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The USA blows apart attempts to find an international c...

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The USA blew apart world attempts to find a basis for taxing digital companies last night. The [FT had the story here](#). I'd scheduled this for a story when I saw [this thread](#) from Tax Justice Network CEO Alex Cobham, with whom I have worked over many years. I'll let Alex cover all the angles:

 **Alex Cobham**
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Boom. The US has blown up BEPS 2.0: "unable to agree even on an interim basis changes to global taxation law that would affect leading US digital companies."
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Where does this take us? The process was already in disarray, with the non-OECD members of the Inclusive Framework openly calling out the institution's failure to take meaningful account of their views.
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More than that, the OECD had already abandoned - at the behest of the US - most of the original ambition. While still paying lip service to the pledge to go 'beyond the arm's length principle', the secretariat had tried to impose a US-French deal that did little of this at best.
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Our research with @icrict showed that the OECD proposal would have moved little of the profits declared in tax havens back to the countries where the real economic activity takes place; and would have primarily benefited a few OECD members, including the US, over all others
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