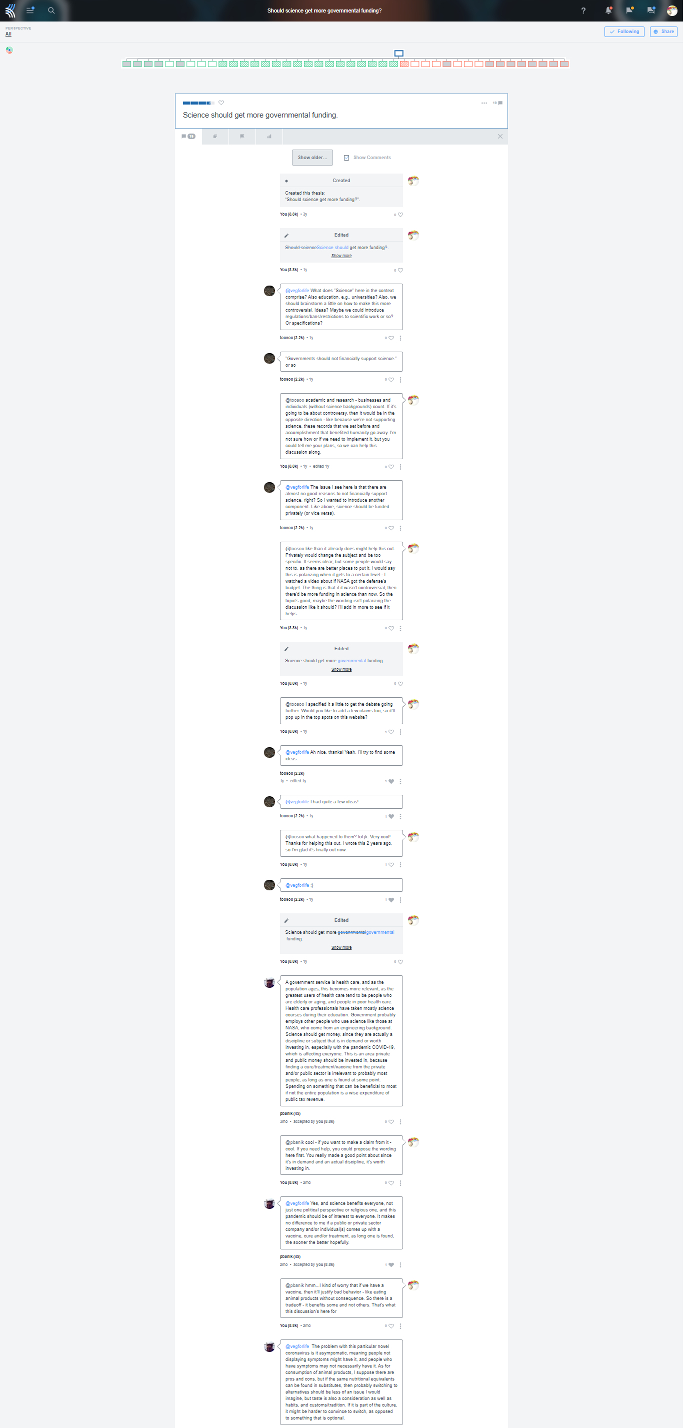

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@vegforlife What does "Science" here in the context comprise? Also education, e.g., universities? Also, we should brainstorm a little on how to make this more controversial. Ideas? Maybe we could introduce regulations/bans/restrictions to scientific work or so? Or specifications?

toosoo (2.2k) • 1y 0

"Governments should not financially support science." or so

toosoo (2.2k) • 1y 0

@toosoo academic and research - businesses and individuals (without science backgrounds) count. If it's going to be about controversy, then it would be in the opposite direction - like because we're not supporting science, these records that we set before and accomplishment that benefited humanity go away. I'm not sure how or if we need to implement it, but you could tell me your plans, so we can help this discussion along.

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@vegforlife The issue I see here is that there are almost no good reasons to not financially support science, right? So I wanted to introduce another component. Like above, science should be funded privately (or vice versa).

toosoo (2.2k) • 1y 0

@toosoo like than it already does might help this out. Privately would change the subject and be too specific. It seems clear, but some people would say not to, as there are better places to put it. I would say this is polarizing when it gets to a certain level - I watched a video about if NASA got the defense's budget. The thing is that if it wasn't controversial, then there'd be more funding in science than now. So the topic's good, maybe the wording isn't polarizing the discussion like it should? I'll add in more to see if it helps.

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@toosoo I specified it a little to get the debate going further. Would you like to add a few claims too, so it'll pop up in the top spots on this website?

You (8.8k) • 1y 1

@vegforlife Ah nice, thanks! Yeah, I'll try to find some ideas.

toosoo (2.2k)
1y • edited 1y 1

@vegforlife I had quite a few ideas!

toosoo (2.2k) • 1y 1

@toosoo what happened to them? lol jk. Very cool! Thanks for helping this out. I wrote this 2 years ago, so I'm glad it's finally out now.

You (8.8k) • 1y 1

@vegforlife ;)

toosoo (2.2k) • 1y 1

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A government service is health care, and as the population ages, this becomes more relevant, as the greatest users of health care tend to be people who are elderly or aging, and people in poor health care. Health care professionals have taken mostly science courses during their education. Government probably employs other people who use science like those at NASA, who come from an engineering background. Science should get money, since they are actually a discipline or subject that is in demand or worth investing in, especially with the pandemic COVID-19, which is affecting everyone. This is an area private and public money should be invested in, because finding a cure/treatment/vaccine from the private and/or public sector is irrelevant to probably most people, as long as one is found at some point. Spending on something that can be beneficial to most if not the entire population is a wise expenditure of public tax revenue.

pbanik (49)
3mo • accepted by you (8.8k) 0

@pbanik cool - if you want to make a claim from it - cool. If you need help, you could propose the wording here first. You really made a good point about since it's in demand and an actual discipline, it's worth investing in.

You (8.8k) • 2mo 0

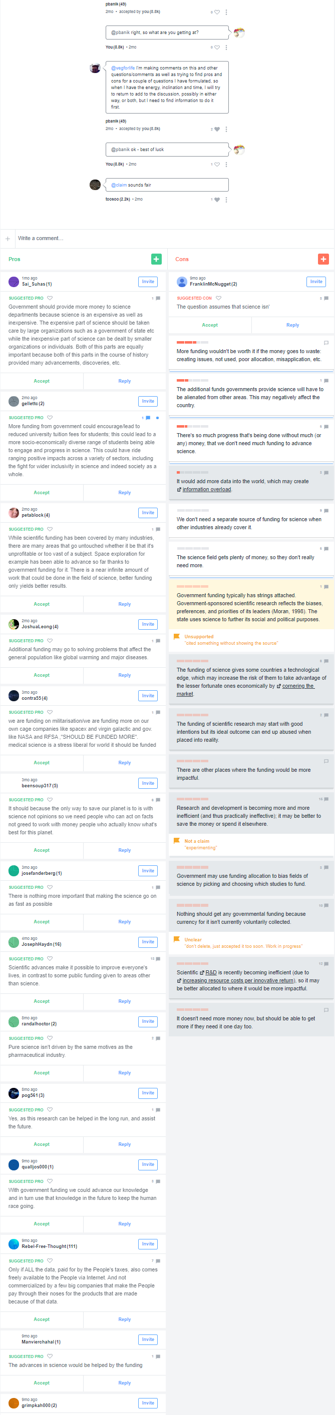
@vegforlife Yes, and science benefits everyone, not just one political perspective or religious one, and this pandemic should be of interest to everyone. It makes no difference to me if a public or private sector company and/or individual(s) comes up with a vaccine, cure and/or treatment, as long one is found, the sooner the better hopefully.

pbanik (49)
2mo • accepted by you (8.8k) 1

@pbanik hmm...I kind of worry that if we have a vaccine, then it'll justify bad behavior - like eating animal products without consequence. So there is a tradeoff - it benefits some and not others. That's what this discussion's here for

You (8.8k) • 2mo 0

@vegforlife The problem with this particular novel coronavirus is it asympomatic, meaning people not displaying symptoms might have it, and people who have symptoms may not necessarily have it. As for consumption of animal products, I suppose there are pros and cons, but if the same nutritional equivalents can be found in substitutes, then probably switching to alternatives should be less of an issue I would imagine, but taste is also a consideration as well as habits, and customs/tradition. If it is part of the culture, it might be harder to convince to switch, as opposed to something that is optional.



pbanik (49)
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@pbanik right, so what are you getting at?

You (8.8k) • 2mo 0

@vegforlife I'm making comments on this and other questions/comments as well as trying to find pros and cons for a couple of questions I have formulated, so when I have the energy, inclination and time, I will try to return to add to the discussion, possibly in either way, or both, but I need to find information to do it first.

pbanik (49)
2mo • accepted by you (8.8k) 2

@pbanik ok - best of luck

You (8.8k) • 2mo 1

@claim sounds fair

tooвoo (2.2k) • 2mo 1

Pros

1mo ago
Sai_Suhas (1)

SUGGESTED PRO 1

Government should provide more money to science departments because science is an expensive as well as inexpensive. The expensive part of science should be taken care by large organizations such as a government of state etc while the inexpensive part of science can be dealt by smaller organizations or individuals. Both of this parts are equally important because both of this parts in the course of history provided many advancements, discoveries, etc.

2mo ago
gellettc (2)

SUGGESTED PRO 1

More funding from government could encourage/lead to reduced university tuition fees for students; this could lead to a more socio-economically diverse range of students being able to engage and progress in science. This could have ride ranging positive impacts across a variety of sectors, including the fight for wider inclusivity in science and indeed society as a whole.

2mo ago
petablock (4)

SUGGESTED PRO 1

While scientific funding has been covered by many industries, there are many areas that go untouched whether it be that it's unprofitable or too vast of a subject. Space exploration for example has been able to advance so far thanks to government funding for it. There is a near infinite amount of work that could be done in the field of science, better funding only yields better results.

2mo ago
JoshuaLeong (4)

SUGGESTED PRO 1

Additional funding may go to solving problems that affect the general population like global warming and major diseases.

3mo ago
contra55 (4)

SUGGESTED PRO 1

we are funding on militarisation/we are funding more on our own cage companies like spacex and virgin galactic and gov. like NASA and RFSA ,"SHOULD BE FUNDED MORE". medical science is a stress liberal for world it should be funded

3mo ago
beensoup317 (5)

SUGGESTED PRO 8

It should because the only way to save our planet is to is with science not opinions so we need people who can act on facts not greed to work with money people who actually know what's best for this planet.

3mo ago
josefanderberg (1)

SUGGESTED PRO 1

There is nothing more important that making the science go on as fast as possible

4mo ago
JosephHaydn (16)

SUGGESTED PRO 13

Scientific advances make it possible to improve everyone's lives, in contrast to some public funding given to areas other than science.

8mo ago
randalhoctor (2)

SUGGESTED PRO 2

Pure science isn't driven by the same motives as the pharmaceutical industry.

8mo ago
pog561 (3)

SUGGESTED PRO 1

Yes, as this research can be helped in the long run, and assist the future.

9mo ago
qualljos000 (1)

SUGGESTED PRO 3

With government funding we could advance our knowledge and in turn use that knowledge in the future to keep the human race going.

9mo ago
Rebel-Free-Thought (111)

SUGGESTED PRO 7

Only if ALL the data, paid for by the People's taxes, also comes freely available to the People via Internet. And not commercialized by a few big companies that make the People pay through their noses for the products that are made because of that data.

9mo ago
Manvierchahal (1)

SUGGESTED PRO 1

The advances in science would be helped by the funding

9mo ago
grimpkah000 (2)

Cons

9mo ago
FranklinMcNugget (2)

SUGGESTED CON 3

The question assumes that science isn'

More funding wouldn't be worth it if the money goes to waste: creating issues, not used, poor allocation, misapplication, etc.

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The additional funds governments provide science will have to be alienated from other areas. This may negatively affect the country.

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There's so much progress that's being done without much (or any) money, that we don't need much funding to advance science.

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It would add more data into the world, which may create information overload.

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We don't need a separate source of funding for science when other industries already cover it.

5

The science field gets plenty of money, so they don't really need more.

1

Government funding typically has strings attached. Government-sponsored scientific research reflects the biases, preferences, and priorities of its leaders (Moran, 1998). The state uses science to further its social and political purposes.

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The funding of science gives some countries a technological edge, which may increase the risk of them to take advantage of the lesser fortunate ones economically by comering the market.

2

The funding of scientific research may start with good intentions but its ideal outcome can end up abused when placed into reality.

There are other places where the funding would be more impactful.

16

Research and development is becoming more and more inefficient (and thus practically ineffective); it may be better to save the money or spend it elsewhere.

Not a claim
"experimenting"

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Government may use funding allocation to bias fields of science by picking and choosing which studies to fund.

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Nothing should get any governmental funding because currency for it isn't currently voluntarily collected.

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Scientific R&D is recently becoming inefficient (due to increasing resource costs per innovative return), so it may be better allocated to where it would be more impactful.

It doesn't need more money now, but should be able to get more if they need it one day too.

SUGGESTED PRO 1

Scientific Research needs to be done in order to provide understanding and with this comes more areas of research as we learn more.

Accept Reply

9mo ago
omniface (37) Invite

SUGGESTED PRO 1

Yes they could've solved 50,000 or probably a lot more problems that could've been cured 10+ years ago. Fund as much science as you can. They will eventually get rid of all problems on earth. As long as it's done correctly. This may be difficult for them. But the more funding you give them the more likeliness with more resources the scientific community is likely to solve. Just make sure it doesn't end up in the wrong hands but don't let that stop you from advancing/funding them.

Accept Reply

10mo ago
Alphonse (8) Invite

SUGGESTED PRO 2

There should be more funding of the education of the theory of science , so more people become aware of the limitations of science in guiding their thoughts . Sleepers awake .

Accept Reply

1y ago
Inquisitivebibliophile (2) Invite

SUGGESTED PRO 1

Government funding for science has resulted in technology that would otherwise not have gotten off the ground. Most of the private sector is not willing to take risks on projects that may take time to develop, or which may not work. Government funding allows for the development and implementation of ideas that may not have otherwise been entertained. There is the potential for bias considering the political climate but overall, government funding can be useful.

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The public supports the increase in spending on scientific research.

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More government funding would lead to more societal advancement through science.

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An increase in state funding secures the independence of science from commercial interests.

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While government expenditures can be destructive to society (in cost-benefit - like spending on something people don't want or is destructive), science is probably one of the least risky of this issue.

21

Government funding can improve the quality of basic research more than the private sector can.

8

Privately funded science only promotes scientific advancements that benefit corporations. Public, governmental funding on the other hand is allocated democratically and therefore benefits everyone.

It'll reduce the amount of time scientists search for funding elsewhere, so they can focus on their research more.

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Providing science with government funding helps STEM majors find jobs in their field.

It doesn't need more money now, but should be able to get more if they need it one day too.

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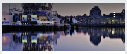

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