

# Project Utopia

In my view on a utopian society, every utopian view of the individuals living in this society must be realized. In today's society this statement is a paradox, since independent views are highly probable to conflict and therefore cannot be realized within today's society itself. In a utopian society this paradox cannot exist.

The question then is: can, and more importantly, how can such a Utopian society exist and thus cope with individual Utopian views? By answering the first question with 'yes' I may reject the existence of conflicting views in this utopian society. However, this rejection makes the utopian society rather dystopian, because individuals act as sheep avoiding conflicting utopian views. This rejection only allows for new shared utopian views to be introduced into this society. Therefore, one of the problems is that over time this utopian society can only change and adapt based on shared Utopian views. I think conflicting Utopian views are equally important for changing and adapting this society to the ultimate utopian society. Questions which arise from this rejection are which entity then shaped these shared society's utopian views and does that entity then hold absolute power over these shared views to further shape them? Another approach would be to accept the idea of a utopian society accepting conflicting utopian views. But how is this society utopian? And how does it differ from today's society?

I conclude that today's society is a utopian society still in the making, since the effect of the paradox will not, and probably cannot, be overcome. Therefore I will stop labeling this society as a utopian society and just label it as today's society. I do think that the effect of this paradox can be minimized to create a *better* - or *pseudo utopian* society, but how can we get there? I think foundations, such as: mutual respect, equal rights, free speech, equal wealthfare and equal education, of today's society are too unstable or are simply not present to let today's society become anywhere near utopian. I think technology, and from the point of view of this course; serious gaming, can be a great catalyst in (re)building these foundations for today's society to make society flourish into a *better* one.