Week 10: Collaboration, Transparency and Trust
Open government, open society

- Open government should expand its agenda and become a movement to open Society.

- Transparency must be applied across all of society, not just government.

- They should build on the lessons of IT-enabled social networks to create responsive, evolving, and vibrant transparency platforms.

“The magic of open data is that the same openness that enables transparency also enables innovation, as developers build applications that reuse government data in unexpected ways.”

Build a simple systems and let it evolve

“A complex system that works is invariably found to have evolved from a simple system that worked. The inverse proposition also appears to be true. A complex system designed from scratch never works and cannot be made to work. You have to start over beginning with a working simple system.”

Code for America

https://www.ted.com/talks/jennifer_pahlka_coding_a_better_government#t-44305
Open government must appeal & embrace everyone’s values

- The advance of more collaborative, transparent, and participatory government must embrace all of society’s values, including privacy.

- Open government will succeed only if it appeals to the widest possible audience, including skeptics of government, opponents of any given administration, and people who do not trust technology.

Open government means combining participation and collaboration with transparency.

https://www.ted.com/talks/beth_noveck_demand_a_more_open-source_government/transcript?language=en#t-1002848
“...teaching young people that we live, not in a passive society, a read-only society, but in a writable society, where we have the power to change our communities, to change our institutions.”

Beth Noveck
Visitor on Nov 16th: Amy X. Zheng

- Amy’s talk: CSSI lunch seminar, Nov 16, 12:30-2pm
Check in and upcoming deadlines

- 3 weeks until project report due (Nov 30)
- Next week: reflection on feedback