

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**  
**B. Federal Websites – Discussion**

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In March, the Spokesman Review published an [article](#) entitled “In a fact-challenged era, will public access to federal data be the next casualty?” from the McClatchy Washington Bureau. The authors describe “groups with a stake in public access to information: historians, librarians, journalists, climate scientists and internet activists, to name a few” that are holding “‘data rescue’ sessions nationwide, where they spend their weekends downloading and archiving federal databases they fear could soon be taken down or obscured.”

A quick Google search for “federal websites disappear” on April 5 brought up numerous results; the following were the first 2 screens of many:

1. [Positive References to Obamacare Are Disappearing From ...](#)  
 fortune.com/2017/02/10/donald-trump-affordable-care-act-**website**  
 Video embedded · The Trump Administration has begun scrubbing positive references to the Affordable Care Act from **federal websites**. According to the Washington ...
2. [TIME on Twitter: "Positive references to Obamacare are ...](#)  
<https://twitter.com/TIME/status/830052461805174785>  
 Add this Tweet to your **website** by copying ... Obamacare are **disappearing** from **federal websites** http ... to trump are also **disappearing** from **websites**, ...
3. [Why are whitehouse.gov web pages disappearing? - The ...](#)  
<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2017/01/20/why-are-whitehouse...>  
 On Friday, as Donald Trump was sworn in as the 45th president, people began to notice web pages **disappearing** from the official White House **website**, whitehouse.gov ...
4. [EPA Removes Mentions of 'Climate Change' in Water ...](#)  
<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/27022017/epa-climate-change...>  
 The program's **website** also removed references of climate change from the sidebar, ... Will **Federal** Agriculture Research Survive Trump's Assault on Climate Funding?
5. [Why is federal government data disappearing? | TheHill](#)  
[thehill.com/.../320511-why-is-federal-government-data-disappearing](http://thehill.com/.../320511-why-is-federal-government-data-disappearing)  
 Why is **federal** government data **disappearing**? By Joshua New ... The private sector will be unable to rely on government data if **federal** agencies can make arbitrary and ...
6. [The EPA Has Started to Remove Obama-era Information ...](#)  
[www.climatecentral.org/news/epa-climate-web-pages-change-21133](http://www.climatecentral.org/news/epa-climate-web-pages-change-21133)  
 The changes were shared exclusively with Climate Central by EDGI, a group of scientists tracking **federal websites** and data. They first noticed the changes on Jan. 22 ...
7. [Reports on climate change have disappeared from the State ...](#)  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2017/01/...>  
 Multiple climate-related reports have disappeared from the State Department's **website** within the past ... other **federal** agencies have continued to share information ...
8. [NEWS: The Vanishing Women's health information is ...](#)  
[www.nursingcenter.com](http://www.nursingcenter.com) › ... › [AJN, American Journal of Nu...](#)

NEWS: The Vanishing Women's **health information is disappearing from federal Web sites** and publications. Share This. Add To File Drawer; View PDF;

9. [Harvesting Government History, One Web Page at a Time ...](#)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/01/nyregion/harvesting-government...>

Dec 01, 2016 · Volunteers met for the End of Term Presidential Harvest, an effort to archive pages on **federal websites** that may be at risk of **disappearing**.

1. [Climate change starts disappearing from government websites](#)

[grist.org/briefly/...starts-disappearing-from-government-websites](#)

It's happening: Climate change starts **disappearing** from government **websites**. ... Review all **federal** rules to find any that stymie energy production.

2. [Disappearing Debt | Bloomberg BNA](#)

[www.bna.com > ... > Insight Center > Federal Tax Blog](#)

A cookie is a piece of data stored by your browser or device that helps **websites** like this one recognize return ... **Federal Tax Blog; Disappearing Debt; FEDERAL TAX** ...

3. [The Federal Budget Deficit Has Disappeared. Really.](#)

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/stancollender/2014/09/16/the-federal...>

Sep 16, 2014 · Video embedded · The **federal** deficit that was such a big issue the past ... Some of the reason for this incredible **disappearing** act is that a rapidly declining deficit ...

4. [Law Firm Website Traffic: The Disappearing Homepage | The ...](#)

[www.natlawreview.com/article/law-firm-website-traffic-disappearing...](#)

**Federal** Agencies Complete ... Law Firm **Website** Traffic: The **Disappearing** ... of information between you and **the National Law Review website** or any of ...

5. [PDF]

[SPOTLIGHT ON LITIGATION The Disappearing Jury Trial](#)

[www.swlaw.com/.../publications/2010/04/26/TheDisappearingJuryTrial.pdf](#)

ber of **federal** civil trials, ... 3 U.S. Courts **Website** ([www.uscourts.gov/](#) ... **The Disappearing Jury Trial** 571 LOGAN STREET, ...

6. [End of Term Web Archive: U.S. Government Websites](#)

[eotarchive.cdlib.org/index.html](#)

Archive Scope. The **End of Term Web Archive** contains **federal** government **websites** (.gov, .mil, etc) in the Legislative, Executive, or Judicial branches of the government.

7. [List of areas in the United States National Park System ...](#)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_areas\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_States...](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_areas_in_the_United_States...)

The remaining 40 monuments are administered by five other **federal** ... Alphabetical list of places at the National Park Service **website**; Former **National Park System** ...

- o [National parks](#) ·
- o [National monuments](#) ·
- o [National preserves](#)

8. [Obama-era climate change information removed from State ...](#)

<https://thinkprogress.org/state-department-obama-climate-websites...>

Obama-era climate change information removed from State Department **website** The Trump State Department quietly erased the last vestiges of the Obama administration's ...

9. [How Ottawa's war on data threatens all that we know about ...](#)

www.macleans.ca/news/canada/vanishing-canada-why-were-all-losers...

**Disappearing** data is only one part of a larger narrative of a degradation of knowledge—one that extends ... keep stuff safe”—to archive **federal websites**, ...

10. [The Disappearing Federal Circuit Advisory Council Model ...](#)

<https://patentlyo.com/patent/2013/08/the-disappearing-federal...>

The **Disappearing Federal** Circuit Advisory Council ... Model orders concerning e-discovery and limitations on claims and prior art were posted on the court's **website**.

11. [Why is federal government data disappearing? : politics](#)

[https://www.reddit.com/.../why\\_is\\_federal\\_government\\_data\\_disappearing](https://www.reddit.com/.../why_is_federal_government_data_disappearing)

Content is considered rehosted when a publication takes the majority of their content from another **website** and ... Why is **federal** government data **disappearing** ...

12. [“Middle Class Jobs Are Disappearing And The Fed Is The ...](#)

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/jeffreydorfman/2014/06/07/middle...>

Jun 07, 2014 · Middle Class Jobs Are **Disappearing** And The Fed Is The ... many middle class jobs are “routine” according to the Dallas **Federal** Reserve Bank and can be ...

13. [Researchers Are Preparing for Trump to Delete Government ...](#)

[https://motherboard.vice.com/en\\_us/article/researchers-are...](https://motherboard.vice.com/en_us/article/researchers-are...)

When Donald Trump takes over the **federal** government on January 21, his administration will also gain complete control over much of the .gov suite of **websites**, which ...

14. [Top download from any federal site right now is Park ...](#)

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/speaking-of-science/wp/2017/01/...>

Top download from any **federal** site right now is Park Service ... The Trump administration had planned to scrub these climate change pages from the EPA's **website**,

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The Freedom to Read Statement from the American Library Association, and adopted by the Idaho Board of Library Commissioners, states in item 6:

*“It is the responsibility of publishers and librarians, as guardians of the people’s freedom to read, to contest encroachments upon that freedom by individuals or groups seeking to impose their own standards or tastes upon the community at large; and by the government whenever it seeks to reduce or deny public access to public information.*

*... Further, democratic societies are more safe, free, and creative when the free flow of public information is not restricted by governmental prerogative or self-censorship.”*