

Memo on Modesty Equilibrium Index

To: House Subcommittee on Civic Visibility

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Subject: The Modesty Equilibrium Index (MEI) and Its Role in National Monuments

The Modesty Equilibrium Index (MEI) is a carefully derived metric designed to quantify the optimal ratio of exposed surface area to fabric coverage on civic statues and monuments. Developed through battlefield physics, textile durability analyses, and sociocultural polling weighted heavily by vetted Instagram accounts, the MEI aims to standardize “patriotic exposure” and minimize public discomfort.

Key findings include:

- An ideal MEI score of 62.5% civic visibility ensures statues project freedom without risking public scandal.
- Exceeding the MEI by more than 5% correlates with a 78% increase in viewer complaints about “immodesty” and “emotional distress.”
- Inclusion of modesty panels and strategic draping reduces the likelihood of public backlash by 45%.

Recommendations:

- All new and refurbished monuments must maintain a MEI between 57.5% and 67.5%.
- Continuous monitoring of public response via social media sentiment analysis is advised to adjust standards dynamically.
- Special exemptions may be granted for historically significant statues, provided they receive appropriate “modesty permits.”

This memo is intended as the scientific backbone for upcoming legislation on civic statue aesthetics, ensuring that patriotism is both visually inspiring and socially responsible.