



Open Government Partnership Independent Reporting Mechanism

Results Report: United States 2022-2024 Comments Received

Comments Received from Alex Howard (December 11, 2025)

Comment on the overall report

Thank you for compiling and sharing this report.

I submit my public comment from last summer in response. The record you've presented is incomplete and omits key decisions and failures:

https://downloads.regulations.gov/GSA-GSA-2024-0002-0037/attachment_1.pdf

More problematically, it does not accurately report out the USG acting contrary to process in co-creation for two cycles, & acting contrary to process in implementation, and repeatedly acting contrary to the principles in the declaration since 2016.

I see no on the record comments from former or current US officials defending failed co-creation or how badly implementation failed 2019-2021.

<https://governing.digital/2024/06/21/the-u-s-governments-self-assessment-of-its-performance-on-open-government-suffers-from-opacity-and-omission/>

This refusal to comment should be noted. It's a decade-long pattern of opacity and unaccountability.

Please do not help our government openwash.

The IRM should also note that the Trump admin fired the advisory committee, fired or reassigned the secretariat, taken down data, gagged scientists, used social media to attack journalists and journalism. They have not held any public meetings. They have done nothing to cocreate a new plan. They sent no delegation to the Summit.

These are relevant facts that should be in the public record, given the continued US presence on the steering committee and the efforts of US civil society to get the US placed under review and suspended for secrecy, lies, and corruption.

Thank you.