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## #051:Vienne Chan: Civilian Chess (2015)

The parallels between chess and politics are strong; chess pieces are symbolic of social structures, and both chess and politics can be considered as battles to advance one side's interest.

Many politicians are also avid chess players.

International relations analyst John Arquilla has even drawn the analogy that chess can predict the rise and fall of nations.

In standard chess games, the pawn is often seen as the least valuable piece and is the first to be sacrificed.

This project wants to change this assumption by inventing new chess rules, to try to question the basis of socio-political thinking.

1. Take a standard chess set.
2. Invent a new rule that makes pawns more protected or powerful.
3. Play game with new rule.
4. Repeat as desired
5. In your feedback, please describe your rule and how it changes the game.

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