



# HOW SCIENCE LOST AMERICA *and* HOW TO GET IT BACK



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The COVID-19 pandemic revealed very quickly to scientists that the public has reached a point where picking and choosing the parts of science to act on is effortless. Many scientists have been mystified as to how this happened, but historians and communications scholars have been laying out these problems for decades. COVID-19 denial, climate denial, and many other policy issues follow a pattern that stretches all the way back to the Scopes trial in the 1920s. Meanwhile, science has refused to invest in the contextualization of science in a way that would allow for processing scientific findings. These forces will be described along with some ideas about long-term solutions.

