

Diplomacy.ñol

A Spanish-Language Diplomacy Community By Renato E. Alegre I'm Renato Alegre, writing from Peru, and I've been immersed in Diplomacy since 2012. I discovered this strategic masterpiece during my undergraduate studies in the United States, thanks to some brilliant Ph.D. friends. From the moment I played, I was hooked. Through the years, engaging in numerous online matches and English-speaking leagues due to their larger player base, I couldn't help but wonder what was I getting out of these communities and what impact they brought on me, and me on them. We find ourselves in an era where logical discourse often takes a backseat. In my view, Diplomacy serves as the antidote to this trend. It imparts lessons that are difficult to find elsewhere, and I derive immense satisfaction from witnessing my players continuously evolve and grow. In 2021, I took a bold step and founded the "Diplomacy.ñol" community—a sanctuary for Spanish-speaking Diplomacy enthusiasts. I established a WhatsApp Community for observing games and player recruitment. Expanding our reach has been an ongoing quest. Initially, it was just close friends who joined, but soon after, I also started promoting our league within the two board game communities to which I belonged. I've also taken to the streets and board game events, distributing printed materials and spreading the word. We've started an Instagram account for chronicling our game stories through posts, with plans for YouTube and TikTok videos. These efforts aim to welcome new members into our fold. Today, our community boasts 30 members, but we want more. We aim to rival the English-speaking leagues, numbering in the hundreds or even thousands, expanding our reach to the entire Spanish-speaking world I've also worked diligently to refine our documentation process, which includes a robust code of conduct, a unique scoring system that promotes participation rather than solo victories, player rankings, and a comprehensive game timeline for everyone to access. My commitment is to keep the community engaged and seek like-minded individuals to expand this hobby. Establishing and nurturing this community has been challenging, and will continue to be so, but finding worthy rivals amplifies the fun and sense of achievement. Diplomacy, unlike many games, extends beyond mere friendships. It serves as a tool for honing professional skills and fostering self-reflection. The game unveils true personalities, peeling away the masks we wear in everyday life. As someone who enjoys being a game master, I get to observe authentic human interactions without any facade. This provides me with valuable insights into the motivations and ego of each player. I'm a big believer that our biggest adversary is not other players, but our own inflated egos. This is something that I try to instill in everyone who joins the hobby. To achieve our vision and reach new heights, we need everyone's help in growing our community. Our mission is to forge a legacy of Diplomacy that transcends borders and languages. For more information and to become part of our vibrant community, connect with us on the following platforms: WhatsApp: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GGKH3V5JCznH1xCKobVFC> U Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/diplomacy.nol> Documentation @ Notion: <https://diplomacy-nol.notion.site/Diplomacy-ol79c223220ee8416b8cc74bf64526de38?pvs=4> Discord: <https://discord.gg/yx6QaGJGrM>

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