

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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OPEN GOVERNMENT LICENSE CANADA 2.0

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How do you license something?

Why would you license something?

Review of the Citizen's Guide

- 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

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
- Open data practitioners are situated possessors of esoteric knowledge
- Acting as a citizen requires critical examination of our selves and societies

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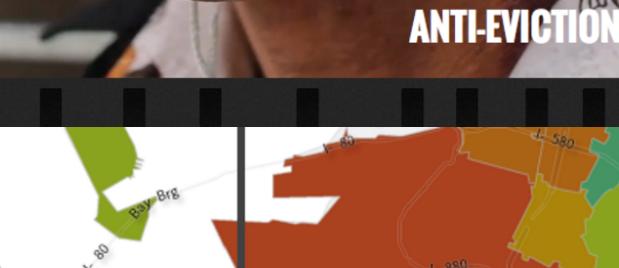
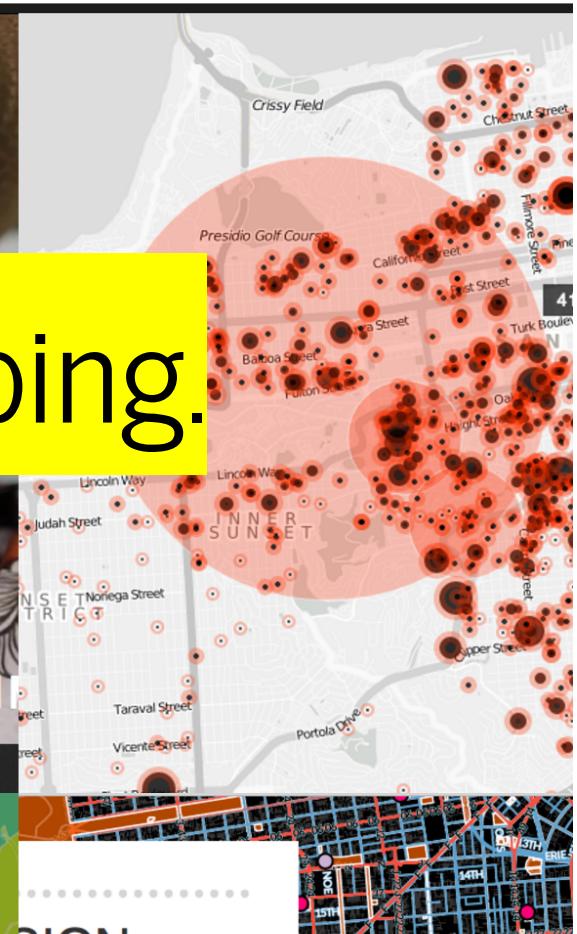
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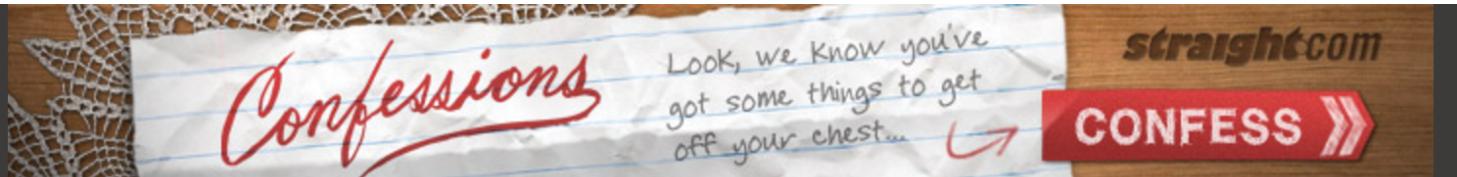
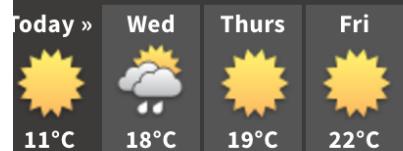
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The Opening Data Zine is Here!

Words by Detroit Community Technology Project

SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

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 Saturday, September 19, 11:00 a.m. 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 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



Reuters

How Big Data Harms Poor Communities

Surveillance and public-benefits programs gather large amounts of information on low-income people, feeding opaque algorithms that can trap them in poverty.

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

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D&S researcher Mary Madden is helming 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 will support the research needs of a graduate student or postdoctoral fellow.

[Details](#)

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?
- Among parents, how do they rate the resources their children have access to at their schools



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A New Era of Policing and Justice

October 27, 2015

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This year's Data & Civil Rights conference focused on the issues presented by a new technologically mediated era of criminal justice and policing.

Working sessions explored:

- The implications of police body-worn cameras
- Social media tracking by law enforcement
- The use of biometrics in law enforcement and genetic material as evidence
- Predictive policing
- Predictive algorithms in sentencing and risk assessment tools
- How open data can advance accountability in a

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