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Contributions and topics include:

- **Beth Simone Noveck**, U.S. Deputy Chief Technology Officer for open government, "The Single Point of Failure"
- **Jerry Brito**, senior research fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, "All Your Data Are Belong to Us: Liberating Government Data"
- **Aaron Swartz**, cofounder of reddit.com, OpenLibrary.org, and BoldProgressives.org, "When Is Transparency Useful?"
- **Ellen S. Miller**, executive director of the Sunlight Foundation, "Disrupting Washington's Golden Rule"
- **Carl Malamud**, founder of Public.Resource.Org, "By the People"
- **Douglas Schuler**, president of the Public Sphere Project, "Online Deliberation and Civic Intelligence"
- **Howard Dierking**, program manager on Microsoft's MSDN and TechNet Web platform team, "Engineering Good Government"
- **Matthew Burton**, Web entrepreneur and former intelligence analyst at the Defense Intelligence Agency, "A Peace Corps for Programmers"
- **Gary D. Bass** and **Sean Moulton**, OMB Watch, "Bringing the Web 2.0 Revolution to Government"
- **Tim O'Reilly**, founder and CEO of O'Reilly Media, "Defining Government 2.0: Lessons Learned from the Success of Computer Platforms"

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