

The Open-Source Everything Manifesto: Transparency, Truth, and Trust (Manifesto Series) Robert David Steele and Howard Bloom

The kind of idealist who asks over and over, "why can't they see?" without ever finding the answer. They can't. Most don't have the brains, and the rest are steeped in self-interest.

Selfishness is human nature. Nakedly evident in children, hidden with varying degrees of success among adults. But evolution demands selfishness. Who does not look out for himself and his own, is doomed.

The author is an idealist. The fundamental notion of open source is that by providing communications access, information access to the entire world one will illuminate the corporate and governmental bureaucracies, tyrannies which prevailed today.

The assumption is that the 5 billion of the earth's poor who would be enabled via the Internet better access to information secure communications, transparent information about their governments would do something about it. That is an idealist view of humanity. There is not much in the historical record to bear it out.

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The opening premise is that group intelligence will be better than intelligence gathering under the cloak of secrecy by governments and large institutions. He says that he was inspired to do this book by Julian Sanchez. It came out before Snowden. The argument is compelling. Assignments and Snowden pointed out the idiocy and the vast waste in the government programs that they exposed. They also revealed how the government's surveillance programs are often turned on citizens instead of the supposed targets, terrorists. The author noticed notes that they have done a severely poor job in identifying and neutralizing terrorists.

A very good example of public source open source intelligence is Russia's war on Ukraine. The Ukrainian government is not very effective at putting it putting out counters to Russian propaganda. However, civilian groups such as billing cat are doing a good job of exposing the

Russian lies involving such disasters as the downing of Malaysian Airlines flight MH 17.

We want to cite books by Ralph McGee he, Legacy of ashes, and the Snowden book. They all play into the authors thesis.

The author goes on a great length about what is possible. It is possible to strip away the secrecy in banking and government. The question is, will it happen. The people care enough? Are they smart enough to do it? He assumes that they are both care and are smart enough. Neither is true.

It is worth citing McGee he's disillusion in Vietnam. He saw what was happening and reported it. This was actually in Thailand. Reported up the chain of command. Although what he saw was accurate, and has been borne out by history, there would counter to what CIA director William Colby wanted the message to be. He was not only ignored, he was shunted aside.

Steele says that the persistent unethical and ignorant emphasis on secrecy and on making decisions for partisan advantage is not sustainable. My cynical observation is that it has been his sustained throughout human history. His challenge is to show that it is not sustainable. Whether it should be from a moral sense or not, it is the way the world seems to work.

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He has a heading forbidden knowledge. The kinds of things that we are not supposed to know. I'm sure that there are things that Steele himself does not want to know about human nature. Human evolution, and various measurable differences in human capability. He would probably can agree with universities that is better to not talk about these things and to shut up people who do want to talk about them, labeling them as racists.

*What the Founding Fathers did not articulate is the fact that sharing and the shared task of sense-making are what empowers the collective. It is not enough for the individual citizen to be smart or even good-hearted. They must be smart as a whole, a point made very ably by David Weinberger in *Too Big to Know: Rethinking Knowledge Now That the Facts Aren't the Facts, Experts Are Everywhere, and the Smartest Person in the Room Is the Room*. 49*

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*The contemporary challenge is our transition from the industrial-era worldview of unbridled consumption, selfishness, and "anything goes" to a new information-era worldview of "it's all connected," which means that we are all accountable for the whole. Resources are limited, brain power is virtually infinite. Open-Source Everything is the meme, the mind-set, and the method.*

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