



Citizen Science is beneficial to science.

Pros	Cons
<p>12mo ago WBloomfieldWill (3) Invite</p> <p>SUGGESTED PRO</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Accept Reply</p>	<p>1mo ago UncleRic (8) Invite</p> <p>SUGGESTED CON</p> <p>'Citizen Science' is the proverbial gnat upon the body 'Science'.</p> <p>Accept Reply</p>
<p>1y ago tornadostrike5500 (15) Invite</p> <p>SUGGESTED PRO</p> <p>yes for the reasons below</p> <p>Accept Reply</p>	<p>8mo ago llyria (1) Invite</p> <p>SUGGESTED CON</p> <p>Although citizen science can contribute (to a degree), it is important to note, making erroneous claims to scientific facts can lead to nefarious consequences.</p> <p>Accept Reply</p>
<p>It allows study and practice to make real contributions that are beneficial to society.</p>	<p>Citizen scientists can only make contributions which require little skill or training, limiting their usefulness too much to be truly beneficial.</p>
<p>Citizen science allows for data collections in areas and in quantities that individual or even teams of researchers could achieve while recognizing that data collected by 'lay-persons' has limitations.</p>	<p>There are activities with a greater benefit to science than citizen science. If citizen science is pursued instead, it can be a drawback to someone's potential in helping science.</p>
<p>Citizen science projects are especially useful for teaching science processes and skills to students who hopefully will then understand and use science better as adults.</p>	<p>Citizen science is a symptom of larger structural issues in society. Rather than resolving these issues, it enables them to continue.</p>
<p>It allows the public to feel like it is contributing, while analyzing data (with human precision) at a staggering rate.</p>	<p>Some citizen science projects might be unethical.</p>
<p>These projects help out the participants in their lives to gain scientific skills</p>	<p>Democratizing science will make it chaotic and confusing.</p>
<p>Citizen science speeds up discoveries.</p>	<p>Citizen science is not encompassing enough for science overall.</p>
<p>Citizen science is progressive in science, as it removes biases that get placed into high-level research.</p>	
<p>Citizen science may complement rather than replace professional practice.</p>	
<p>The peer review process should include citizen scientists to blend expert layperson and professional knowledge in between. Many fields become too propaganda to appropriately evaluate the impact and quality of work. Moved elsewhere (click to acknowledge)</p>	

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