

Notes from the Field

Disability Activism and Advocacy Resources:

Blog:

We Can Do This: Promoting effective engagement related to issues that affect people with disabilities.

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In 2013, I began writing a blog – www.wecandothisifwetry.blogspot.com. Initially the blog was to promote Senate ratification of the U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. When that didn't happen, I broadened the focus of the blog to promote effective engagement on issues that affect people with disabilities. After eight years, I have had 113,000 plus views. The first 80 plus posts I published as a book – *A Moral Imperative: U.S. Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* – free from Amazon if you have a Kindle.

My most recent post – *Disability Matters, Why Isn't It Counted?*

<http://wecandothisifwetry.blogspot.com/2021/06/disability-matters-why-isnt-it-counted.html> – is critically important. Its premise is this -- Those who are disabled and those who advocate for disability rights must realize unless we push for disability-related data collection in all contexts aggressively, we will remain an afterthought and marginalized in the current social push for equity in health care, treatment by police, voting access, and other circumstances. I welcome your taking a look at the blog post. We all need to get involved in data collection.

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