

Tim Berners Lee [at the Net Mundial conference](#) in Brazil, 2014 (emphasis added):

“The web needs to remain a system which exists without regard to national borders. Today most of the work is already done in the non-national Internet technical community. I was also pleased to hear that ICANN is beginning a dialogue to create a multi-stakeholder review process to replace that of the U.S. government. That is appropriate because ICANN services the global public interest.

*“For me, that means that **when a decision is taken about a possible new top-level domain, ICANN’s job is to work out, in a transparent and accountable manner, whether it is really in the best interest of the world as a whole, not just of those launching the new domain.**”*

ICANN has failed in its new gTLDs domain name program to heed the wise words of Sir Tim. As a result, until 4.2.1 of your [Preliminary Report](#) is answered, all other issues should be deferred as they are premature.

Should there even be gTLDs? Most of the [original gTLDs](#) (EDU, COM, NET, ORG, GOV, MIL, and INT), were, and many still are, operating under the authority of the U.S. government. Why should lawless [multinational corporations](#) be allowed “brand” gTLDs.

Many fundamental questions were left unanswered in the original policy development process and implementation, see: [ICANN Insiders On New gTLDs: Mistakes, Fiascos, Horrible Implementation](#)

Respectfully submitted,

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