

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

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This article presents an intelligent attempt on converting USA into a fully digital republic. The authors have motivated the article properly, and have presented the limitations of implementing a digital republic.

However, the authors haven't given much regarding the implementation of the digital republic for a leading country like USA. In this perspective, I think data governance is an important topic left out in the article. In a nutshell, data governance is a set of policies within a framework that are applied to every activity of every data entity in an organization, be it ingestion, storage, meta-data, cleaning, querying, security, audit, and analysis. Never can data governance be more eligible and applied than to a digital republic; we are talking about terabytes to petabytes of data of all citizens that needs to be effectively managed and queried 24/7.

Hence, a nice inclusion to this article would be a diagram of a data governance plan for a digital republic. Presenting this plan (and discussing everything else with respect to this plan) would make the readers realize that such a republic can indeed be attained in reality.