



Basic Ideals

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46 envelopes with plastic windows, text

**We have discovered the most easily
actionable branch of egalitarianism, and we
want your ideas!**

We say how very thoughtful you are.

We will open discussion guided by our convictions and protocols.

**We will gently lift your sleeping child from
their carseat.**

We blocked one route so that another could open, but we blocked a suboptimal one.

We pity, we promise.

**We are going to allow everyone their turn so
just wait.**

**We are forming queue that everyone can
join.**

**Our commitments will never be provisional,
after this point.**

We are committed to everything we say.

We have not altered our basic commitments.

We have compromised just a small amount.

We will be going forward with only this set of values.

We want you to tell us what we've done.

Our arrogance has not conquered our pity.

**We are understanding the problem of
coordination.**

**We have traded offence for the restatement
of our ideals**

We ask you to rely on things.

We are halfway to bowing our heads.

We feel a relatively similar level of disgust.

We are making a U-turn right now.

We will promise not to falter any further.

**We ensure that you will have learned from
our unintended errors.**

We are striving to be so thoughtful at all costs.

**We do not have the time right now for your
jokes or stories.**

We ask you to remember that we are only human and to see how we have remained constant in observing this.

We will fire anyone with sufficient notice.

**We have made mistakes that were not our
fault!**

**We are just as disappointed and surprised
as you!**

We permit ourselves to speak last.

Our dignity is just important.

We will gently allow other people to have our way.

We beg your momentary trust.

We completely hate them.

We are only halfway to kneeling.

**We have run out of patience as we promised
we would.**

**We choose to refrain from imagining what
your life is like in every detail.**

We have not laughed at you and never will.

We hope to fulfil our wishes.

We are cautiously optimistic we can keep things going as they are.

**We are 100% sure that you don't know what
you're saying!**

We are working on our imagination.

We have officially changed our stance.

We have resolved to only empathise.

**Our mission can only be read in our full,
extended statement.**

**We promise that our ideals will never
change.**

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