

# Review of: "Building a digital republic to reduce health disparities and improve population health in the United States"

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I totally agree with the authors regarding the theoretical potential of a digital republic in reducing health disparities and improving population health. However, in reality, I feel we are heading toward an opposite direction. Barriers to data sharing has not decreased over the years although the advancement of technology has provided all kinds of solutions to make the data sharing and linkage safer and easier.