

18. Accountable to Us

As part of the *Government Take-Back Amendment*, *Connect Us*, *Inform Us* and the creation of the Candidate and Elected Official Statements, Plans Activities and Impacts Evaluation Office system, changes to make government accountable to the citizens they work for, without corruption, the U.S. also developed a system called *Accountable to Us*, which allows citizens to rate public servants and activities on how well they are meeting our needs, to make them accountable to us, the U.S. people.

President Sioux worked tirelessly for all of these changes, addressing the nation at least weekly, traveling the country to be with the people, help us understand the important needs for these changes, and to be with us in solidarity. From one of her speeches:

"I work for you. So does every other person employed by government, at every level. You hire us, and you can fire us. It is appropriate that you evaluate us and hold us accountable for what we say and do. You are the boss. Yes, that's right, you! It is just as important that you do your job as a boss of the U.S. as it is that we do our jobs as your employees.

The 'Accountable to Us' system creates a public evaluation and feedback system, in which each of you has an opportunity to do your job as a citizen, as owner and boss of the U.S. As part of Inform Us systems reporting to you how each elected official votes, who we meet with and what we say and do, there are places where you can go to submit evaluation scores, a ranking of approval between 1 and 10, with 10 as a perfect score and 1 as a perfectly terrible score, for each vote we place, every bill we create, each major public statement we make, and each action we take. There are also ways you can provide substantive written feedback, explaining your agreement, disagreement and concerns about each.

Responsibly, each citizen must own his or her own evaluations. We're each registered in the system, using our Social Security numbers as unique identifiers, though that number is not publicly identifiable, so members of government and public can transparently see our records of evaluation and comments. Public servants have opportunities to communicate with us to explain actions that may not make sense, or to provide information, like decisions with long-term paybacks, even if they have short-term costs.

All government official activities are visible to all, and your evaluations are aggregated as public job performance scores, which have weight in public servant careers, because you can use them to decide whether you want to vote for us in the future, based on how well we have performed for you so far, and it provides you an opportunity to register opinions, complaints and input for any government employee."

Not every citizen participates in this system, but, as of 2060, citizen participation rates exceeds 65%, and voting rates in national elections exceed 95% of eligible voters, up from less than half of voters in 2020. For the most part, citizens appreciate having a way to engage with and participate in our governance. We feel empowered to do something, personally and actively, to be able to transparently influence what government does and how it does it by expressing personal opinions about it. We're involved.

We refer to elected official public performance evaluations in elections, firing people we do not think are doing good jobs, by not voting for them in future elections, and by registering complaints about other government workers with their superiors in the government hierarchy. The system is complex, but it works the same for everyone, all citizens and government employees can participate in it, and

aggregated job performance data is well-presented and easy to understand. It calls out major issues. It's helped create tremendous improvements in government functionality and efficiency.