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30 ago dcreasy (1)

Trained "scientists" regurgitate what they have been taught. Newton and Einstein both failed at school. Untrained citizen scientists are more likely to make breakthroughs.

SUGGESTED CON Einstein did not fail at school this is a well documented myth see discussion in Early life.

1mo ago UncleRic (8)

Citizen Science is beneficial to science.

SUGGESTED CON 'Citizen Science' is the proverbial gnat upon the body 'Science'.

8mo ago gtwitt (1)

Democratizing science will make it chaotic and confusing.

SUGGESTED PRO Results might be interpreted with bias if there's no peer review

8mo ago llyria (1)

Citizen Science is beneficial to science.

SUGGESTED CON Although citizen science can contribute (to a degree), it is important to note, making erroneous claims to scientific facts can lead to nefarious consequences.

8mo ago Liox (9)

Some citizen science projects might be unethical.

SUGGESTED PRO Citizen Science can be more Democratic and processes can be put in place whereby there is more Democracy. Science should not be the purview of Academicians defending their old Ideas Everyone should be invited into the discussion to contribute and learn.

10mo ago mattias73 (129)

Anyone shouldn't be able to work on science. Science isn't on the same level of writing an email, nor should we treat it as such by allowing anyone to partake.

SUGGESTED CON That everybody does not have the total skills and competence gained by a specific scientist, is not the same as saying that everybody "shouldn't be able to" work in any part of the scientific endeavor.

11mo ago SpongebobCumpants (20)

Citizen Science is beneficial to science.

SUGGESTED CON Citizen scientists are less likely to be well trained and may seek to publish their findings in in less reputable outlets due to less stringent peer review, which contributes to publication of flawed or incorrect studies

12mo ago WBloomfieldWill (3)

Citizen Science is beneficial to science.

SUGGESTED PRO Historically, many of the greatest contributions to science have come from people who weren't exclusively professional scientists, and this great tradition of citizen science should be encouraged. Science has been overly corporatized.

1y ago tornadostrike8500 (15)

Citizen Science is beneficial to science.

SUGGESTED PRO yes for the reasons below

2y ago mellamankilla (121)

If collecting data requires animal cruelty or harming the environment, then that project is not as ethical than one that does not harm something or someone.

SUGGESTED CON This would highly depend on the project, that will be judged time by time. Experiments on animals for example are not always unethical, especially if they help the evolution.

2y ago Harlequin (8)

Citizen Science is beneficial to science.

SUGGESTED PRO Participation in citizen science socialises the scientific method with a broader audience. This could be a powerful tool to tackle global climate change, with value that transcends any single particular citizen science interest.

2y ago MoodCritic (1)

Citizen science projects require time and money from people that might detract from their personal lives.

SUGGESTED CON Negative impact to "personal lives" should be near zero, unless someone is addicted to citizen science. Is there any evidence of compulsive citizen science?

2y ago RealmOfThought (1)

Citizen Science is beneficial to science.

SUGGESTED PRO For certain projects or research it can also allow for more accurate data and controls for confounding variables for which may not have been accounted for which may arise in the future if flaws are found in the original researchers in study design thus answering more question as needed.

Citizen Science is beneficial to science.

1mo ago UncleRic (8) invite

SUGGESTED CON

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