

Privacy Policy

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Introduction

Welcome to Open Ideas ("we," "our," or "us"). This Privacy Policy explains how we collect, use, disclose, and protect your information when you use openideas.discourse.group (the "Site"), our online community platform where members share ideas about products, companies, and events.

By using our Site, you agree to the collection and use of information in accordance with this policy.

Information We Collect

Information You Provide

- **Account Information:** Username, email address, and password when you register
- **Profile Information:** Optional biography, location, website, and profile picture
- **Content:** Posts, comments, ideas, and messages you share on the platform
- **Communications:** Messages you send to us or other users through the platform

Automatically Collected Information

- **Usage Data:** Pages visited, time spent on pages, links clicked, and browsing patterns
- **Device Information:** IP address, browser type, operating system, and device identifiers
- **Cookies and Tracking:** We use cookies and similar technologies to maintain sessions and analyze site usage

How We Use Your Information

We use the collected information to:

- Provide, maintain, and improve our community platform
- Create and manage your account
- Enable you to participate in discussions and share ideas
- Send important notifications about your account or the platform
- Respond to your inquiries and provide customer support
- Monitor and analyze usage patterns to improve user experience

- Detect, prevent, and address technical issues or security threats
- Comply with legal obligations

Information Sharing and Disclosure

Public Information

Please note that posts, comments, and ideas you share on Open Ideas are **publicly visible** to all users and visitors of the Site. Your username and any information in your public profile are also visible to other users.

We Do Not Sell Your Information

We do not sell, rent, or trade your personal information to third parties.

Limited Sharing

We may share your information only in the following circumstances:

- **Service Providers:** With trusted third-party service providers who assist in operating our platform (such as Discourse hosting services), under strict confidentiality obligations
- **Legal Requirements:** When required by law, court order, or governmental authority
- **Safety and Security:** To protect the rights, property, or safety of Open Ideas, our users, or the public
- **Business Transfers:** In connection with a merger, acquisition, or sale of assets, where users will be notified of any change in ownership

Data Retention

We retain your information for as long as your account is active or as needed to provide services. If you delete your account, we will remove or anonymize your personal information, though some content may remain in archived form for legal or operational purposes.

Your Rights and Choices

You have the right to:

- **Access and Update:** View and edit your profile and account information at any time
- **Delete Your Account:** Request deletion of your account by contacting us
- **Opt-Out:** Unsubscribe from non-essential email communications
- **Data Portability:** Request a copy of your data in a portable format
- **Cookies:** Adjust your browser settings to refuse cookies, though this may limit functionality

Security

We implement reasonable security measures to protect your information from unauthorized access, alteration, disclosure, or destruction. However, no internet transmission is completely secure, and we cannot guarantee absolute security.

Children's Privacy

Our Site is not intended for children under 13 years of age. We do not knowingly collect personal information from children under 13. If you believe we have collected information from a child under 13, please contact us immediately.

Third-Party Links

Our Site may contain links to external websites. We are not responsible for the privacy practices of these third-party sites and encourage you to review their privacy policies.

Changes to This Privacy Policy

We may update this Privacy Policy periodically. We will notify you of significant changes by posting the new policy on this page and updating the "Last Updated" date. Your continued use of the Site after changes constitutes acceptance of the updated policy.

Contact Us

If you have questions, concerns, or requests regarding this Privacy Policy, please contact us at:

Open Ideas Community

Michigan, United States

Email: art@openideas.group

California Privacy Rights

If you are a California resident, you have additional rights under the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), including the right to request disclosure of information we collect and the right to request deletion of your personal information.

International Users

Our servers are located in the United States. If you access our Site from outside the U.S., your information will be transferred to, stored, and processed in the United States.