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The article from the LA Times (no I don't often consider them a reliable source...grew up there) on the Administrations cut of the PREDICT Program just two months before the beginning of our current pandemic, which was a component of the USAID agency, looks like a serious political problem for the President at a critical time. PREDICT was initiated in 2009 to globally identify viruses (1,200 varieties) that have the **potential** to erupt into pandemics including 160 coronaviruses. Experts believe there may be as many as 800,000 viruses yet known.

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2020-04-02/coronavirus-trump-pandemic-program-viruses-detection>

Government agencies are a 'process' culture. Private companies are generally a 'results' culture. The resistance of politicians, government unions, and especially Democrats to not allow 'results' reporting is one of the most cancerous organizational behavioral management problems we face. Just look at what has happened in government education with the requirement that we have 'results' measured annually. We now know that the overwhelming number of government schools are failing to provide a 'learning' culture that enables measurable results in reading and math. Without these tests on 'results' we would not know this failure as deeply as we do, and we are thus mobilizing to correct it. Not easy but essential to the future not just of our kids but of our nation.

Read the article carefully and you will see a couple clues. The person responsible for this program from its inception retired last year. Even the NY Times reported that the program had "essentially collapsed into hibernation" because of "the ascension of risk averse bureaucrats". Its culture had changed after a decade. That is the clue. That is the story, not that Trump cut the program out of some implied political objective. Although PREDICT clearly has enormous national and global value, it is the loss of its visionary, incompetent bureaucratic management that is risk averse and its organizational culture that killed it.

I continue to believe that a statutory mandate that every 'program', not agency, SHALL provide an annual report on its measurable results or the ROI from the people's investment is essential even revolutionary in fixing this problem. Those who claim you can't 'measure' results in governments are ignorant and often biased by the special interests of government unions. You can measure results; it just requires competent ethical management and a legislature that is also competent in understanding such reports and how to adjust funding accordingly.

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