

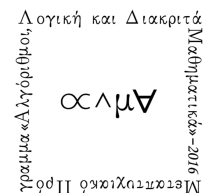
# Reputable List Curation from Decentralized Voting

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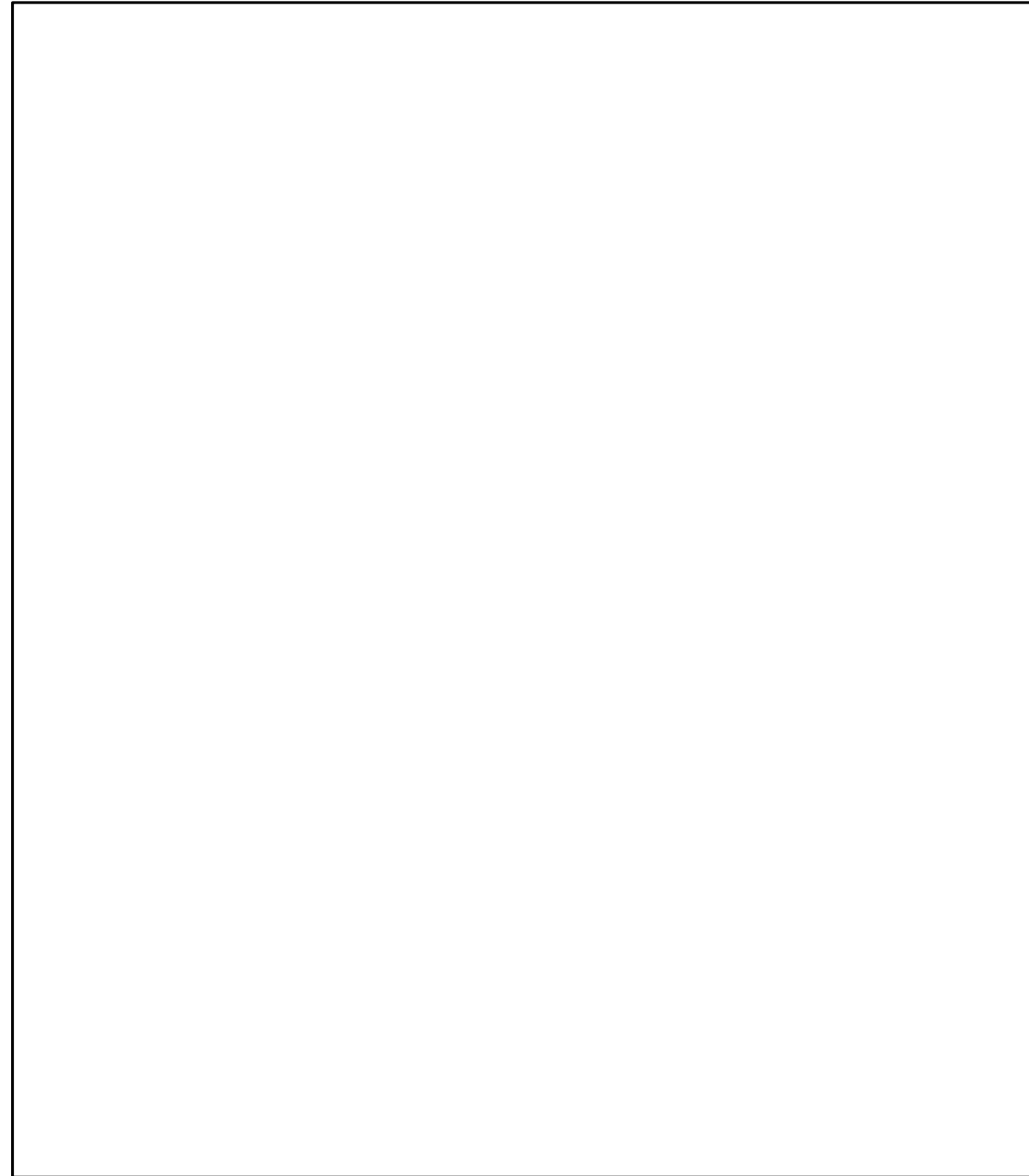
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# Background

- Blockchains
  - Turing-complete scripting language
- Smart Contracts
  - Deterministic
  - Transparent
- Token-Curated Registries

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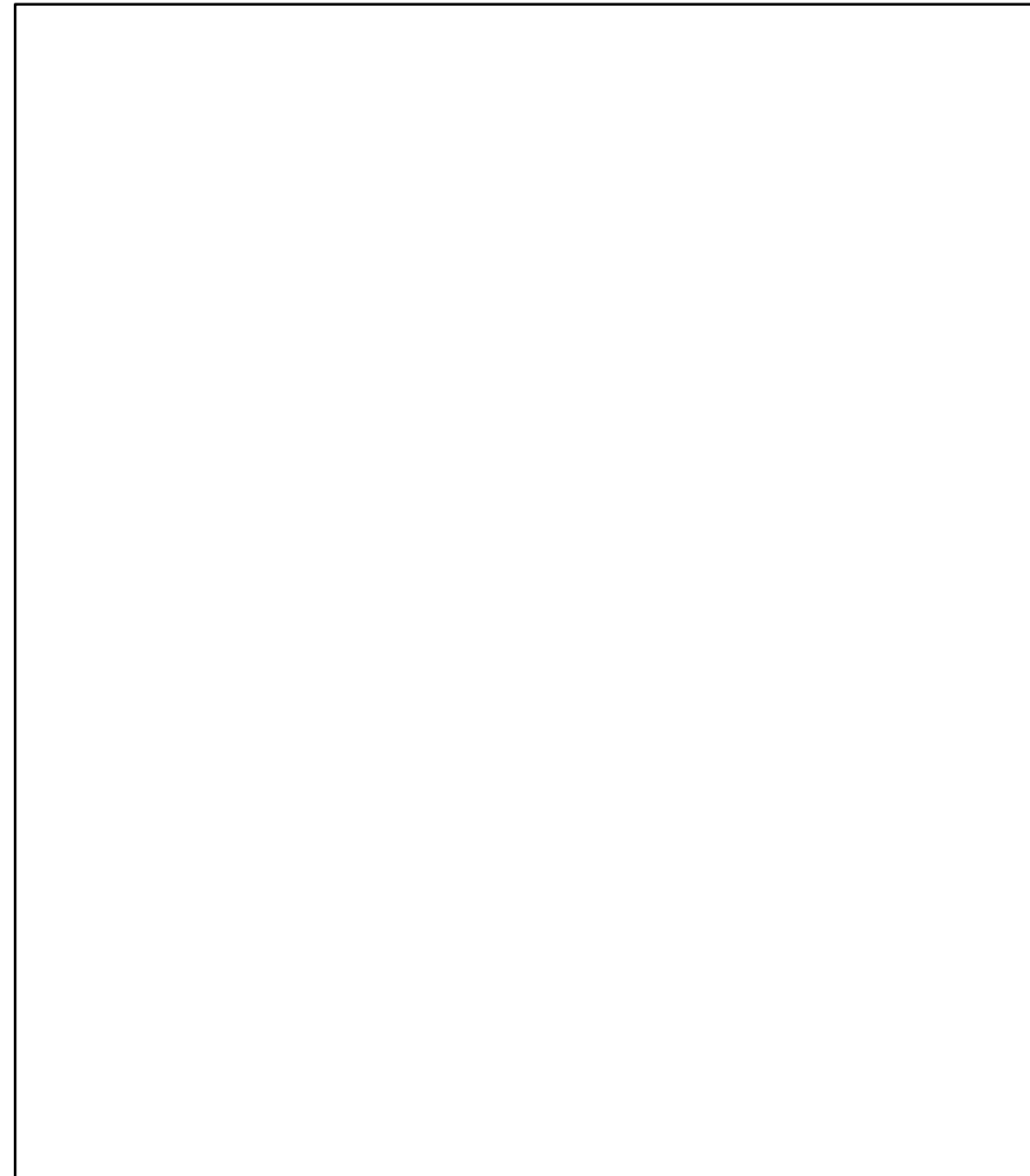
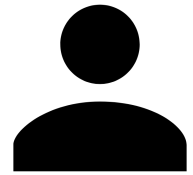
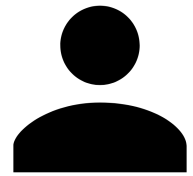
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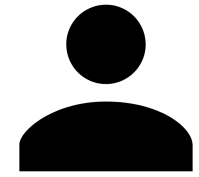
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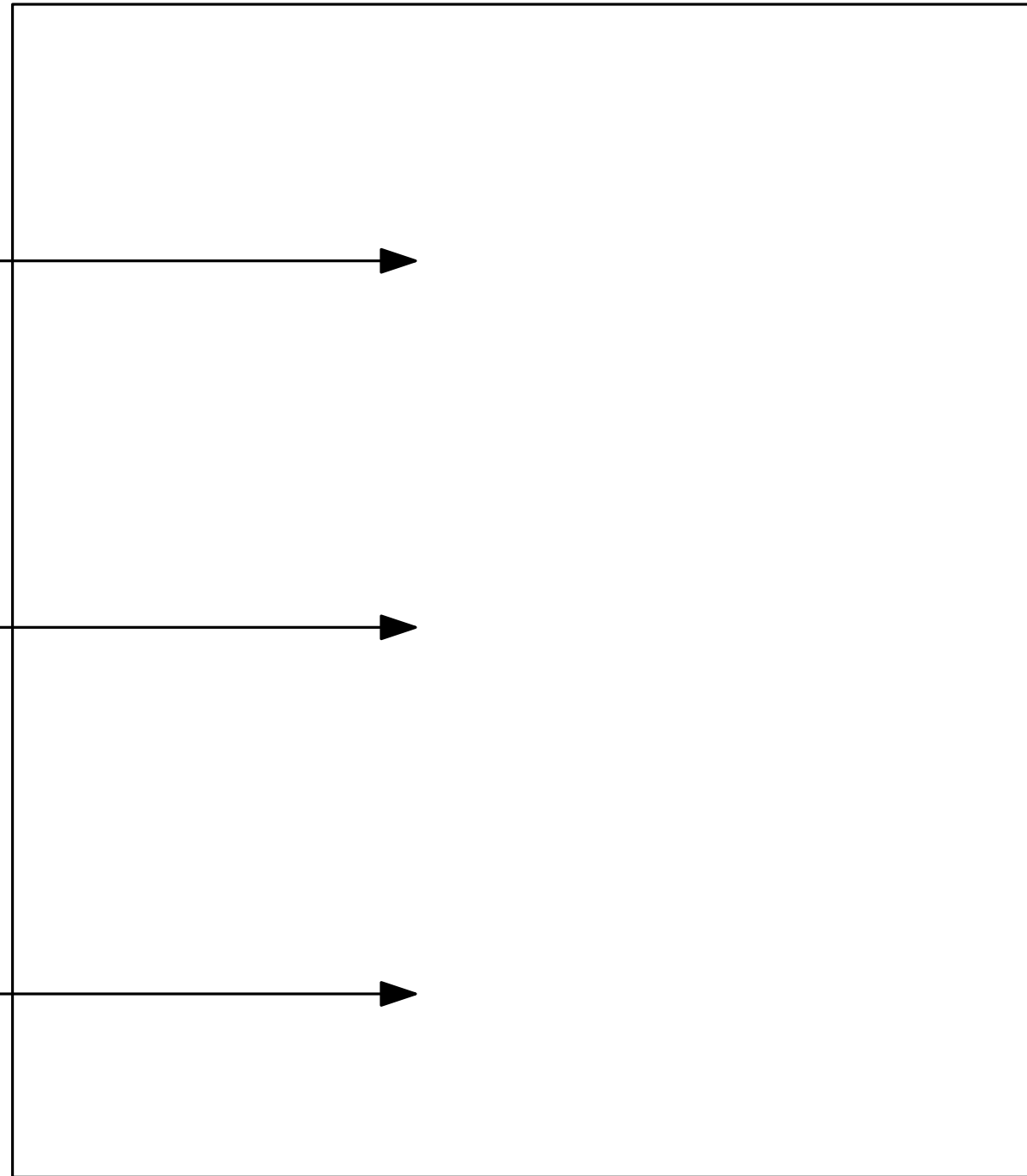
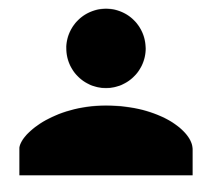
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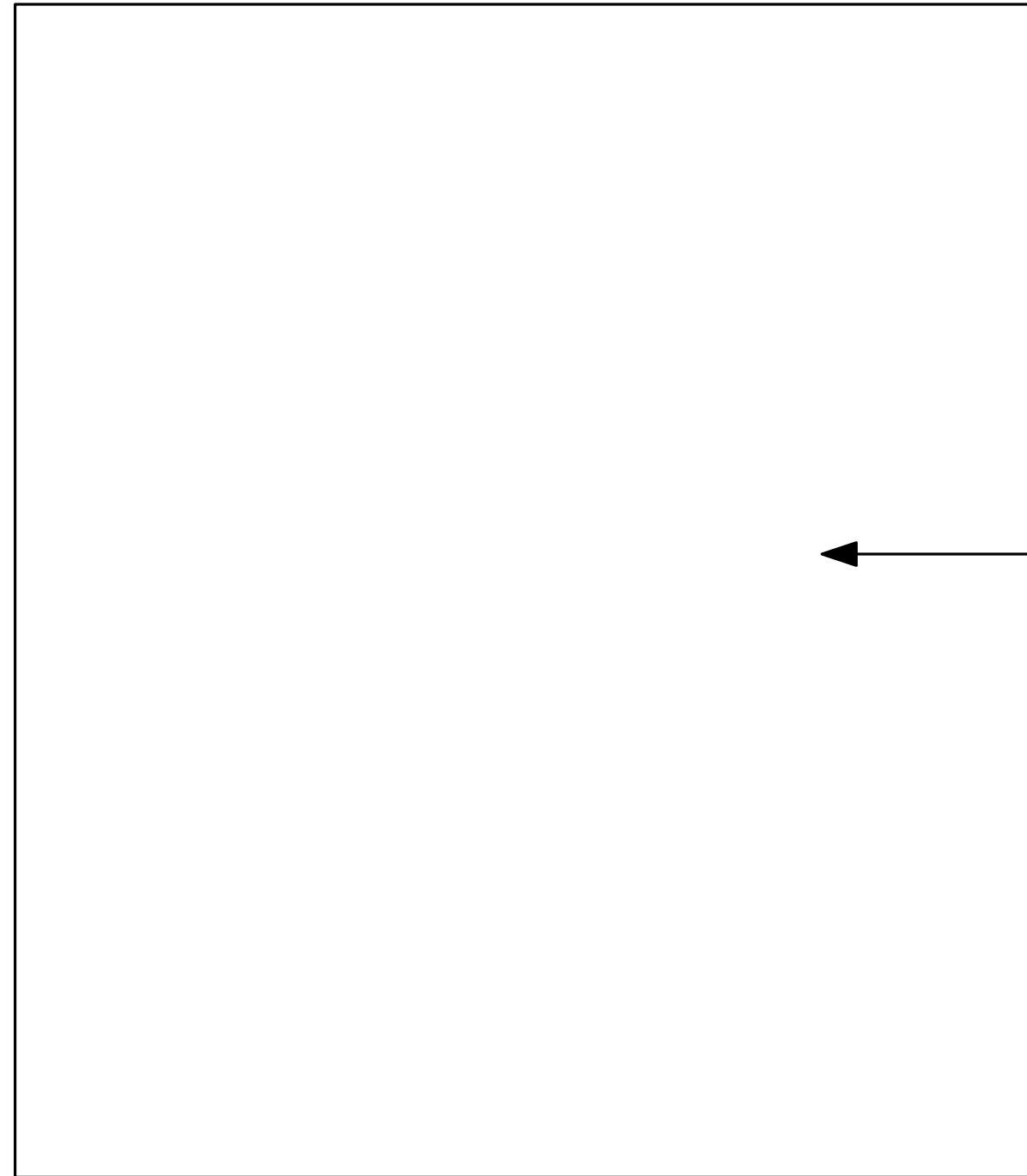
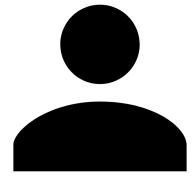
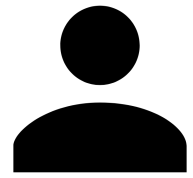
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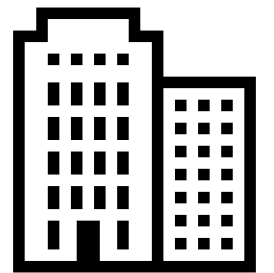
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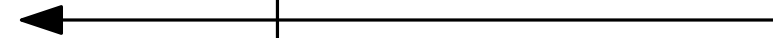
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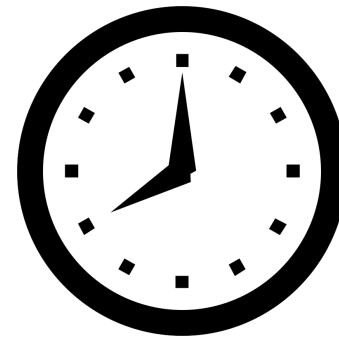
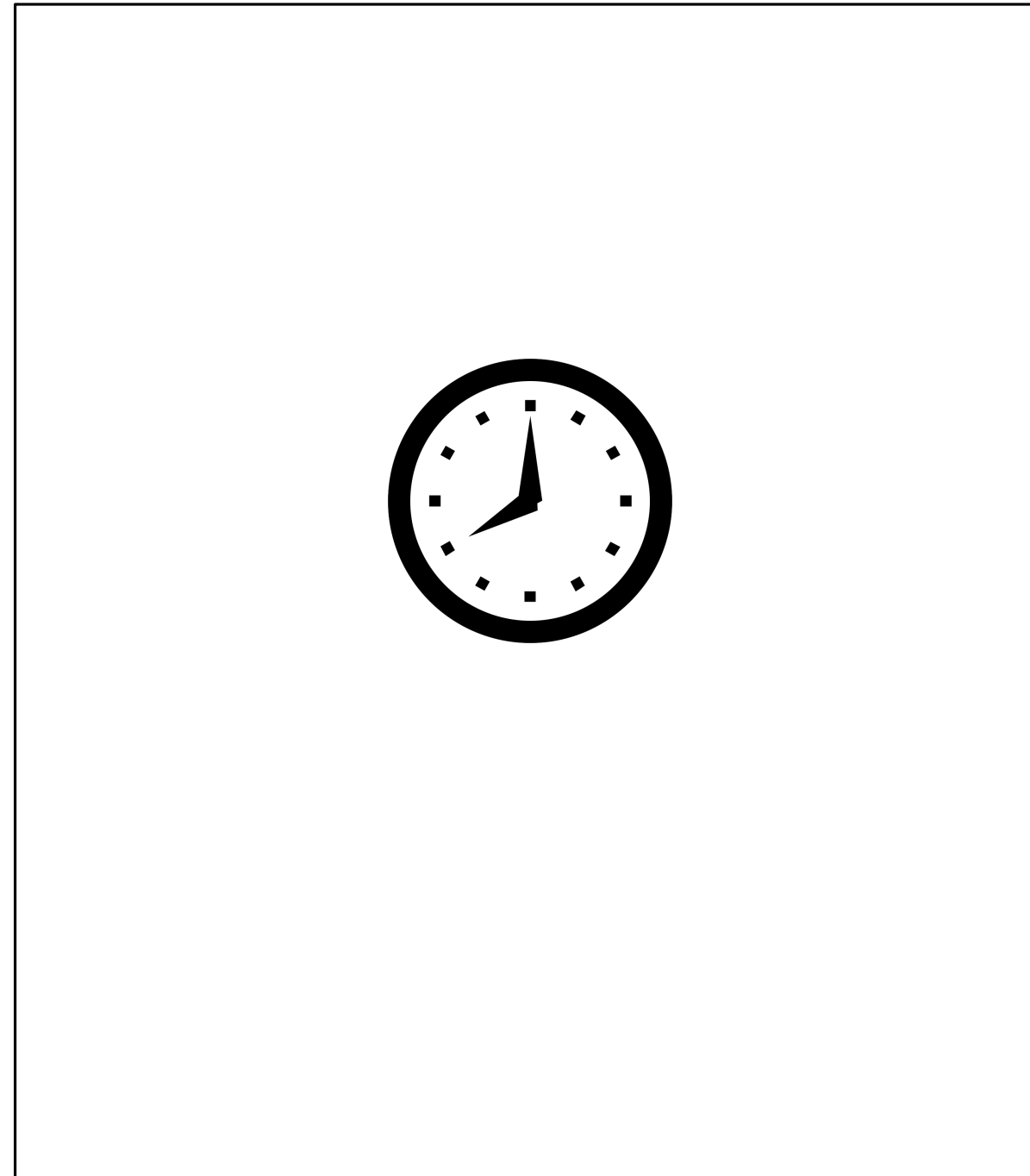
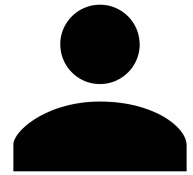
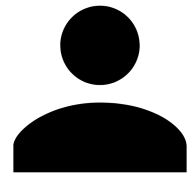
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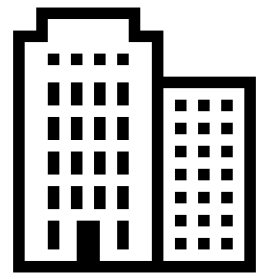
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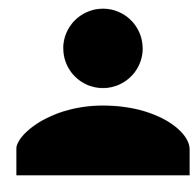
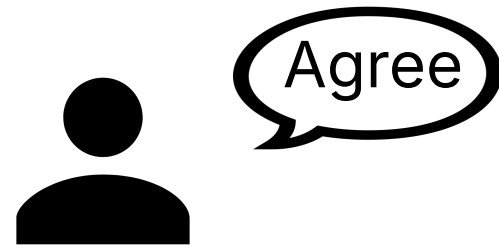
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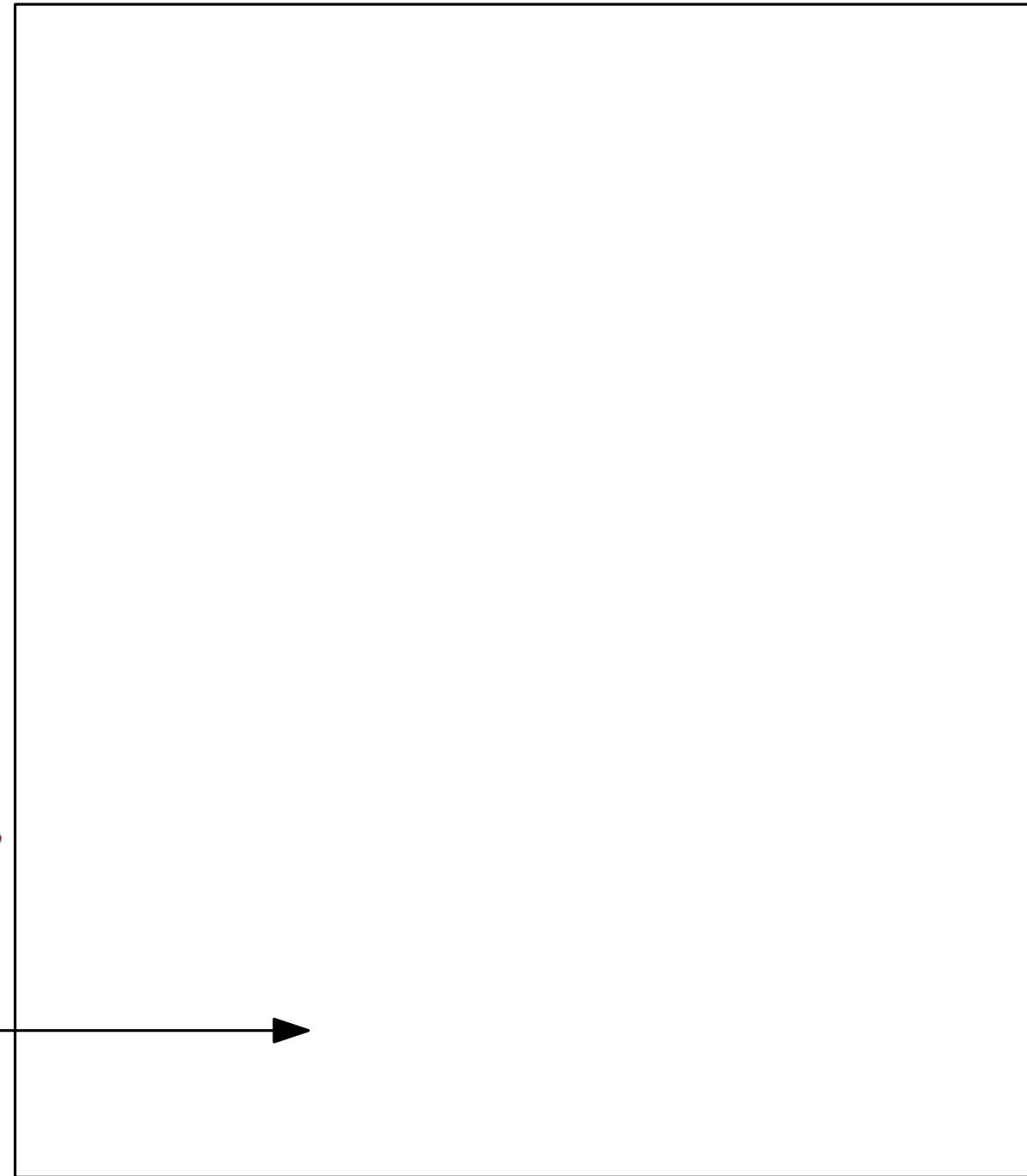
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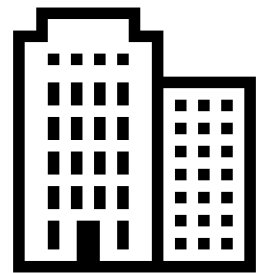
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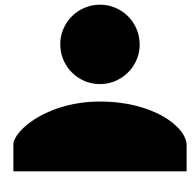
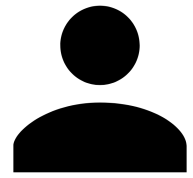
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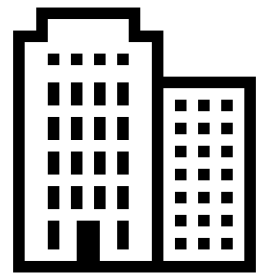
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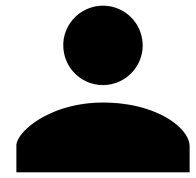
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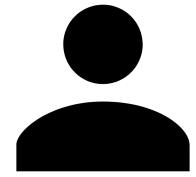
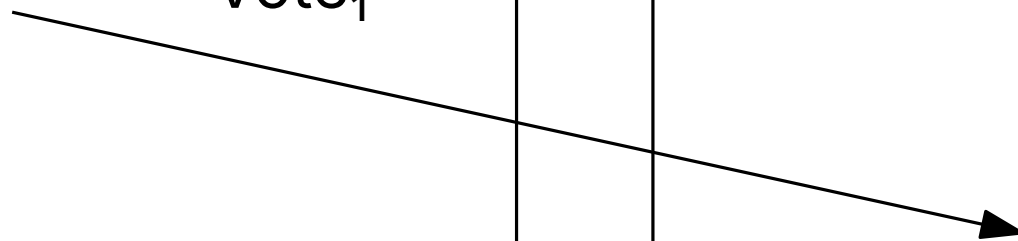
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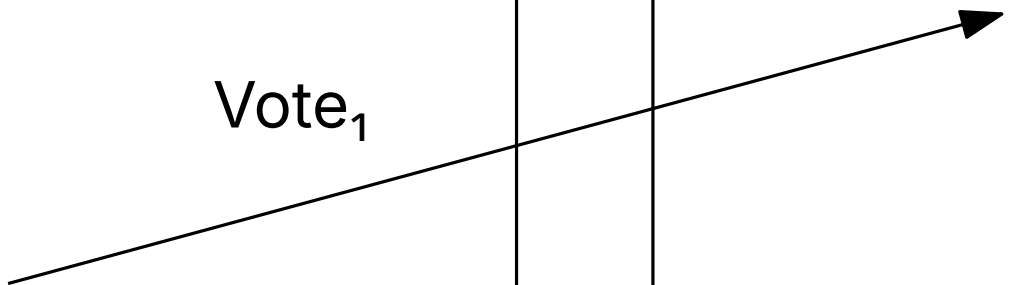
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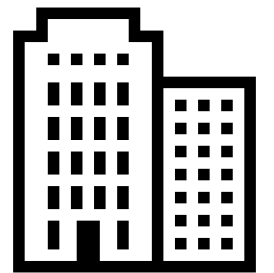


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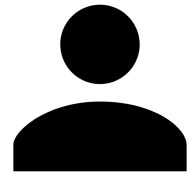
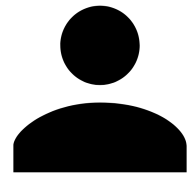
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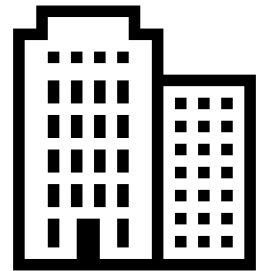
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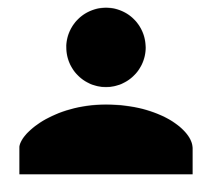
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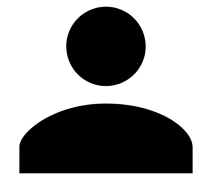
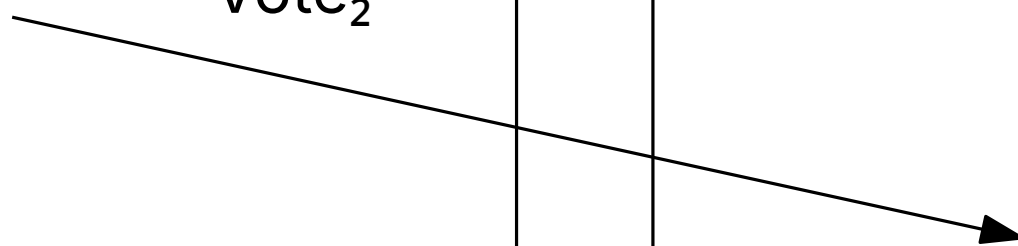
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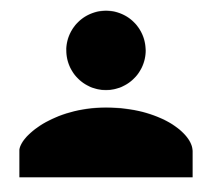
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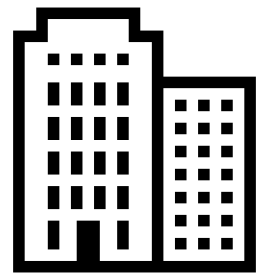
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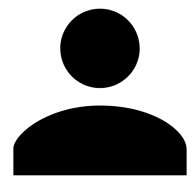
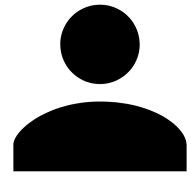
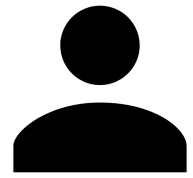
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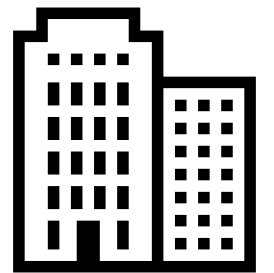


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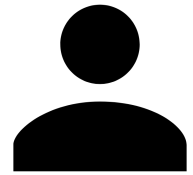
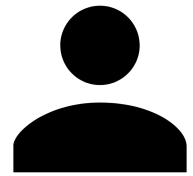
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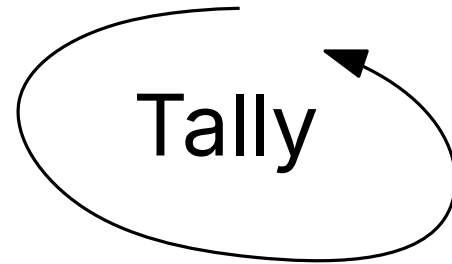


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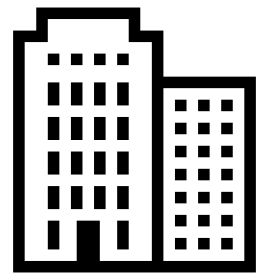
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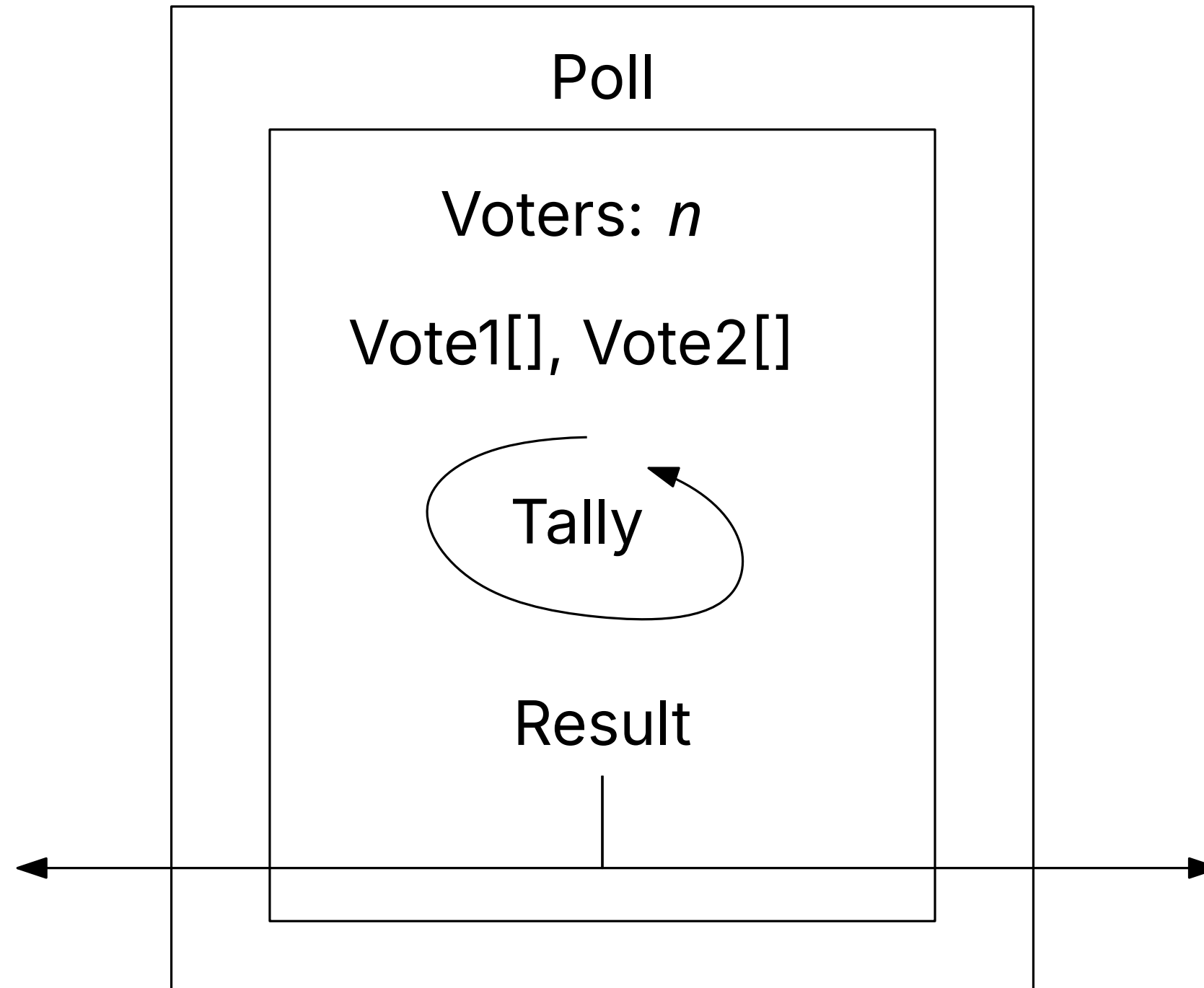
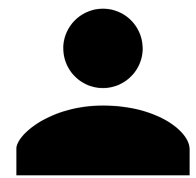
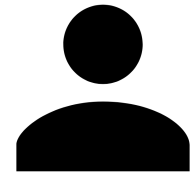
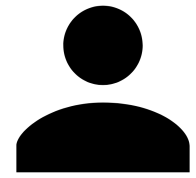
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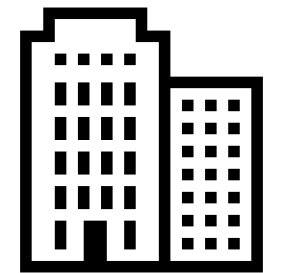
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# Limitations

- Coercion/receipt freeness
- Performance dependent on number of voters

# Conclusion

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- Secret voting
- No trusted authority
- First formal approach to the subject

# Questions?

Thank you!