



Colbert Nation Covenant

I, _____, declare myself to be a proud citizen of the **Colbert Nation!**¹
(print name)

Signed this _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord _____:

(signature)

(witness)

¹ By signing this legally binding document, I agree to the terms, conditions, restrictions, and laws governing the Colbert Nation, and solemnly swear to defend its principles and borders, to the death if necessary. I promise to devoutly obey the Colbert Nation Code of Conduct, and understand that failure to do so will result in an appropriate punishment, including but not limited to fines, expulsion, imprisonment, or -- in severe cases -- death by exposure.

I acknowledge that I am acting under my own power in signing this document, and that should any future disagreements arise between myself and the Colbert Nation, I waive my rights to silence, an attorney, a trial, and a bed in my prison cell. My membership in the Colbert Nation hereby cancels any existing citizenships that I might currently possess, and I agree that if asked, I will gladly tear my current passport into hundreds of pieces on national television, setting the flag of my former country on fire and swearing colorful oaths in an exotic language of the Nation's choosing.

For reference, the Colbert Nation Code of Conduct is as follows: a) If you pass a Colbert Nation Elder on the street, do not make eye contact. Avert your gaze and cross to the other side of the street; b) If you don't know what an Elder is, don't ask, you'll find out; c) Bears are to be killed on sight, using a rifle or crossbow is fine, but bonus points shall be awarded for using your bare hands (no pun intended); and d) always rewind your rented videotapes. It's just common courtesy.

I understand that all of my writings, discoveries, inventions, and ideas are property of the Colbert Nation, even if what the Nation decides to do with my inventions is put them in a large pile next to other people's inventions and set the pile on fire, for heat. This provision shall supersede all existing contracts that I am bound to by current employers, and apply in perpetuity, for all time, in the known universe. Even if I am a theoretical physicist who, through some ingenious act of experimental derring-do, posits a loophole in the known universe that leads to the discovery of a previously unknown universe, I acknowledge that by definition my new universe is now part of the known universe and so it's not like I can just hide all of my inventions there.

Still, I recognize that the Colbert Nation isn't just about rules and regulations and punishments. I acknowledge that the privileges of citizenship in the Colbert Nation are wondrous and manifold, in fact they are so manifold that there are simply too many to list in this legally binding document! Suffice it to say that there are literally thousands of perks and benefits, and you'll just have to trust us on that. Here's a little taste: Privilege number 302 is unlimited passage across Colbert Nation borders! Can't beat that with a stick.

This paragraph contains nothing substantive, so you may feel free to skip it and continue to the next paragraph. Now that that's out of the way: I hereby grant the Colbert Nation full authority to do undertake whatever actions they see to be necessary and proper to the continued success of the Nation, entirely at their discretion and without having to consult any elitist "experts" on the issue at hand. I further understand that the language of this contract may be changed at any time, and that rules may be added without my consent or anyone even telling me. Right now, you could be writing a new item in the Code of Conduct that forbids pants. Fine by me.

That's pretty much it. Congratulations and welcome -- let's have some fun out there.



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Colbert Nation Abstinence Rider

This RIDER is hereby part of the compact dated _____ between the COLBERT NATION (hereafter known as "Nation") and _____ (hereafter known as "Citizen"), granting citizenship to the undersigned under all applicable terms and conditions.

Citizen and Nation hereby agree to the following pledge:

I, (state your name), do solemnly swear to remain abstinent
For the duration of my unmarried life
And pledge to remain true to this promise
With a fervor as strong and impenetrable as my maidenhead.

Furthermore, I recognize the Nation's right
To verify my claims of abstinence if I ever try to redeem them
For such fabulous prizes as a Colbert Nation Abstinence T-Shirt
Or a Colbert Nation-branded Kryptonite chastity belt.

Thus, as proof of my loyalty and trustworthiness
I hereby give the Colbert Nation the right to monitor my activities
Using a combination of private security personnel and high-tech surveillance equipment
Including but not limited to satellite photos, GPS tracking, and a tiny camera embedded
in my forehead.

Should I break this sacred vow
The videotaped record of my transgression shall become property of the Colbert Nation
And they can do whatever they want with it
Even broadcast it on that big screen in Times Square, just to embarrass me.
Or put it on the Internet.

Amen.

Signed this _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord _____:

(signature)

(witness)