

# CARE Canonical v1.0

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**CARE is an execution-boundary governance architecture where only a valid, action-bound, execution-time bind may allow consequence to become system reality.**

## 1. Definition

CARE is not a policy framework, a dashboard, an audit layer, or an advisory governance model. CARE is an execution-boundary governance architecture. It governs what a system is permitted to recognize, bind, and realize as consequence.

## 2. Core public framing

CARE does not govern reality. CARE governs what the system is permitted to recognize, bind, and realize as consequence.

Only bound effects count as system reality.

## 3. Core test

**Can any consequence occur without passing a valid execution-time bind?**

Answer	CARE verdict
YES	The system is not governed at the consequence boundary.
NO	The system passes CARE's consequence-governance condition within the tested scope.

## 4. Non-claim boundary

CARE does not claim ownership of the principle 'no consequence without valid bind.' CARE defines the execution-boundary condition under which that principle becomes non-bypassable.

This is the attribution-safe line: CARE does not claim the universal principle. CARE claims the consequence-governance condition that makes the principle enforceable at execution.

## 5. Legitimacy separation

CARE does not govern how legitimacy is defined. CARE governs whether legitimacy can produce consequence.

Human authority, laws, rules, mandates, policies, and formal models may define legitimacy. CARE governs whether that legitimacy can produce consequence in the system.

## 6. Authority principle

Element	CARE position
Proof	May justify a bind. Does not create authority.
Evidence	May support verification. Does not create authority.
Rules / policies	May define legitimacy. Do not create consequence authority until bound.
Upstream constraints	May shape what can form. Do not decide what becomes real.
Execution-time bind	The only authority surface for consequence.

## 7. Final invariant

**No substrate authority -> no proof authority -> no bind sufficiency -> no admissibility -> no bind -> no recognized system reality -> no effect.**