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Transparency and Failure

[This article](#) in today's New York Times really illustrates the value of transparency in today's organizations, especially when it comes to failures.

Just a few years ago, it would have been astonishing for a foundation, particularly one as traditional as Carnegie, to publicize a failure. Today, though, many of the nation's largest foundations regard disclosing and analyzing their failures as bordering on a moral obligation.

"There's an increasing recognition among foundation leaders that not to be public about failures is essentially indefensible," said Phil Buchanan, the executive director of the Center for Effective Philanthropy, which advises foundations. "If something didn't work, it is incumbent upon you to make sure others don't make the same mistake."

Link to [Foundations Find Benefits in Facing Up to Failures](#).

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