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- Consultant review of NY charities registration process completed 10/16-Capstone Strategy Group
- Goals: reduce administrative burden, present information in usable format, avoid duplication of available resources, move to electronic filing
- including analysis of feedback from
  - charities
  - users of our collected information
  - employees responsible for the process
FUN WITH DATA

- Loans to officers and directors project (from IRS 990 reporting)
  - 135 charities made loans forbidden by NY law
  - Directors can be surcharged for loans
  - Report, repay, re-educate
  - Problem charities, problem accountants
  - Credit cards, cash lines, bonuses
FUN WITH DATA

• Political contributions by 501©(3)s
• “Contributions to political campaign funds” made on behalf of the organization “in favor of or in opposition to any candidate for public office clearly violate the prohibition against political campaign activity.” (IRS )-includes fundraiser tickets, program ads
• Data match
• Letter to charity-need to ask for money back from political organization
FUN WITH NO DATA

• Embezzlements-news search, press release review of prosecution offices (don’t assume they will tell you!)
• Board and leadership response
NONPROFIT RISK REVIEW

• $250 million FEGS (social service agency) collapse
• SeaChange Capital Partners report using 990 data
• Negative net worth?
• Text search: “going concern” qualified audit
• Policies and early interventions (Charities Commission model)