

# Privacy Policy



## **WHO WE ARE**

Democracy R&D is an international network of organizations, associations and individuals that develop, implement, and promote ways to improve democracy, from the local to the global level.

Our website address is: <https://democracyrd.org>.

## **PERSONAL DATA WE COLLECT AND WHY WE COLLECT IT**

### **Comments**

When visitors leave comments on the site we collect the data shown in the comments form, and also the visitor's IP address and browser user agent string to help spam detection.

An anonymized string created from your email address (also called a hash) may be provided to the Gravatar service to see if you are using it. The Gravatar service privacy policy is available here: <https://automattic.com/privacy/>. After approval of your comment, your profile picture is visible to the public in the context of your comment.

### **Media**

If you upload images to the website, you should avoid uploading images with embedded location data (EXIF GPS) included. Visitors to the website can download and extract any location data from images on the website.

### **Contact forms**

If you contact us through the contact form on our website, the information you submit (name, email address, message, etc.) will be stored on our email server just like any other email we receive. We do not use this information for marketing purposes.

### **Cookies**

If you leave a comment on our site you may opt-in to saving your name, email address and website in cookies. These are for your convenience so that you do not have to fill in your details again when you leave another comment. These cookies will last for one year.

If you have an account and you log in to this site, we will set a temporary cookie to determine if your browser accepts cookies. This cookie contains no personal data and is discarded when you close your browser.

When you log in, we will also set up several cookies to save your login information and your screen display choices. Login cookies last for two days, and screen options cookies last for a year. If you select "Remember Me", your login will persist for two weeks. If you log out of your account, the login cookies will be removed.

If you edit or publish an article, an additional cookie will be saved in your browser. This cookie includes no personal data and simply indicates the post ID of the article you just edited. It expires after 1 day.



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## ***Embedded content from other websites***

Articles on this site may include embedded content (e.g. videos, images, articles, etc.). Embedded content from other websites behaves in the exact same way as if the visitor has visited the other website.

These websites may collect data about you, use cookies, embed additional third-party tracking, and monitor your interaction with that embedded content, including tracking your interaction with the embedded content if you have an account and are logged in to that website.

## ***Analytics***

We do not actively collect analytics regarding the visitors to our website. Our hosting provider (SiteGround) or WordPress plugins used on our site may collect anonymous analytics.

## ***WHO WE SHARE YOUR DATA WITH***

We may share your data with third-parties in order to provide the best experience using our site. For example, if you choose to sign in to our forum with your Google Account, we may need to share data with Google to make this possible. Or, if you make a payment through our site, we may need to share data with the payment processor to make this possible.

## ***HOW LONG WE RETAIN YOUR DATA***

If you leave a comment, the comment and its metadata are retained indefinitely. This is so we can recognize and approve any follow-up comments automatically instead of holding them in a moderation queue.

For users that register on our website (if any), we also store the personal information they provide in their user profile. All users can see, edit, or delete their personal information at any time (except they cannot change their username). Website administrators can also see and edit that information.

## ***WHAT RIGHTS YOU HAVE OVER YOUR DATA***

If you have an account on this site, or have left comments, you can request to receive an exported file of the personal data we hold about you, including any data you have provided to us. You can also request that we erase any personal data we hold about you. This does not include any data we are obliged to keep for administrative, legal, or security purposes.

## ***WHERE WE SEND YOUR DATA***

Visitor comments may be checked through an automated spam detection service.

## ***CONTACT INFORMATION***

If you have any questions or concerns about our privacy policy contact [info@democracyrd.org](mailto:info@democracyrd.org).

