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Science, Advocacy and Activism

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When scientists hold strong beliefs based upon their research, should they become advocates (or even activists) promoting institutional or social change? Do scientists have a greater duty than laypersons to advocate for responsible social policies, or do advocacy and activism by scientists undermine the neutrality – and therefore the credibility – of science?

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