Some Thoughts on the Fragility of the Public Record in the Age of Big Digital

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Fears rise of Trump-era 'memory hole' in federal data

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Fears have spiked that Donald Trump’s incoming administration won’t settle for simply rolling back President Barack Obama’s policies, but may hobble federal agencies by removing reams of data from government websites — or even destroying it.

The worry has escalated to a near-panic among some environmental and transparency advocates following the disclosure last week that Trump transition officials at the Energy Department issued a questionnaire demanding the names of employees who took part in climate negotiations, as well as controversial efforts to roll back Obama-era regulations.
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Focus on what is truly at risk and what is not likely to be adequately preserved by other actors, public sector or private.
2. “Drill Down” (Analyze)
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Determining what is at risk requires a full understanding of the digital government information lifecycle and supply chain: critical government archiving infrastructure and proprietary distribution systems and platforms.
3. “Differentiate”
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Researchers in different fields require different things of government information: integrity and authenticity of data may mean one thing to an economist and another to a historian.
4. “Collectivize”
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Actively engage with key “suppliers” of government information; unite to gain leverage with key aggregators; and “speak with one voice” in negotiating terms of access to government information.
5. “Act Up”
Forge new alliances to play a meaningful role in the government information realm.