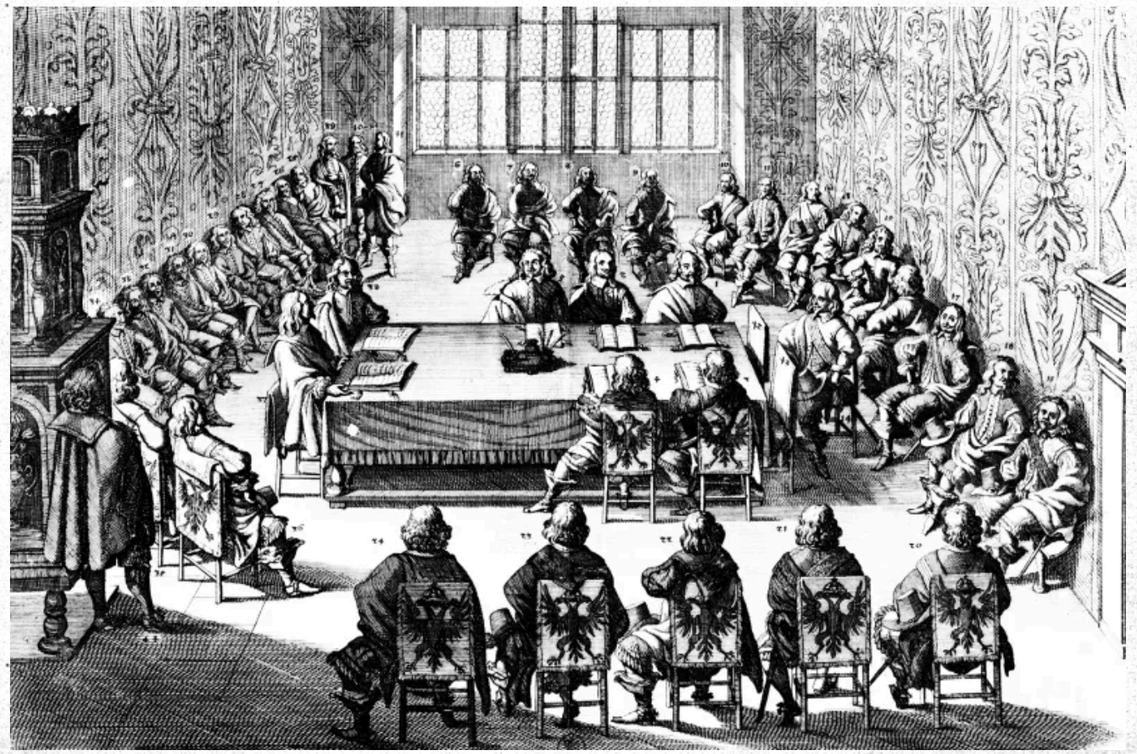
NATION STATES ARE OBSOLETE

BUILD WHAT COMES NEXT...



An engraving at the French National Library shows the ratification of the Peace of Westphalia in Nuremberg, Germany, on June 16, 1650.

In 1618, Protestant nobles in Prague hurled two Catholic governors and their secretary out of a castle window, an act that sparked the Thirty Years' War and ultimately led to the Peace of Westphalia. It marked the birth of the modern nation-state system. Since then, we've had electric cars, phones, planes, medicine, the internet, Bitcoin, and dubstep. The nation-state system has become dysfunctional and outdated governance OS.

But it's still here.

Kind of...



Alas

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$ sudo apt-get update nation-state
Reading package lists... Done
Checking dependencies...
Current version: Nation States, Westphalia 1648

E: Critical error encountered
E: Society is missing important security and
quality fixes
E: Updates have been failing since 1648
E: Attempted patches (wars, reforms, treaties)
did not resolve issues
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Issue #1

Forced grouping leads to conflict

- bug
- critical
- UX

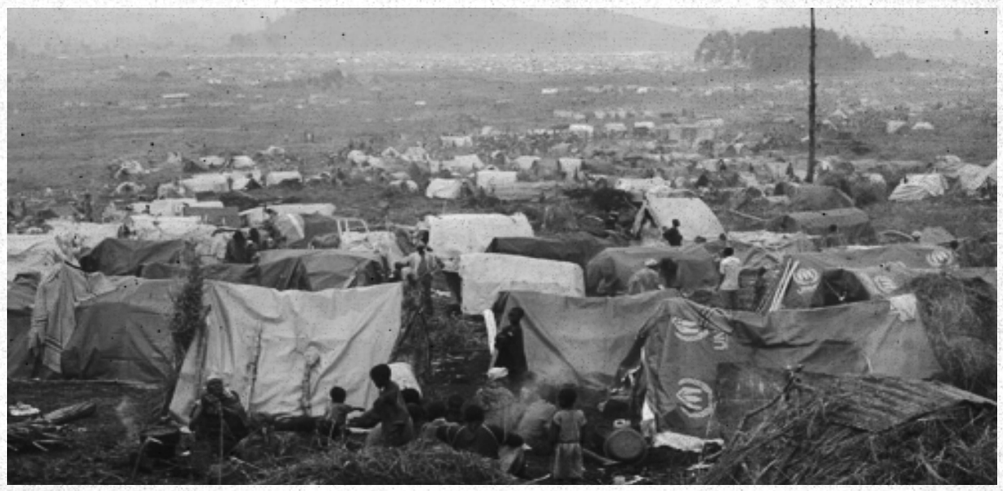
The Nation States OS has a fundamental bug where it traps historic rivals or completely different cultures inside the same artificial borders. Instead of promoting peace, this design forces them to fight for control of the government. The result is predictable: one group oppresses the other, leading to constant tension and, in the worst cases, mass murder.

Steps to reproduce

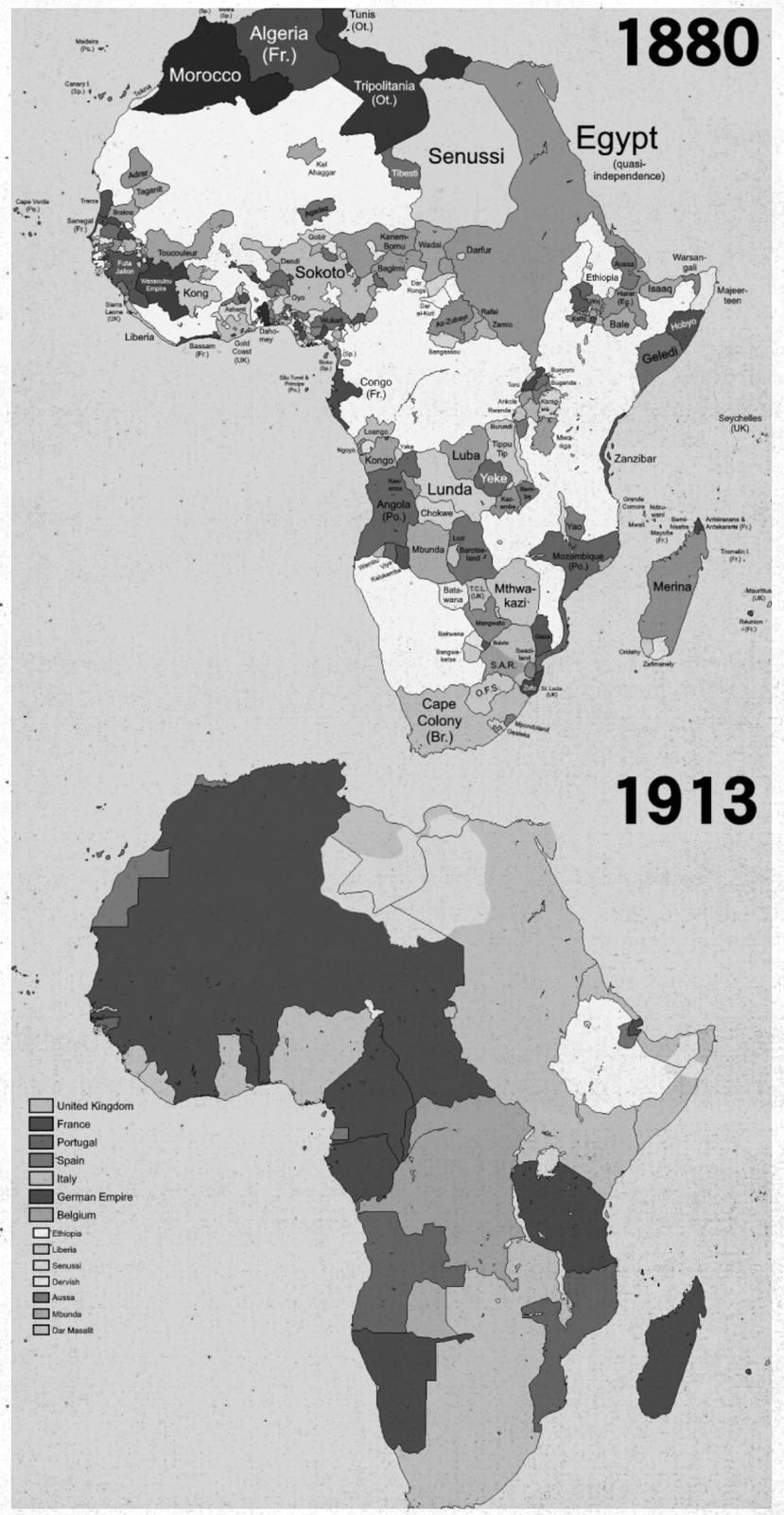
1. As a colonial power, draw straight lines across Africa and other lands, ignoring tribal histories.
2. Install one of the rivals into position of power.
3. Observe: resentment, repression, genocide.

Solution

Build decentralised communities that aren't tied to a map. This lets people form groups with others who share their values, no matter where they live. If things go bad, there's an easy exit. People can just leave a community that no longer works for them, to avoid the pressure-cooker situation that leads to violent conflict.



Refugee camp in Africa



Africa, 1880 - 1913

Issue #2

Centralised currency debasement

- critical
- economic
- vulnerability
- system-exploit

The OS gives central authorities a monopoly on money printing. They exploit this power to fund state spending, devaluing the currency and stealing wealth from citizens via inflation.

Steps to reproduce

1. As a central bank, print money to cover deficits.
2. As a citizen, watch wages lose value daily.
3. Observe: currency collapse and hyperinflation.

Solution

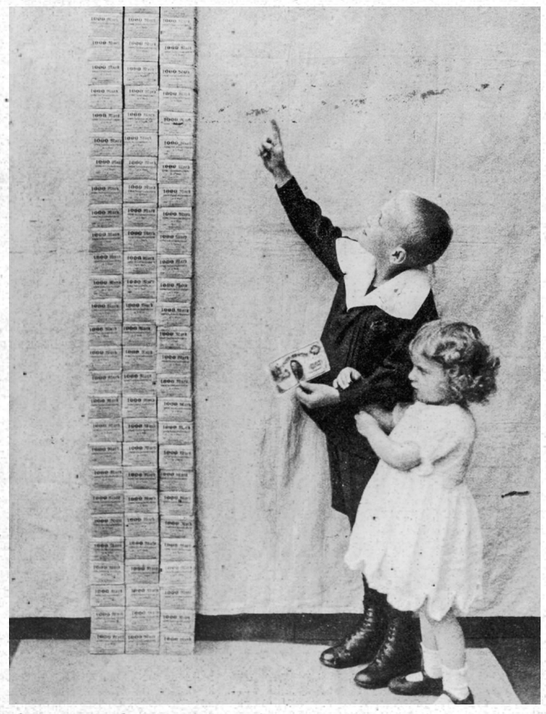
Build with cryptocurrencies that have a transparent, predictable, and code-enforced monetary policy. This prevents political actors from devaluing the currency at will.



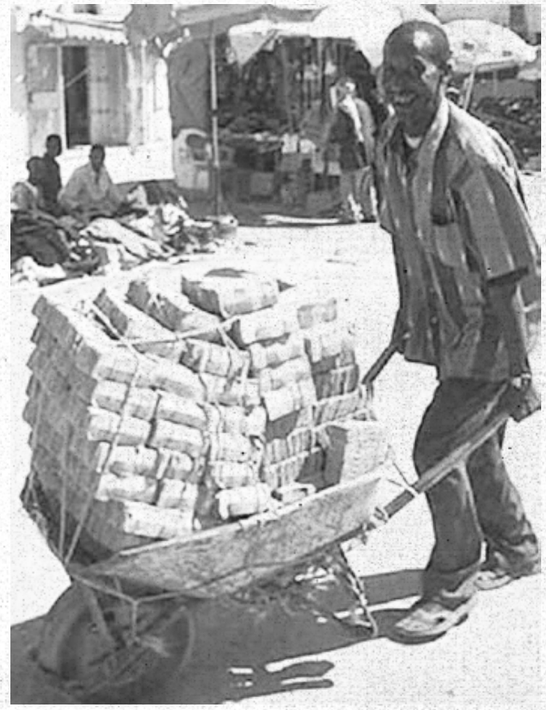
Argentina, Cacerolazo, 2001



Weimar, 100 billion mark, 1924



Weimar, tower of cash worth 1USD, 1921



Zimbabwe, cash wheelbarrow, 2008



Hungary, use case for fiat money, 1946

Issue #3

Centralised record failure

- critical
- security
- data-integrity

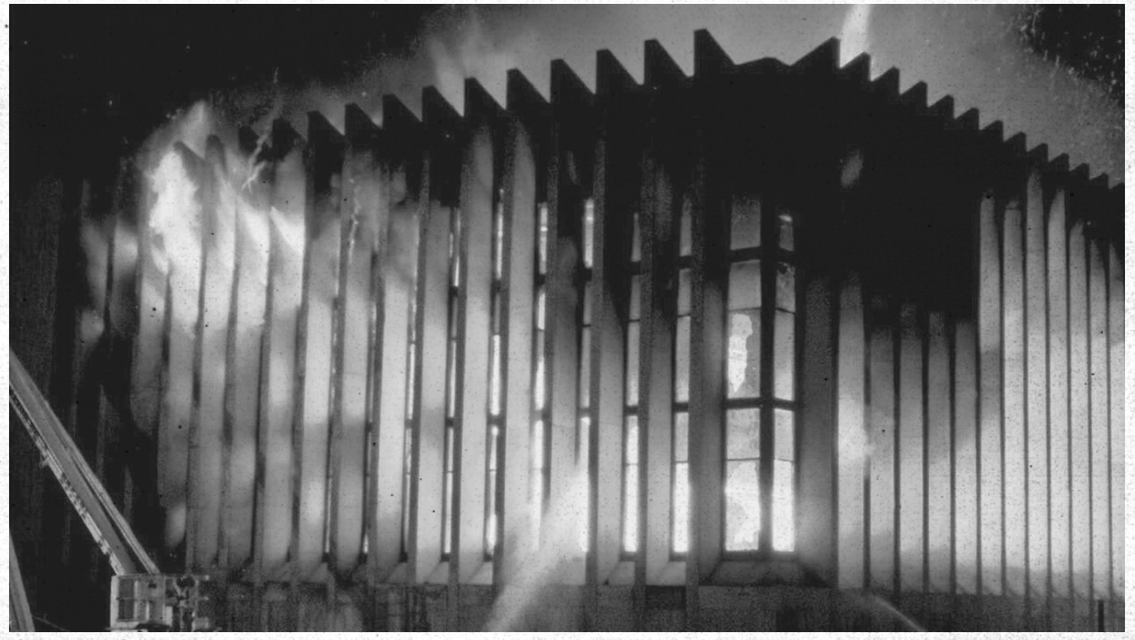
The Nation States OS stores critical data like legal cases and property deeds in centralised archives. This design creates a single point of failure, making the entire justice and property system vulnerable. A single successful attack can wipe out thousands of criminal cases or erase legitimate land ownership.

Steps to reproduce

1. As a bad actor, identify where archives are stored.
2. Execute an attack to destroy the archive.
3. Observe data instantly erased.

Solution

Build decentralised archives that distribute records across a global, fault-tolerant network. This eliminates the single point of failure, making records immutable and censorship-resistant. No single fire or attack can erase history or destroy the legal system.



Bogotá, Colombia, The siege of the Palace of Justice, 1985



Ireland, 1000 years of historical and genealogical records destroyed, 1922



Germany, Book burnings, 1933

Issue #4

No exit option

• crucial • UX • lock-in

The Nation States OS binds users to a single provider based on their physical birthplace. This creates a critical UX flaw: there is no viable exit option. High switching costs, physical walls, economic barriers, and bureaucratic systems trap users in failing or oppressive environments, denying them the fundamental right to choose their own governance.

Steps to reproduce

1. As a user, decide that the OS no longer serves your needs.
2. Attempt to migrate to a different system.
3. Observe as the system deploys physical barriers and armed guards to prevent your exit, often under threat of violence.

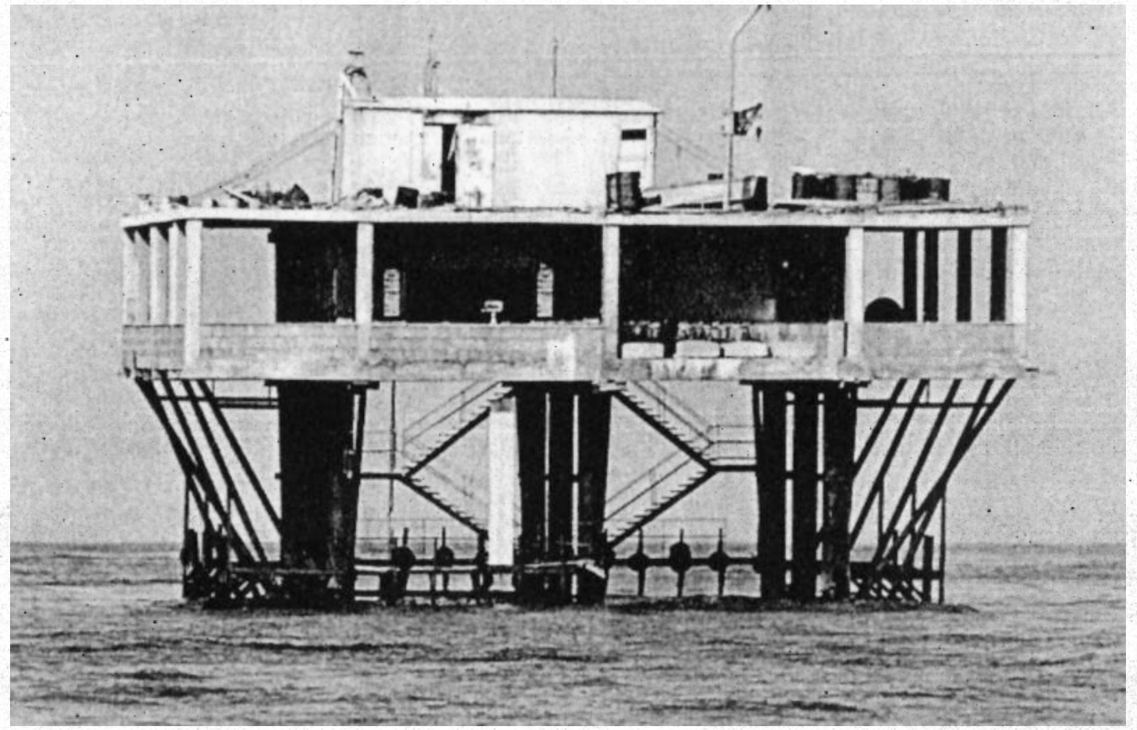
Solution

Build geographically independent communities designed for easy entry and, crucially, frictionless exit. When governance is treated as a service that users can voluntarily leave, it creates a competitive environment where systems must serve their users' interests to survive.



Republic of Minerva coins, 1973

A libertarian group built an artificial island on the Minerva Reefs to start a new, tax-free country. The neighboring Kingdom of Tonga sent its military, claimed the territory, and crushed the project.



The Republic of Rose Island, 1968

Italian engineer Giorgio Rosa built an artificial island in the Adriatic Sea and declared it an independent republic. Viewing it as a threat, the Italian government sent its navy to destroy it with explosives in 1969.



Berlin wall, 1961-1989

Issue #5

Centralisation breeds corruption

- critical
- security
- exploit

The Nation States OS is designed to centralise power and control over money. This creates a critical vulnerability: centralised, opaque systems are a magnet for corruption. They become the primary tool for hiding trillions in illicit financial flows, funding criminal networks, and perpetuating a cycle of systemic decay.

Steps to reproduce

1. As a corrupt actor, locate an opaque government or financial institution.
2. Utilize its closed-door processes to launder money.
3. Observe as trillions of dollars in illicit funds are moved.

Solution

Build governance and finance on a transparent, public blockchain. When all transactions are on an open and immutable ledger, there is nowhere for illicit money to hide. Radical transparency makes the system itself a defense against corruption.



Panama Papers, 2016

Single data breach exposed 11.5 million documents from one centralised Panamanian law firm, revealing a hidden global system used by politicians and elites to hide wealth, launder money, and evade taxes.



Putin's private palace, 2021

Massive, opulent palace complex on the Black Sea coast, widely reported to be a private residence built for Vladimir Putin through a network of oligarchs.



Thomas Nast, Who Stole the People's Money?, USA, 1871

Classic symbol of systemic, circular corruption where everyone in a centralised machine is guilty, yet no one takes accountability.

Issue #6

Architecture enables total war

- critical
- design-flaw
- escalation

The Nation State OS architecture concentrates entire populations and economies into massive, centralised units. This design has a catastrophic bug that enables "total war." When in conflict, the entire nation: civilians, factories, and farms are weaponised, leading to tens of millions of deaths and the complete destruction of enemy societies.

Steps to reproduce

1. As a nation-state, enter a conflict with a peer state.
2. Mobilize your entire national resources.
3. Observe the conflict escalate into a "meat grinder" of unprecedented scale, resulting in the deaths of millions and the leveling of cities.

Solution

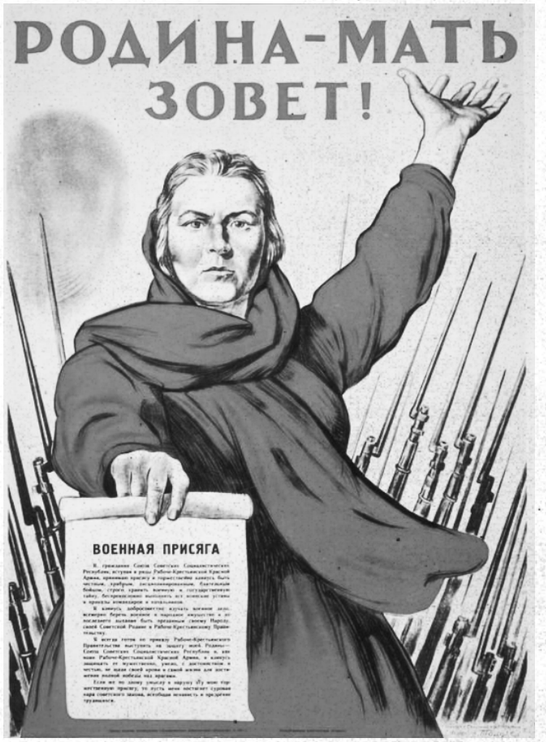
Build a global network of smaller, non-territorial communities whose power is derived from cooperation, not concentrated landmass. This architecture makes total war illogical and impractical. Conflicts are contained because there is no single, massive industrial-civilian target to attack or defend.



The Miseries of War (1633) by Jacques Callot, an early depiction of the horrors inflicted on civilians, a precursor to total war.



United Kingdom, 1915



USSR, 1941



Germany, 1938



USA, 1917

Issue #7

Sovereignty deadlock

- bug
- design-flaw
- governance

The Nation States OS has a core feature called "absolute sovereignty" that treats each nation-state as a silo. This design flaw blocks any coordinated action on transnational problems like environmental collapse or human rights abuses, creating a global governance deadlock.

Steps to reproduce

1. As a global community, identify a critical cross-border issue.
2. Attempt to intervene to solve the problem.
3. Observe as the offending nation invokes "sovereign rights," blocking any external action and causing the system to hang indefinitely.

Solution

Build overlapping, non-territorial communities focused on specific functions like environmental policy or commerce. This allows for effective global action on shared problems without being blocked by outdated claims of absolute territorial sovereignty.



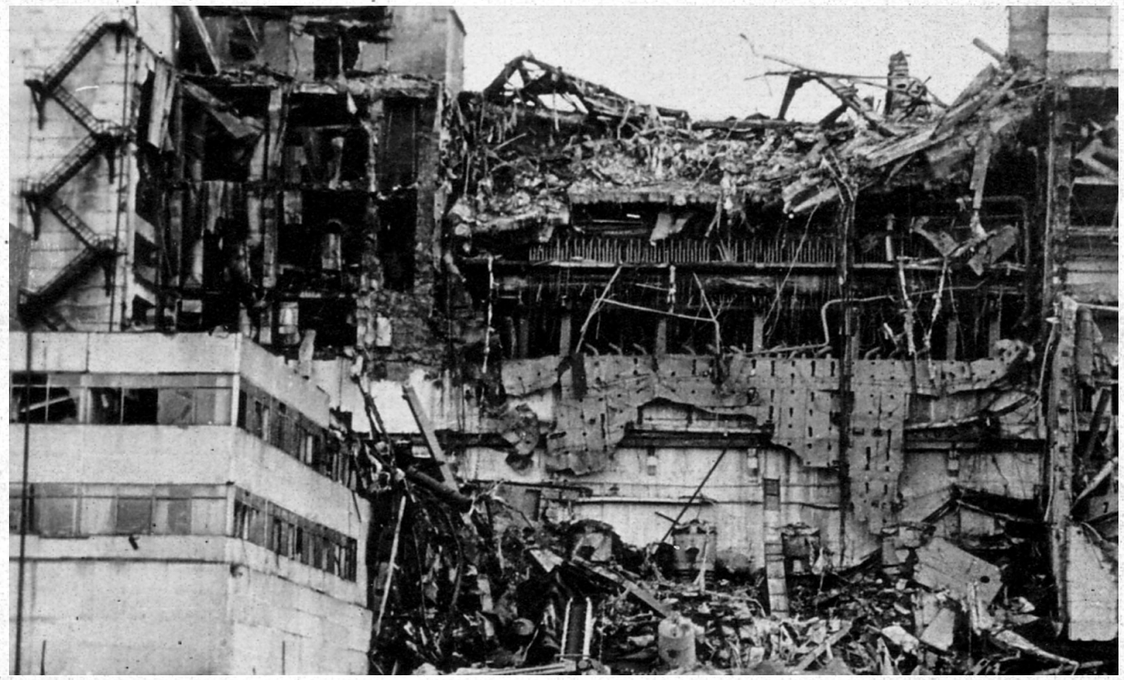
The Rwandan Genocide, 1994

During the 1994 Rwandan Genocide, the international community was paralyzed by claims of national sovereignty, framing the crisis as an "internal affair." This deadlock prevented intervention and allowed the slaughter of an estimated 800,000 people.



Torrey Canyon oil spill, 1967

The oil slick contaminated hundreds of kilometers of both British and French coastlines, forcing an international response that was hampered by questions of jurisdiction and sovereignty.



Chernobyl explosion, 1986

After the Chernobyl nuclear plant exploded, the Soviet Union's secrecy, justified by national sovereignty, delayed an international response. They only admitted to the disaster after a radioactive cloud spread across Europe, exposing millions to radiation.

Issue #8

Opacity erodes trust

• critical • UX • vulnerability

The Nation States OS is designed to operate opaquely, with critical decisions and records hidden from public view. This feature makes true accountability impossible and allows corruption to thrive in the shadows. Lacking the ability to verify the system's integrity, users inevitably and correctly conclude that it is corrupt, leading to a terminal collapse of public trust.

Steps to reproduce

1. As a government, classify politically embarrassing records as "secret".
2. As a user, attempt to access these records through official channels decades later.
3. Observe a wall of secrecy: redactions, "lost" files, or outright denial, making accountability impossible.

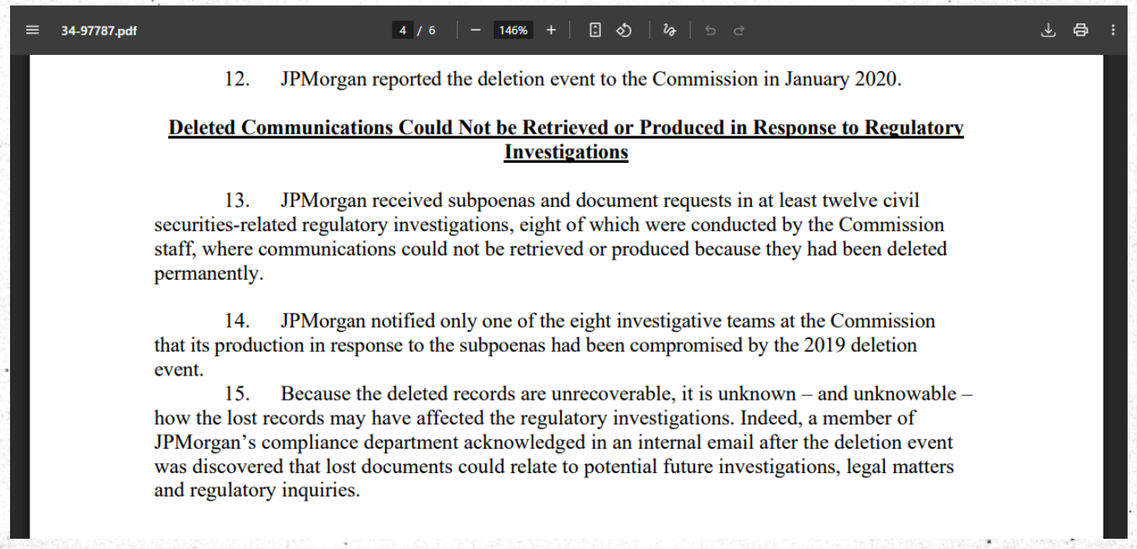
Solution

Build governance on a transparent and immutable public blockchain. Trust is rebuilt by making it unnecessary. When every action and transaction is on-chain and auditable by anyone, the system becomes accountable by default, replacing blind faith with verifiable truth.



Stasi archives, East Germany, post 1989

After the fall of the Berlin Wall, the secret police archives were opened. They revealed files on 6 million people, over a third of the population. The records showed neighbors, colleagues, and even spouses secretly informing on each other for the state.



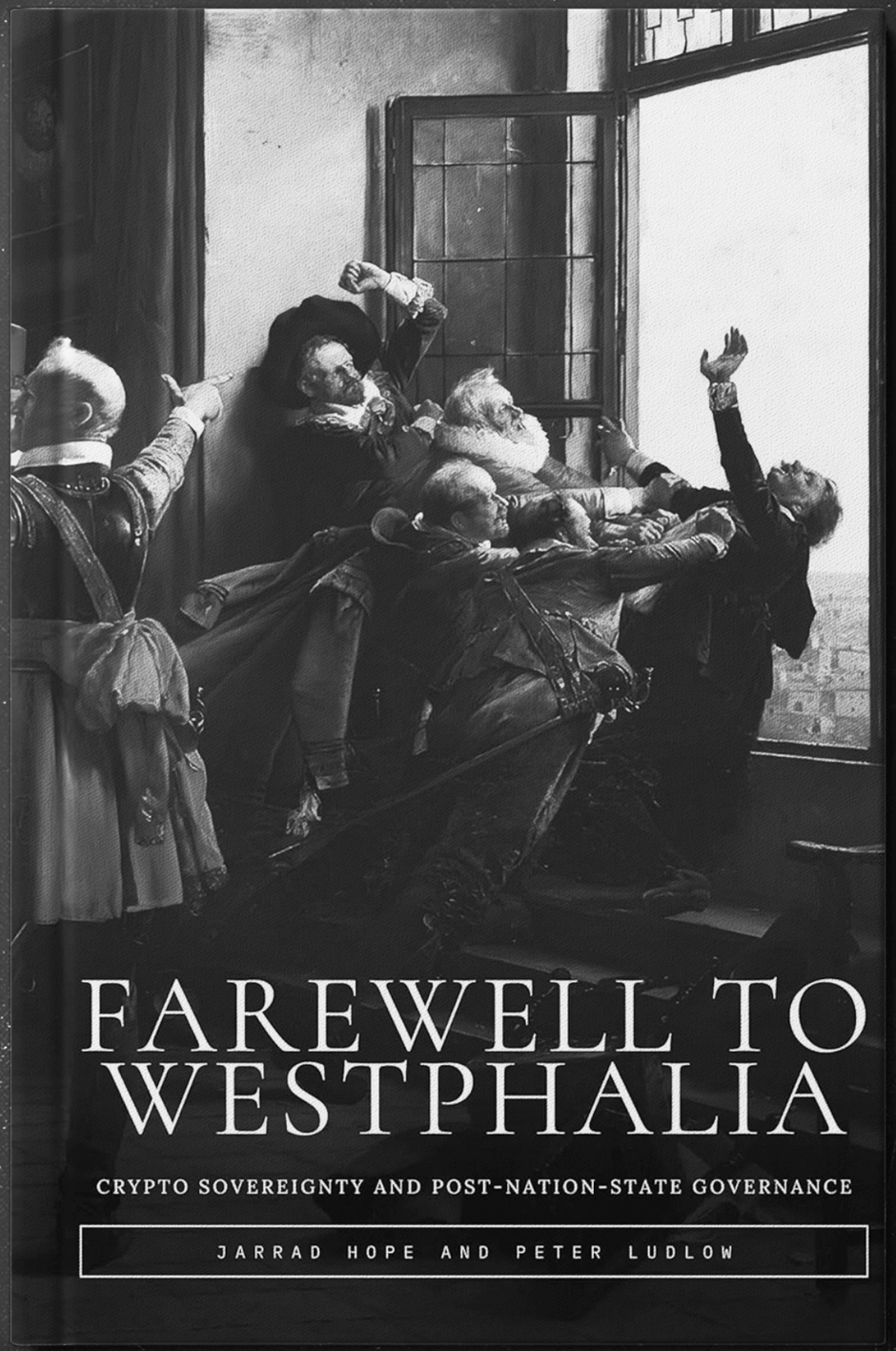
https://www.sec.gov/files/litigation/admin/2023/34-97787.pdf

In 2023, JP Morgan was fined for permanently deleting 47 million electronic communications that had been legally requested for at least twelve separate fraud investigations.



Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo march, Argentina, 1982 (photo by Adriana Lestido)

People demanding answers for the estimated 30,000 people "disappeared" by the state during Argentina's "Dirty War" 1976-1983. The state officially denied everything, using total opacity as a tool to commit mass murder without accountability, creating a deep and lasting trauma in the country.



In Farewell to Westphalia, Jarrad Hope and Peter Ludlow unpack why the nation-state system is collapsing and how decentralised technologies, like those built by Logos, are forming the foundation of the future.

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