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Dr. DJ Patil is perhaps the most influential data scientist in the world. Having been appointed by President Barack Obama as the very first US Chief Data Scientist, he was tasked with making the largest organization in history the US federal government a data-driven enterprise.

Working directly with the highest ranking officials in government, DJ's efforts led to the establishment of nearly 40 Chief Data Officer roles across a vast array of departments and programs. He helped establish new healthcare programs, including the Precision Medicine Initiative and the Cancer Moonshot, and new criminal justice reforms, including the Data-Driven Justice and Police Data Initiatives, covering more than 94 million Americans, and he led the policy efforts related to national data. DJ's experience in national security initiatives is extensive. In recognition of his efforts, Secretary Ashton B. Carter awarded him the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service the highest honor the department bestows on a civilian.

In the private sector, DJ led the product teams at RelateIQ, which was acquired by Salesforce; was a founding board member for Crisis Text Line, which works to use new technologies to provide on-demand mental and crisis support; and was a member of the venture firm Greylock Partners. He also was Chief Scientist, Chief Security Officer and Head of Analytics and Data Product Teams at the LinkedIn Corporation, where he co-coined the term "Data Scientist." He has also held roles at Skype, PayPal, and eBay.

As a member of the faculty at the University of Maryland, DJ's research focused on nonlinear dynamics and chaos theory, and he helped start a major research initiative on numerical weather prediction. As an AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellow for the Department of Defense, he directed new efforts to leverage social network analysis and the melding of computational and social sciences to anticipate emerging threats to the US. He has also co-chaired a major review of US efforts to prevent bioweapons proliferation in Central Asia and co-founded the Iraqi Virtual Science Library (IVSL). In 2104, he was selected by the World Economic Forum as a Young Global Leader. He is also a member of the Council of Foreign Relations.

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