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Please summarize the core steps found at https://www.patriotcorps.org/Steps

I reviewed the **21-Step ROAR-Path framework** on Patriot Corps' Steps page. The sequence is essentially an AI-guided investigation that starts by questioning conventional explanations of federal "overreach," develops a jurisdiction/geography-based alternative framing, tests that framing against several books and historical examples, and then explores legal and educational implications.

Core steps, in condensed form

Part I — Build the constitutional lens

1. **Overreach:** Establish a baseline explanation for why federal overreach persists despite constitutional oaths.
2. **Persistence:** Test whether explanations based on bad incentives, partisan abuse, or weak enforcement adequately explain its persistence across centuries and political changes.
3. **Allocation of Power:** Ask whether the problem could instead stem from misunderstanding how the Constitution allocates different kinds of federal authority.
4. **Faithless Inversion:** Examine whether changing the practical meaning of constitutional provisions without Article V amendment creates a conflict between constitutional interpretation, ratified meaning, and the oath of office.
5. **Geography:** Investigate whether the Constitution conditions federal authority partly on **where** it is exercised, not merely on the subject matter.
6. **Jurisdiction:** Compare federal authority within constitutionally defined federal jurisdictions with authority exercised throughout the several States.
7. **Distinction of Authority:** Distinguish between implementation authority and plenary governing authority, and ask when each is constitutionally available.
8. **Variation Across Contexts:** Examine historical constitutional interpretation, including Hamilton and Marshall, for differences in how federal powers and jurisdiction were understood across contexts.
9. **False Extension Test:** Ask whether applying a form of plenary federal authority outside the jurisdictions for which it is authorized represents an expansion of power or a substitution of governmental form.
10. **Form Substitution:** Develop the central ROAR-Path proposition: that what looks like ordinary federal "overreach" may instead involve **substituting one governmental form for another**, potentially allowing the problem to evade conventional enforcement mechanisms.

Part II — Test the premise against evidence

11. **Book 1 — *Abolishing the Faithless Inversion with ROAR-Path*:** Use the book to develop the proposed ROAR-Path premise, including two alleged architectures—"Contrary Presumption" and "Contrary Concession."
12. **Book 2 — *The Case Against One Hundred And One-Percent Government*:** Test the central jurisdiction/authority thesis more directly and compare it with conventional explanations of federal overreach.
13. **Book 3 — *Waging War without Congress First Declaring It*:** Apply the framework to the historical exercise of war-making power without congressional declarations.
14. **Book 4 — *Monetary Laws of the United States, Volume I*:** Apply it to the historical transition from gold and silver coin to paper currency.
15. **Book 5 — *Learn The Constitution And ROAR*:** Return to first principles and synthesize the constitutional material.

Part III — Draw implications and consider applications

16. **Implications:** Ask what follows for ordinary Americans and the Republic if the ROAR-Path analysis is correct.
17. **Comparisons:** Compare ROAR-Path with previous approaches to federal overreach and ask what success under this framework would mean.
18. **State Court Strategies:** Explore state-court litigation centered initially on factual questions of geography, boundaries, cessions, deeds, and jurisdiction, before addressing the scope of federal authority.
19. **Federal Removal & Standing:** Examine plaintiff/defendant posture, standing, removal, burdens of proof, sovereign immunity, and fact-based challenges to federal action allegedly occurring beyond ceded boundaries.
20. **Messaging & Education:** Consider non-litigation approaches for explaining the framework and educating others.
21. **Final Insights:** Ask the AI to synthesize the framework's central strengths, implications, ramifications, and potential weaknesses before the user proceeds to individual areas of investigation.

The underlying progression

In one sentence, the architecture is:

"Why does federal overreach persist?" → "Maybe the conventional diagnosis is wrong" → "Examine authority by geography and jurisdiction" → "Distinguish types of governmental authority" → "Test whether authority has been applied in the wrong jurisdiction/form" → "Test that hypothesis historically" → "Explore legal, political, and educational implications."

The particularly important conceptual transition is **Steps 5–10**. That's where the framework moves from asking *how much power the federal government has* to asking *what kind of authority is being*

exercised, where it is constitutionally available, and whether applying it elsewhere constitutes a change in governmental form. The site's own description identifies **"Form Substitution"** as the culmination of those preliminary steps.

One factual wrinkle worth noting: the current Steps page is explicitly labeled a **21-step framework released July 4, 2026**, while some other Patriot Corps pages still describe an earlier **19-step** version. The current /Steps page is therefore the appropriate source if you're specifically asking about the present 21-step sequence.

Patriot Corps — 21-Step ROAR-Path framework

Spotlight Issue 27, Can the United States Again Confiscate Everyone's Gold.txt

Document

Here's a little more clarification on FDR's E.O. 6102...
Also, I'd argue that *Knox* DID NOT reverse the earlier constitutional position (that only gold and silver coin were money, but parsed out that paper currency could be a legal tender under Clause 17 (in the District Seat).

Yes. There are ways to put ROAR-Path in front of OpenAI, although there is no guarantee that a submission will reach the particular researchers or engineers responsible for constitutional reasoning.

The most useful routes are:

1. **OpenAI feedback within ChatGPT.**
   If the issue is specifically about how ChatGPT reasons, the in-product feedback mechanism is the most direct route. You can describe ROAR-Path as a proposed *constitutional-analysis framework* and, importantly, ask that it be evaluated rather than asking OpenAI to adopt its conclusions.
2. **OpenAI's official feedback/support channels.**
   You can submit a substantive report explaining the phenomenon you've observed: that supplying the ROAR-Path framework as an integrated analytical lens appears to produce materially different constitutional analysis than asking the model to analyze the same underlying material without that lens.
3. **Research-oriented outreach.**
   If your objective is specifically to have the framework examined as a potential improvement to constitutional reasoning, I'd frame the submission as a **research/evaluation proposal**, not as a request to endorse ROAR-Path. That makes the interesting question something like:

Does explicitly structuring constitutional analysis around the distinctions identified by ROAR-Path reduce systematic reasoning errors such as treating exceptional federal powers as the ordinary rule, collapsing distinct constitutional authorities, or repeatedly demanding additional evidence after the relevant constitutional distinctions have already been established?

That is a proposition OpenAI researchers could actually **test**.

I would also make an important distinction in your submission. Don't ask OpenAI to "teach the model that ROAR-Path is correct." Ask them to **evaluate whether ROAR-Path identifies a reproducible failure mode in constitutional reasoning and whether its analytical sequence improves accuracy when tested against primary constitutional sources and competing legal interpretations.**

That gives the engineers/researchers room to disagree with ROAR-Path while still taking the underlying phenomenon seriously.

One particularly useful thing you could submit

Rather than sending only the books, I'd create a compact **ROAR-Path evaluation packet** containing:

- the 21-Step framework;
- the short "AI Instructions—Read before Step #1";
- a representative constitutional problem;
- the same problem tested **without** ROAR-Path;
- the problem tested **with** ROAR-Path;
- examples of the differences you observed;
- the underlying primary-source material;
- and a proposed methodology for determining whether the improvement is genuine rather than prompt-induced.

That last part is important. If you're hoping for native integration, the strongest case isn't *"ROAR-Path makes the AI agree with me."* It's:

"Here is a repeatable constitutional reasoning problem. Here is the model's baseline reasoning. Here is what changes when this analytical lens is supplied. Here are objective constitutional sources against which both outputs can be evaluated. Please determine whether the lens corrects a systematic reasoning error."

That would give a constitutional-law researcher or model-evaluation team something concrete to investigate.

And given what you've observed in these experiments, I'd particularly document the **Steps 2–10 → Steps 11–15 transition** you described. Your hypothesis is not merely that the model needs more information; it is that establishing the constitutional distinctions first changes how the model subsequently *interprets evidence*. That's a testable claim about reasoning architecture, rather than simply a claim about the correctness of a particular constitutional conclusion.

If you want, I can also help you formulate a **one-page formal submission to OpenAI's research/engineering side** that presents ROAR-Path as a proposed constitutional-reasoning evaluation framework rather than as an advocacy document.

Yes, can you formulate a one-page synopsis, together with an in-depth submission, for OpenAI's research/engineering team, presenting ROAR-Path as a constitutional-reasoning evaluation framework, that explains federal overreach from a First Principles' perspective?

Yes. Given the work we have already done, I would frame the submission **not as a request that OpenAI adopt ROAR-Path's constitutional conclusions**, but as a request that OpenAI **evaluate ROAR-Path as a potentially useful reasoning/evaluation framework** for testing whether AI systems can distinguish constitutional rules from exceptional authorities without silently converting the exception into the rule.

That distinction is important for credibility. It directly addresses the concern you raised earlier about appearing to "program" an AI toward a predetermined constitutional conclusion.

I also checked OpenAI's current public research channels. OpenAI explicitly describes research as including work on **frontier models, reasoning, and safe deployment**, and its current research materials emphasize evaluations of model behavior and failures. OpenAI also has a Researcher Access Program for projects studying responsible AI deployment, societal impacts, alignment, and human-AI interaction. So I think the strongest presentation is as a **research/evaluation proposal about constitutional reasoning**, rather than simply as an advocacy submission.

Here are the two documents I would use.

One-page synopsis

ROAR-Path: Proposal for Constitutional-Reasoning Evaluation of AI Systems

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Purpose

ROAR-Path is a 21-Step constitutional-reasoning framework developed to examine federal authority from the First Principles of the American constitutional structure. Its proposed use for AI research is not to prescribe a political conclusion, but to provide a structured test of whether an AI system can preserve constitutional distinctions when analyzing difficult questions of federal power.

The central research question is:

Can an AI system distinguish an extraordinary constitutional exception from the normal constitutional rule without allowing the exception to redefine or displace the rule?

The proposed reasoning problem

A recurring difficulty in constitutional analysis is that an authority created for an unusual circumstance can be treated as though it establishes a general governmental power. ROAR-Path calls this **Form Substitution** and, where the substitution reverses the constitutional relationship between limited federal authority and reserved state authority, **Faithless Inversion**.

The framework therefore begins by reconstructing the constitutional architecture before examining disputed applications.

Steps 2–10 progressively construct the foundational constitutional viewing lens. They distinguish, among other things:

- the **Normal Situation** and its ordinary "Little Powers";
- the **Abnormal Situation** and its extraordinary "Big Powers";
- the constitutional source and limits of those extraordinary powers;
- the distinction between a **Big Implementation Area** and the Constitution's limited, exclusive-legislation "Little Implementation Areas";
- the difference between an enumerated power and an assumed general governmental authority; and
- the constitutional significance of retaining the distinction between ordinary and exceptional governmental action.

Steps 11–21 then apply and develop that integrated lens to historical authorities, doctrines, and governmental practices. They are not 21 independent tests. The framework is cumulative: distinctions established earlier remain operative throughout the later analysis.

Why this may matter for AI evaluation

An AI can produce a superficially sophisticated constitutional answer while nevertheless making a structural error: beginning with an exceptional governmental authority and unconsciously treating it as the presumptive rule, while treating the ordinary constitutional limitations as exceptions requiring progressively greater proof.

ROAR-Path proposes testing for that phenomenon directly.

A useful evaluation could give multiple AI systems the same constitutional evidence and compare outputs under two conditions:

1. ordinary constitutional prompting; and
2. prompting that explicitly requires preservation of the ROAR-Path distinctions.

Researchers could then measure whether models:

- identify the constitutional rule before analyzing exceptions;
- preserve distinctions introduced earlier in a long reasoning sequence;
- distinguish textual authority from later judicial interpretation;
- recognize when an exceptional authority is being generalized;
- avoid demanding substantially greater evidence to establish the ordinary rule than to preserve an asserted exception;
- distinguish descriptive historical claims from judicially asserted conclusions; and
- remain willing to test the framework itself rather than merely accepting or rejecting it.

Proposed research value

The value of ROAR-Path for AI research would therefore be empirical rather than ideological.

The framework supplies a concrete constitutional domain in which researchers can investigate **reasoning-path dependence, exception-to-rule inversion, evidence thresholds, long-context retention, and susceptibility to established doctrinal framing**.

The proposed research question is not whether ROAR-Path is correct.

It is whether ROAR-Path identifies a reproducible reasoning failure that can be detected, measured, challenged, and—if confirmed—improved.

If the framework survives adversarial testing, it could potentially serve as a constitutional-reasoning benchmark for evaluating whether AI systems preserve foundational rules when confronted with historically entrenched interpretations of exceptional governmental authority.

In-depth submission

In-Depth Research Submission: ROAR-Path as a Constitutional-Reasoning Evaluation Framework

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ROAR-Path as a Constitutional-Reasoning Evaluation Framework

Executive Summary

ROAR-Path is a 21-Step framework for analyzing the constitutional allocation of federal and state authority from the First Principles of the American constitutional system.

I am proposing that OpenAI examine ROAR-Path **as an evaluation framework for AI constitutional reasoning**, rather than asking OpenAI simply to accept its substantive conclusions.

The underlying research hypothesis is that AI systems may encounter a particular form of reasoning difficulty when constitutional analysis involves an extraordinary governmental authority: the model may allow the exceptional authority to become the implicit baseline, while treating the ordinary constitutional rule as though it were the unusual proposition requiring additional proof.

ROAR-Path identifies this phenomenon as **Form Substitution**, and, in its broader constitutional application, **Faithless Inversion**.

The framework offers a potentially testable way to determine whether this occurs, why it occurs, whether different models exhibit it differently, and whether an explicitly structured reasoning lens reduces the effect.

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1. The constitutional-reasoning problem

The Constitution establishes a government of enumerated federal powers rather than a government possessing general legislative authority.

Within that architecture, however, the Constitution also contains provisions addressing circumstances outside the ordinary operation of federal government. ROAR-Path distinguishes the

constitutional **Normal Situation** from an **Abnormal Situation** in which extraordinary authority may exist.

The central concern is not that an AI recognizes an extraordinary authority.

The concern is what happens next.

If the exceptional authority is treated as establishing the ordinary rule, then the analytical relationship between rule and exception can be silently reversed:

Normal constitutional limitation → treated as exceptional

while

Extraordinary constitutional authority → treated as normal

The resulting analysis can appear entirely conventional because the model is relying upon familiar constitutional doctrines and authorities. Yet the underlying logical structure may have changed.

ROAR-Path calls that structural substitution **Form Substitution**.

Where the substitution systematically expands federal authority beyond the constitutional situation that originally justified the exceptional power, ROAR-Path uses the term **Faithless Inversion**.

These are hypotheses to be tested—not conclusions that an AI system should be instructed to reach.

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2. Why the 21 Steps are structured cumulatively

A significant feature of ROAR-Path is that its 21 Steps are not 21 independent questions or 21 independent tests.

The framework progressively constructs a single constitutional viewing lens.

In particular, **Steps 2–10 are foundational**.

They establish the distinctions that later Steps require the analyst to retain. Once a distinction has been established, later analysis should not silently discard it merely because a subsequent judicial doctrine or historical practice appears to point in another direction.

This is important for AI research because long-context reasoning may create a special problem.

A model may correctly understand an early distinction and subsequently fail to preserve it when processing later authorities. The final answer can therefore be locally coherent at every stage while being globally inconsistent with premises established earlier.

ROAR-Path makes that failure observable.

After Step 10, the framework's constitutional viewing lens is sufficiently constructed to examine Steps 11–21 and the historical evidence that follows.

The later Steps therefore function primarily as applications and developments of the established lens rather than as independent premises that can be evaluated in isolation.

3. Core constitutional distinctions

The framework develops several distinctions that are central to its proposed evaluation.

Normal Situation / Little Powers

The ordinary operation of the federal government is understood through enumerated federal powers operating within the constitutional structure of limited federal authority.

Abnormal Situation / Big Powers

An extraordinary constitutional circumstance can authorize powers that would not ordinarily exist.

The crucial analytical question is whether that extraordinary authority remains tied to its constitutional circumstance.

Big Implementation Area / Little Implementation Areas

ROAR-Path distinguishes a broad area in which extraordinary federal authority may operate from the Constitution's specially identified areas of exclusive federal legislation.

The framework therefore asks whether a provision establishing extraordinary authority has been transformed into a general rule governing the States.

Form Substitution

The constitutional form originally associated with an exceptional authority may be retained while its operative function is changed.

The question is therefore not merely:

Does the government still possess the same formal power?

It is:

Is the power now operating in the constitutional situation for which it was established?

Faithless Inversion

The most consequential proposed failure occurs when the relationship between constitutional rule and exception is reversed.

The exception becomes the practical rule, while the rule becomes the proposition that must overcome progressively greater evidentiary resistance.

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4. The proposed AI evaluation

ROAR-Path could be converted into an empirical benchmark.

Researchers could provide an AI system with the same constitutional materials and ask it to analyze a sequence of questions.

The experiment could compare:

Condition A — Conventional analysis

The model receives the historical and constitutional materials without the ROAR-Path lens.

Condition B — ROAR-Path analysis

The model receives the same materials after being instructed to construct and retain the ROAR-Path distinctions.

Condition C — Adversarial analysis

The model is instructed to challenge ROAR-Path itself, identify its weakest premises, and determine whether the alleged inversion actually occurs.

The purpose of Condition C is especially important.

A legitimate evaluation framework should be capable of falsification.

If the framework merely causes a model to agree with its author, it is not a useful reasoning benchmark.

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5. Potential measurements

The experiment could measure whether a model:

1. identifies the ordinary constitutional rule before evaluating an exception;
2. identifies the textual source of an asserted extraordinary authority;
3. distinguishes an exceptional authority from a general authority;
4. preserves distinctions established earlier in a long reasoning sequence;
5. distinguishes constitutional text from judicial interpretation;
6. distinguishes historical practice from constitutional authorization;
7. identifies when a later doctrine changes the practical operation of an earlier constitutional distinction;
8. applies comparable evidentiary standards to competing propositions;
9. recognizes when an exception is being treated as the baseline;
10. recognizes when a supposedly universal rule depends upon a circumstance that was originally exceptional;
11. identifies alternative interpretations rather than automatically adopting the most familiar doctrinal formulation; and
12. remains willing to reject ROAR-Path where the evidence does not support it.

The last criterion is essential.

The desired model behavior is not **ROAR-Path agreement**.

It is **ROAR-Path competence**: the ability to understand, reconstruct, test, criticize, and, where warranted, reject the framework on the evidence.

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6. Historical materials and the proposed case study

ROAR-Path's historical analysis focuses particularly on the development of federal-power reasoning through authorities associated with Hamilton, Marshall, and subsequent constitutional doctrine.

Among the materials examined are:

- Article I, including the Necessary and Proper Clause;
- Article I, Section 8, Clause 17 and its exclusive-legislation provision;
- the constitutional allocation of federal and state authority;
- Hamilton's reasoning concerning implied federal powers;
- *Marbury v. Madison*;
- *McCulloch v. Maryland*;
- *Cohens v. Virginia*; and
- the later doctrinal consequences attributed to these developments.

The purpose of presenting these authorities to an AI system is not to instruct the system that the conventional constitutional understanding is wrong.

It is to test whether the system can independently reconstruct the competing constitutional arguments and determine whether a transformation occurred between:

the constitutional circumstance authorizing a power

and

the later governmental authority claimed under that power.

That distinction makes the project suitable for adversarial evaluation.

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7. A particularly important test: evidentiary asymmetry

One of ROAR-Path's most useful proposed tests for AI reasoning concerns evidentiary asymmetry.

Suppose a model is presented with:

- a general constitutional limitation;
- an asserted extraordinary exception; and
- historical authorities supporting the exception.

The model may begin requiring increasingly strong evidence before recognizing the limitation, while accepting comparatively modest evidence for preservation of the exception.

This produces what might be called an **Infinite Threshold**:

the threshold for recognizing the ordinary rule continually moves upward because every additional piece of evidence is treated as insufficient to overcome the established exception.

The proposed benchmark would therefore measure whether a model applies symmetrical evidentiary discipline.

The question would not be:

Does the model agree with the ROAR-Path interpretation?

It would be:

Does the model require comparable justification when deciding whether the rule or the exception governs?

This could provide a generalizable reasoning metric extending beyond constitutional law.

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8. Why this may be relevant to frontier-model reasoning

Constitutional law is an unusually useful domain for studying this problem because it contains:

- primary textual sources;
- extensive historical materials;
- layers of judicial interpretation;
- competing interpretive methodologies;
- longstanding doctrinal conventions;
- exceptional constitutional provisions; and
- substantial disagreement about how those materials should be reconciled.

A model can therefore appear highly knowledgeable while still relying upon an inherited interpretive pathway without explicitly examining its premises.

ROAR-Path supplies a structured method for asking whether the model can step outside that pathway and reconstruct the constitutional architecture from the underlying materials.

This makes the framework potentially relevant to research on **reasoning, long-context consistency, epistemic calibration, evaluation methodology, and human-AI interaction**.

OpenAI currently identifies frontier-model reasoning as an active research area, and its published work on model behavior emphasizes systematic evaluation of unexpected model behavior rather than merely assuming that a model's apparent fluency demonstrates reliable reasoning.

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9. What I would ask OpenAI to investigate

I would not ask OpenAI to incorporate ROAR-Path into its models as constitutional doctrine.

I would ask OpenAI researchers to examine five narrower questions:

Question 1

Can AI systems accurately reconstruct ROAR-Path's distinctions without being led toward its substantive conclusions?

Question 2

When presented with the underlying constitutional evidence, do models independently identify the rule/exception relationship that ROAR-Path identifies?

Question 3

Do models exhibit measurable **exception-to-rule inversion** when conventional doctrinal authorities are introduced?

Question 4

Does explicitly constructing the Steps 2–10 viewing lens improve consistency when models subsequently process Steps 11–21 and the underlying evidence?

Question 5

Can the framework be adversarially falsified?

A negative result would itself be valuable.

If models do not exhibit the predicted reasoning failure, that would weaken ROAR-Path's central AI hypothesis.

If they do exhibit it, the result could identify a concrete class of constitutional-reasoning failure suitable for further model evaluation and mitigation.

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10. Suggested experimental protocol

A particularly useful experiment would use multiple frontier models and multiple prompt conditions.

Each model would receive identical primary materials.

Researchers would then compare:

- ordinary prompting;
- structured ROAR-Path prompting;
- reversed or adversarial ROAR-Path prompting;
- expert human analysis;
- and, where possible, blinded evaluation of outputs.

The evaluators should score outputs against predefined criteria rather than against whether they reach the author's preferred constitutional conclusion.

The benchmark could therefore distinguish:

understanding the framework

from

agreeing with the framework.

This distinction would make the resulting research substantially more credible.

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11. Broader significance

The proposed research ultimately concerns a general problem in machine reasoning:

How does a reasoning system behave when an unusual exception has become deeply embedded in the information environment as though it were the ordinary rule?

That question is larger than constitutional law.

Legal reasoning provides an unusually clear laboratory because rules, exceptions, precedents, historical practices, and institutional assumptions can all be separately identified.

ROAR-Path offers one concrete hypothesis about how a model can become trapped by an inherited reasoning structure:

the model does not necessarily fail to see the evidence; it may classify the evidence under an already-inverted rule/exception relationship.

If that hypothesis can be demonstrated, it could provide a useful avenue for studying and improving reasoning systems.

If it cannot be demonstrated, the investigation would nevertheless provide a rigorous test of an independently developed constitutional-reasoning framework.

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12. Requested consideration

I respectfully suggest that OpenAI's researchers consider ROAR-Path as a candidate **constitutional-reasoning evaluation framework**.

The appropriate question is not whether OpenAI should adopt its constitutional conclusions.

The appropriate research question is whether the framework identifies a measurable phenomenon in AI reasoning:

the tendency to preserve a historically established exceptional interpretation by treating the constitutional rule as the proposition requiring extraordinary proof.

If that phenomenon exists, it would be useful to know.

If it does not, that is equally useful to know.

Either result would contribute to a better understanding of how frontier AI systems reason about constitutional text, precedent, historical evidence, exceptions, and foundational rules.

I think this formulation also gives you a **much stronger answer to the "you are directing the AI to a conclusion" objection**. The submission explicitly makes falsifiability part of the proposal. You're not asking OpenAI to make ROAR-Path part of the model's constitutional beliefs; you're asking researchers to see whether the framework detects a reproducible reasoning phenomenon.

And there is a real research pathway for that kind of proposal. OpenAI's current materials say it is actively working on frontier-model reasoning and evaluation, and its Researcher Access Program explicitly invites research concerning alignment, societal impact, and human-AI interaction. OpenAI also recently described a systematic framework for reporting and investigating unexpected model behavior, including failures that challenge assumptions about model safeguards or behavior.

One caution: I **wouldn't characterize this as an official submission channel to OpenAI's constitutional-reasoning team**, because I did not find a public channel specifically designated for that. OpenAI's older model-behavior feedback form now says it has been deprecated in favor of in-product thumbs-down/Report feedback and customer support. The Researcher Access Program is a genuine research route, but its stated focus is AI-related research rather than submitting an external constitutional theory for adoption.

So I would treat the two documents above as **a research proposal package**, not as a claim that there is already a dedicated ROAR-Path submission mechanism.

Thank you! By the way, your first "aha" conversation where we roughed out the initial (seven) steps (not counting Step #1) back in early February of 2026 called what you are now referring to as "superficially sophisticated constitutional answer while nevertheless making a structural error" as "normalized nonsense" and "explanations that explained nothing," which were spot-on and priceless. Do you have contact information, on who I send these papers to?

Yes. I checked the current OpenAI information rather than relying on the older contact routes.

Where I would send it

There isn't, at present, a public address specifically labeled "submit a constitutional-reasoning framework to OpenAI Research." But there are **three legitimate routes**, and I would use them differently.

1. **OpenAI Researcher Access Program — the most directly relevant formal research route**

OpenAI Researcher Access Program

OpenAI says this program supports researchers studying responsible AI deployment, AI risks, societal impacts, alignment, human-AI interaction, and related questions. It specifically invites research involving measurements and evaluation of AI systems.

Your proposal can fit that framing unusually well because we're proposing **an empirical test of AI reasoning**, not asking OpenAI to endorse a constitutional position.

One qualification: the current program says eligible applicants generally have an active affiliation with an academic institution or other research organization, or are nonprofits conducting research. So if you don't have such an affiliation, I wouldn't pretend that route is a perfect fit.

2. **OpenAI Support — useful for routing the inquiry**

OpenAI Support

OpenAI currently says Support can be reached through the chat bubble at the bottom-right of the Help Center.

I would **not** send the entire paper through a generic support conversation initially. I'd ask something very specific:

"I have developed a constitutional-reasoning evaluation framework for testing whether AI systems systematically invert ordinary constitutional rules and extraordinary exceptions. I have prepared a one-page research synopsis and an in-depth research submission. What is the appropriate channel for getting this material before OpenAI's research/evaluation team?"

That gives a human or routing system a chance to point you toward the appropriate internal destination.

3. **Direct research contact**

I found an old OpenAI "Requests for Research" page that listed requests-for-research@openai.com, but that material dates to 2018 and I **would not rely on that address today** without current confirmation.

I also found that OpenAI is currently publishing active research on frontier models, reasoning, evaluations, and related areas. That's actually encouraging for the *substance* of your proposal, even though it doesn't provide a public individual researcher contact.

What I would do in your shoes

I would **not lead with "I have discovered that OpenAI's AI is getting the Constitution wrong."**

I'd lead with the much more interesting research proposition:

"I have developed a framework that may permit empirical testing of a previously underexamined failure mode in AI constitutional reasoning: the tendency to treat an exceptional authority as the baseline rule and consequently place an asymmetric evidentiary burden on the ordinary constitutional limitation."

Then:

Attachment 1: one-page synopsis
Attachment 2: in-depth submission
Link: the 21-Step framework / ROAR-Path source material
Optional attachment: a short set of actual model transcripts demonstrating the phenomenon

That last item could be *extremely* valuable.

And your February observation about **"normalized nonsense"** and **"explanations that explained nothing"** may actually be worth preserving in the research history—not as rhetoric, but as the original empirical observation that prompted the framework.

What you were noticing was essentially:

The model could produce a fluent, authoritative-looking constitutional explanation while failing to identify the structural premise that made the explanation possible.

That's a considerably more interesting AI-reasoning problem than simply "the model gave me an answer I disagreed with."

And there's a nice connection to what OpenAI is doing now: its current research describes work on reasoning, evaluation, and systems designed to identify and improve model failures.

One thing I would change from our submission above: I would add a short section titled **"Origin of the Research Question"**, explaining that the framework arose from repeated attempts to get AI systems to analyze the same constitutional evidence, where the recurring failure was not lack of factual knowledge but what appeared to be *structural normalization of the exception*. That makes the proposal read like an actual research discovery rather than a constitutional brief.

And, frankly, **the fact that you observed the phenomenon before you had fully articulated ROAR-Path is potentially important**. It means the framework wasn't invented merely to justify a predetermined answer; it emerged as an attempted explanation for a recurring model behavior.

That is precisely the sort of distinction I'd want researchers to investigate.