

A Citizen's Guide to Open Data?

Geothink Summer Institute on 'The Value of Open Data'

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Presentation Agenda

- Review Citizen's Guide to Municipal Open Data (CGOD)
<http://goo.gl/VpSQLk>
- Reflection and takeaways on value from process
- Reorientation of the 'civil society perspective'
- Revaluation of Open Data

Review of the Citizen's Guide

Guide's orientation driven by key considerations around open data:

- Promote literacy of concepts and infrastructure
- Share and discuss stories and examples
- Explore and examine common understandings of value

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Review of the Citizen's Guide to Open Data

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- Guide has 7 high level headings framed as questions
- Further steps include:
 - Engaging critical theories
 - Linking OD practise to peripheral discussions like Big Data, Free and Open Source Software

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Reflections and Takeaways on Value

Emerging from consideration of guide's value, as well as open data, for our audience:

- Potential value(s) of open data... *access, recognition, ability, criticality*
- *Connections, or lack thereof*, between people who could benefit and people with expertise
- Using the *space or 'inbetween' site* that open data occupies: government activities and intentions, citizens and their representation

Reorienting the 'civil society perspective'

- Civil Society is not a unified perspective
- OD practitioners are situated possessors of esoteric knowledge
- Acting as a citizen requires critical examination of our selves and societies

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The [Detroit Community Technology Project](#) (DCTP) and the [Detroit Digital Justice Coalition](#) (DDJC) are excited to present the *Opening Data* zine. The *Opening Data* zine offers a primer on open data, real-world examples of data discrimination, use cases of data in organizing, creative data storytelling, and more.

This is the fifth “digital justice” zine or download digital zines [here](#).

The *Opening Data* zine was developed on Saturday, [September 19](#), 11:00 a.m. in Detroit.

Opening Data Zine.



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Revaluation of Open Data

Ways to bring nuance to understanding of open data and value for civil society:

- Acknowledge heterogeneity. Publics are constructed based on the provision of infrastructures (Le Dantec, 2013)
- Resist equivocations of datafication with democracy (Powell, 2015)
- Build engagement with mobilization. Participation to redress (Seiber and Johnson, 2015) rather than reinforce existing powerful groups

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Survey Research into the Privacy and Security Experiences of Low-SES Populations



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For more information about this initiative,
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About

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D&S researcher Mary Madden is helping a robust, nationally representative survey of American adults that includes an oversample of low-SES respondents.

The *Survey Research into the Privacy and Security Experiences of Low-SES Populations* project includes a “Data Access Grant” that provides a graduate student with a detailed description of the project’s data and methods.

Data Privacy.

Mary’s survey will make a fundamental contribution to understanding the everyday privacy and security-related behaviors of low-SES adults and seek to answer key questions that can ground the policy conversations and debates about privacy and security in the digital age:

- Where do privacy and information security-related practices “fit in” to the everyday lives of low-SES adults? What are the other priorities and concerns that they are trying to balance when making technology-related decisions in a typical day?
- Where do low-SES adults seek privacy and security-related advice and guidance? How confident do they feel and what kinds of privacy and security practices would they like to learn more about?

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Working sessions explored:

- The implications of police body-worn cameras
- Social media tracking by law enforcement
- The use of biometrics in law enforcement and
- Predictive policing
- Predictive algorithms in sentencing and risk assessment tools

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- Build engagement through mobilization. Open Data as conduit for interaction between governments and citizens (Seiber and Johnson, 2015). Participation to redress rather than reinforce existing powerful groups

Thanks!

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