

Is citizen science beneficial to science?

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Background

Citizen science is scientific research conducted, in whole or in part, by amateur scientists. Citizen science is described as "public participation in scientific research", participatory monitoring and participatory action research.

Due to a recent explosion of [citizen science projects](#) (see [Zooniverse](#), [SciStarter](#), [iNaturalist](#), [EvoWiki](#), [BOINC](#), and [bird watching](#)), no one has delved into their associated positives and negatives. These should be examined before continuing their growth.

Discussion Topology



Tags

Science Society Culture Capitalism Technology

Participants

Participant	Claims	Contributions	Votes
vegforlife	93	500	12
fileburger	12	111	0
kedraney	12	23	1
JTorrens	4	5	0
Rajesh	3	9	0
ChrisBelsan	3	6	7
eenewton	2	13	0
SkyWatcher	2	6	8
Akar	2	3	5
DarthFamsworth	2	2	0
baatrakaye	1	63	0
mattias73	1	8	1
SpaceStation108	1	6	0
Artheios	1	4	0
AdvoKate	1	3	1
gwitt	1	3	0
MoodCritic	1	2	0
Nator	1	2	0
jweiss2	1	2	0
Lesis	1	2	0
mixedberries	1	2	0
PhageLord	1	2	0
luminis	1	1	4
Rynomachine	1	1	1
angdraw	1	1	1
DataCrisis	1	1	0
notkevinjohn	1	1	0
zanforin	1	1	0
delta13C	1	1	0
HorriPMGuy	1	1	0
MississippiEcoWarrior	1	1	0
The_Valen	1	1	0
MRich	1	1	0
Montanacowgirl2	1	1	0
Vikewise	1	1	0
JDBlanton	1	1	0
farmwuwel	1	1	0
Duke_Says_HI	0	6	3
richard-david-greene	0	5	0
NatSkaya	0	4	0
wolfgang2741	0	4	0
Theodore	0	3	0
mellamankilla	0	3	0
WBloomfieldVII	0	1	3
SpongebobCumpants	0	1	1
Harlequin	0	1	0
tomadostrike8500	0	1	0
RealmOfThought	0	1	0
Liox	0	1	0
Illyria	0	1	0
Tonto	0	1	0
UncleRic	0	1	0
doreasy	0	1	0
Alexandre_Humbert	0	0	12
SkyPhilosopher	0	0	7
Iprictorez	0	0	5
AccidentallyAGenius	0	0	4
Elegar	0	0	3
Mari_Lage	0	0	1
milly2183	0	0	1
Archwizard	0	0	1
Hammer9001	0	0	1
lokhandas	0	0	1