asked is, "What is the difference between conservatism and traditionalism?"

If you took the time to read this booklet thus far, you understand our social beliefs are far-right. Despite this, we have put a lot of effort towards branching away from the term "conservative."

While conservatism and traditionalism *should* be mostly synonymous, as both aim to conserve traditional values, the word has been butchered by people who are more socially left-leaning than us.

Conservatism is not as far to the right side of the social spectrum as traditionalism. For example, many conservatives in America believe women belong in the workplace, that homosexuality is tolerable, or that indulgence and some forms of hedonism are acceptable.

Contrary to this, traditionalists are absolutely against conservatives' tolerable nature. We do not tolerate any forms of feminism, we have a more modest and decent way of carrying our self-appearance, and are much more strict about our values.



The Nation

One aspect of western traditionalism that escapes the boundaries of being a social movement is our collective views on our nation. As you've read in the *Ancestry and Legacy* section, your family's identity and lineage are very important.

Out of this comes nationalism: the belief that our nation and its people come before all others. Our nation was created by our ancestors, and it is up to us to ensure it and its traditions are restored to their former glory. This includes keeping borders shut.

Traditionalists see the nation as an umbrella over our community. Ultimately, all people in our community contribute to making our nation strong. If more traditionalists existed in our communities, we would have a better chance at restoring our values and making our nation strong again.



Controversial Values

As in any social movement, there are controversial values shared by some members of our community. The reason this section is included in the booklet is because, **while our organization does not hold to a position on these values**, many traditionalists do.

These controversial values are as follows:

On Voting: Some traditionalists in our community believe women should not have been given the right to vote. This was the result of first wave feminism, and is regarded by some as a way for modernists to undermine patriarchal values.

This idea is justified by the following: *if a woman cannot select a strong-witted husband to vote on her behalf, how can we trust her to vote for her own representation?*



On Miscegenation: Some traditionalists are against miscegenation. Racial identity is important, whether you are black, white, or whatever else. Many of us believe we should reproduce and keep our families' racial identity pure.

This is not to say one race is better than another, but we think our kids should share a pure racial identity with their ancestors. Some draw the line between national borders, others draw the line between ethnicity.



Political values like the aforementioned are not solidified parts of our doctrine, but are listed because these are beliefs held by a significant number of traditionalists.

A lot of these beliefs follow along with our anti-modern nature, and they come as a result of our members seeing how unknowingly *correct* our great grandparents' beliefs were. Our platform was normalcy in western nations a century ago.

We are firmly against progressive beliefs like homosexual rights, feminism, multiculturalism, or any other beliefs coming out of counter-culture movements. This does not mean we are against progress, it means we believe our society took a wrong turn and we need to base our progression on firm Christian and traditionalist principles.

In conclusion, traditionalism is not a political ideology; but because of our platform's social message, almost all of our members share similar political ideologies. Some of these ideologies are controversial, but that is the nature of traditional doctrine in the modern world.



A WARNING TO FUTURE GENERATIONS

If a member of future generations comes across this booklet, the following is a sincere warning to them.

The traditionalist movement exists to provide a strong counterforce to modern society. Though our beliefs may seem strict or oppressive, they are the historical foundations for successful civilizations.

The people who want to destroy western nations will preface their subversive and destructive demands with misleading arguments such as, "Having kids might be bad for the planet," or "We just want more rights!"

They play on your conscience. They make arguments to put you in a corner and make you look like a villain for your values, but heed these words: *if you give them an inch, they will take a mile.*

We are currently living in a world where feminists have torn our patriarchal values down, our borders are wide open, men are being feminized in the media, and children are being taught degenerate sexual content.

All of this is made possible because we have been demoralized and taught by the modern world to "tolerate" people who are radically different from us. Toleration leads to depravity. We cannot throw away our values because a few mentally ill people demand tolerance. Our western values need to be maintained, and future generations depend on it.

As the future generation, you must keep our doctrine alive. Have children and keep the sense of community alive. Be proud of your nation and its people, and work hard to keep it Christian. Be a good mother or father, be a leader in your community, and do not tolerate the modernists' degenerate abstractions.

CONCLUSION

Traditional doctrine is offensive to the modern world, but not to the thousands of generations before it. For being a traditionalist, you will be called names and made fun of. This is the nature of our philosophy, but we are already taught the modern world will hate us:

"If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you." (John 15:19)

If you are reading this, you are blessed to see the world for the way it truly is. We hope that more people will read our doctrine and come around to sympathizing with our beliefs or adapting our lifestyle.

Traditionalism is reviving values that were normal a century ago. Our values would not have been controversial, and everyone would have agreed with our points. Today, this is clearly not the case. We hope to change that.

Our forefathers built the world we live in today upon the strong pillars of the values we follow. In other words, traditionalism is a foundational philosophy and should not be changed or moved for any reason.



In conclusion, you should have a better understanding of our doctrine and we appreciate anyone taking the time to read this booklet. Together, we can restore our traditional values. In doing so, we can save the western world.



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