

Why I March for Science

I march to support science
for discovery
for understanding
for the common good

I march...

for DISCOVERY that:
inspires wonder and curiosity about fundamental nature of our world,
promotes exploration to reveal the unknown,
provides insights,
stimulates inquiry, and
spawns invention

for UNDERSTANDING that:
provides fundamental knowledge and know-how,
seeks answers to important problems, and
finds solutions

for the COMMON GOOD by:
serving society,
informing policy and management to benefit humankind,
safeguarding a healthy, prosperous, and fulfilling existence for all,
now and into the future.

I march as a citizen, as an educator, as a scientist, and as a parent:
to support science communication
to encourage evidence-based decision making
to oppose falsehoods and untruths
and to encourage sustained funding of programs critical for human health and safety.

I march because I am concerned about social and political trends that harbor an anti-science agenda,
trends that ignore scientific evidence
trends that reject evidence and spread falsehoods and lies
trends that seeks to restrict scientists' ability to communicate
even trends that would seek to eliminate scientific evidence and discovery.

Some of these trends are motivated by personal agendas, personal convictions, or special interests.
Some result from misunderstanding, breakdowns in communication, or distrust.

These anti-science, post-truth trends threaten human health and well-being
and jeopardize a pillar of freedom and prosperity.
It doesn't need to be this way.
It shouldn't be this way.

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