



11. Letter to the Editor

We invite readers of the *Journal of Space Philosophy* to send us letters referencing any past publication, to suggest subjects for future publication, or to submit information from anywhere in the Global Space Community. **Bob Krone and Gordon Arthur**.

From Dr. Robert L. Frantz

Dear Editor,

Having read several of Dr. Dror's books, I was inspired to create the website www.sunshineparty.us. Below are the mission statement criteria for grading a government at any level. I hope that I can build a team that is similarly inspired to help to expand the vision statement and to add a grading component. I have used this approach myself at the local government level and then, based on the results, targeted deficient areas. With a team of distinguished members, we could realize significant results. Please take this template, absorb it, and try it out on your local government.

Mission Statement

The **Sunshine Party** seeks to improve the capacity to govern at all levels of government. To this end, we are working under the umbrella of the Policy Sciences and specifically exploring the theory of "capacity to govern." Within this theory, there are certain constructs that are measurable, providing the opportunity to use these metrics to arrive at a meaningful scorecard for government at any level. These constructs are listed in the following vision statement.

Vision Statement

Ethics

This term implies virtuous civic work that can be scored by first establishing a "code of ethics" for elected officials and employed staff. The Sunshine Party will establish a written code of ethics.

Transparency

Governance is a shared responsibility of all stakeholders. Operating "behind closed doors" except in very specific circumstances creates an atmosphere of suspicion and distrust by all stakeholders. Inappropriate "behind closed doors" behavior is measurable, and it can be scored.

Morality

To enjoy legitimacy, those in governance must display unquestionable moral standards in such important areas as “human rights.” Good governance recognizes basic norms of freedom and democracy, and it requires constant striving to improve upon these fundamentals. The construct of “morality,” although somewhat subjective, can be measurable in terms of democratic and economic freedom.

Knowledge Seeking

Government is not static, it is dynamic, and it should constantly evolve in innovative ways to arrive at least cost decisions. Technology today plays an important role in this objective, and it can result in cost efficiencies and taxpayer savings. A comparison between governments of similar size can result in measurement scores.

Future Commitment

Through comprehensive annual strategic planning, government can determine realistic future goals for the benefit of the entire community. The achievement of these goals can be measurable.

Deep, Holistic Thinking

Understanding synergies within a community can lead to optimization in decision making where one realizes that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. A failure to think holistically can result in bureaucratic stagnation and waste. An ultimate goal should be to strive for a Pareto optimum, where everybody gains and nobody loses. Holistically arrived-at results are measurable through return on investment analysis.

Value Statement

Raison d’humanité, an appreciation of humanity as a whole in meeting the expectations of all citizens, is a moral imperative!

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Editors’ Notes: Dr. Robert L. Frantz’s Sunshine Political Party in South Carolina is the first local political party in the United States to be founded on the works of Yehezkel Dror. Dr. Frantz is a co-founder and past president of Kepler Space Institute (KSI), and he will be active in KSI’s future operations. Letters to the Editor for this issue are at the end because they only address the legacy of Professor Yehezkel Dror. ***Bob Krone and Gordon Arthur.***