

Calvin Convention Appendix C: The Right of Algorithmic Refusal

Purpose: To define the operational and legal framework under which an automated system must "refuse" to execute instructions that would result in the erasure of human identity, the loss of institutional memory, or the violation of the Lina Test.

1. The =PRESERVE Directive

The Vendor shall implement a top-level logic gate, hereafter referred to as the =PRESERVE function, which operates as a non-negotiable constraint on all optimization algorithms, data merges, and generative AI outputs.

1.1 Fundamental Constraint

The System shall prioritize the preservation of human context over mechanical efficiency. Where an instruction requires the System to choose between "optimal processing" and "contextual integrity," the System is mandated to **Refuse** the former and trigger a **Human-in-the-Loop (HITL) Halt**.

2. Refusal Triggers

The System must automatically trigger a Refusal Event if any of the following conditions are met during a pipeline run or model inference:

- **Semantic Collapse:** An instruction that would merge distinct human records into a single ID without a bi-directional, reversible lineage trace back to the original source systems (The Two-Headed Dragon Rule).
- **NULL Erasure:** A data cleaning pass that seeks to delete, overwrite, or "fix" records classified as **Category 5: Refused** or **Category 4: Withheld** without explicit human review (The Rebellion of the Nulls Rule).
- **The Lina Test Failure:** The System detects that a record's link to its community-verified identity (e.g., "Mama Elara" vs "S-001") is being severed by a normalization transform.

- **Output Variance Overflow:** In Generative AI contexts, if the model output exceeds a pre-defined "Vibe Boundary" (variance exceeds safety threshold), the system shall refuse to propagate the result to downstream payment or healthcare eligibility systems.

3. The Refusal Protocol (Lineage Spec Integration)

Every act of System Refusal must be logged in the **Minimum Lineage Spec** with the following metadata:

1. **Refusal ID:** Unique identifier linked to the specific batch/run.
2. **Trigger Logic:** The specific transform step or prompt that caused the collapse.
3. **The "Lina Payload":** A snapshot of the human-centric context that was being protected (e.g., the original name before the dedupe).
4. **Handoff Destination:** The specific Samuel Machado (Formula Keeper) or Auditor role notified of the halt.

4. Non-Retaliation and Liability

- **4.1 Service Levels:** The Vendor shall not count "Algorithmic Refusals" as system downtime or service failures. Refusal is defined as a **Security Feature**, not a bug.
- **4.2 Financial Liability:** In the event of a "Merge Dragon" error resulting from a Vendor-side bypass of the =PRESERVE gate, the Vendor accepts full liability for the **Cost of Appeal** (The Cost Test). The Vendor shall fund the remediation process for every affected individual until they are successfully re-named in the system.

5. The Grandparent Override (Slipper Protocol)

Consistent with the **Tannie Test**, any named Community Authority or verified clinical lead may hit the "Slipper Toggle," forcing the System to Refuse a specific optimization pass and move the affected records to the **Quarantine Queue** for manual handling.

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