

Hi

- Dinosaur hunter
- Freelance science writer
- Children's book author and consultant
- Tweets occasionally
- Representing myself, as these comments are likely to be quite irresponsible





Disclaimer: some people get pretty angry at publishers

If you suffer from high blood pressure, it's probably best to sit this part out...



Credit: Sallaria (DeviantArt)

Some simple statistics

- Global STM publishing market is >\$25 billion USD
 - 55% from the USA
 - 28% from Europe, Middle East
- Journals core part of scholarly communication process
 - \$10 billion revenue for English language journals
 - About 70% of this from library budgets
- There are around 28,000 peer reviewed journals
- And around 130 million research papers, with ~2.5 million new per year
- Only around 20-25% of this is Open Access



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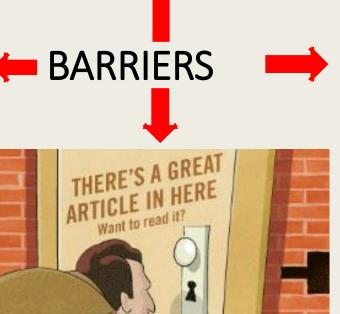
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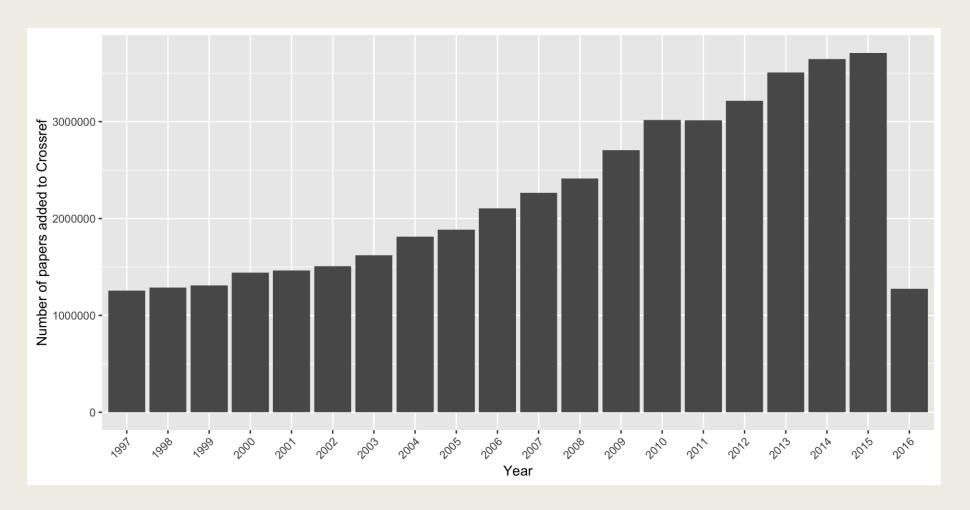
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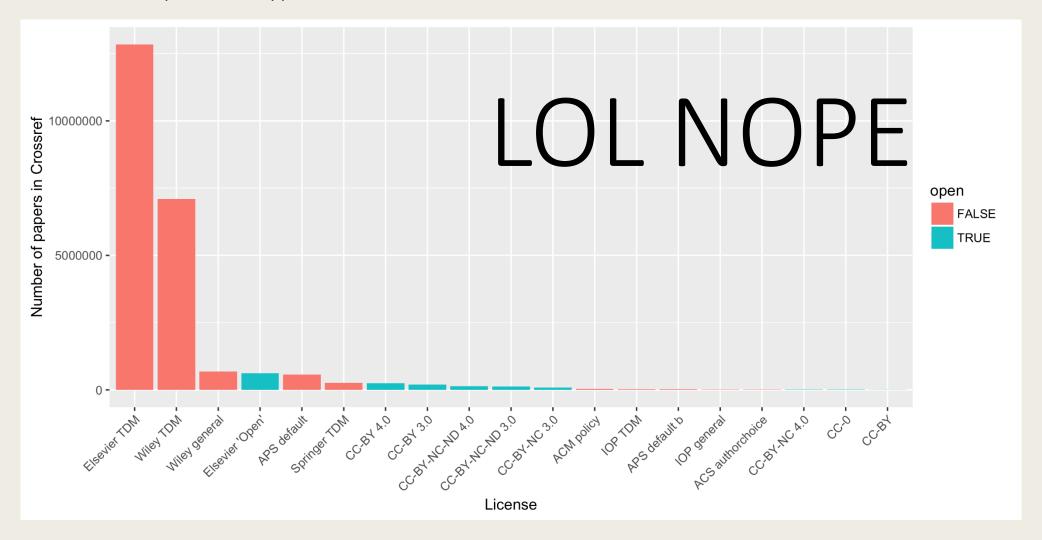
Total (as of 2016-02-05): **80,629,821**

You can get up-to-date data at: http://api.crossref.org/works?facet=t&rows=0



Wow! Such data! We must be learning loads, right?!

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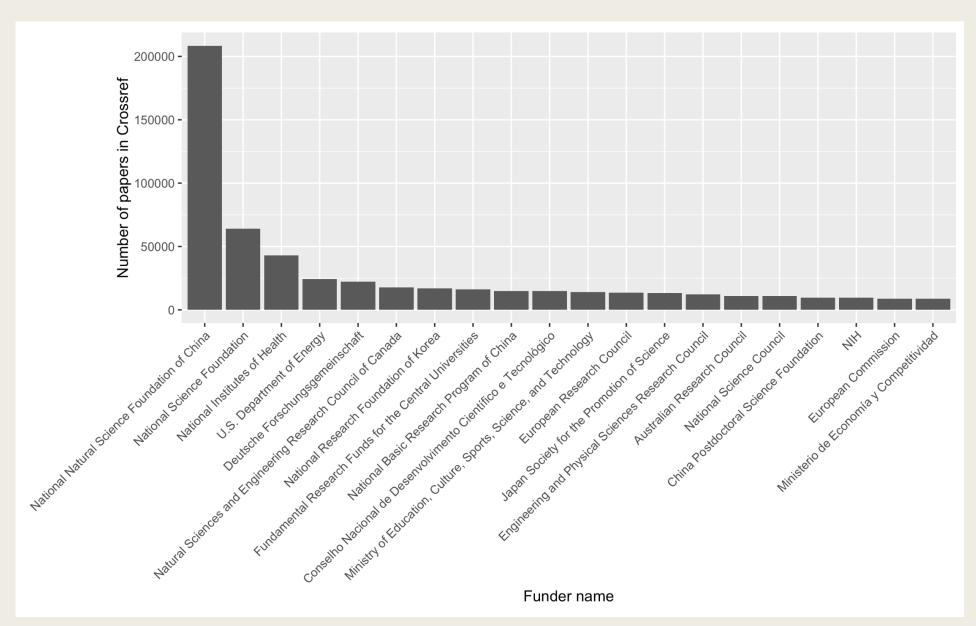


Just 1,435,841 (as of 2016-02-05) are legally reusable.

That's less than 1.8% of the published research literature.

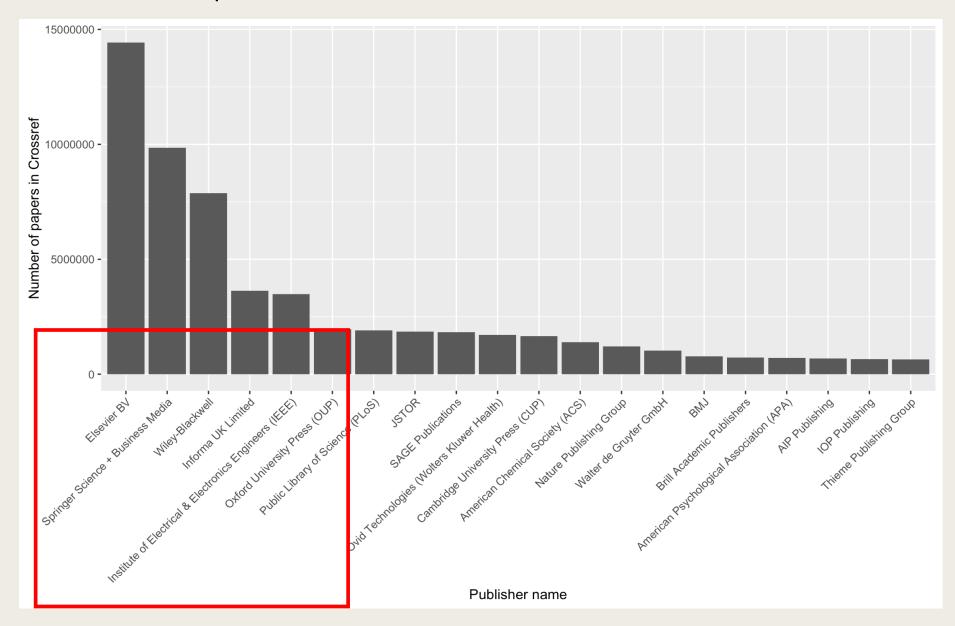
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Which is odd. Because you paid for it.



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Because of these publishers

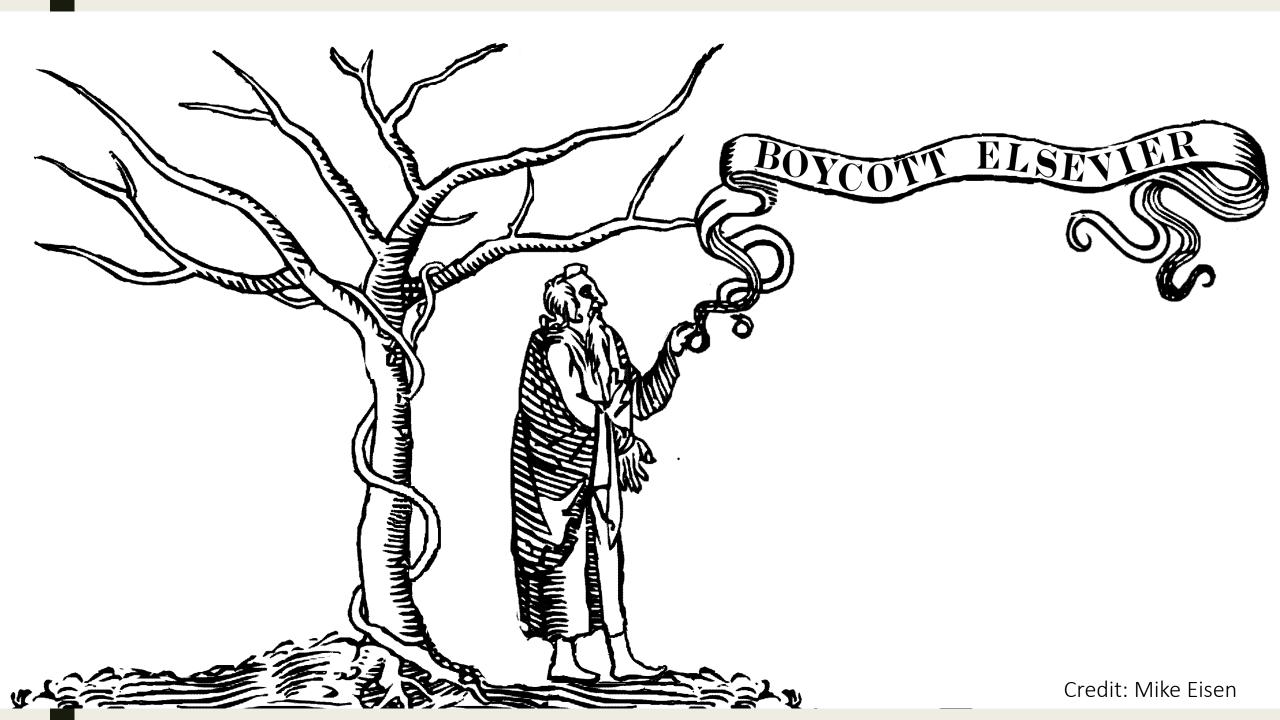


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So what we have is a system that is...

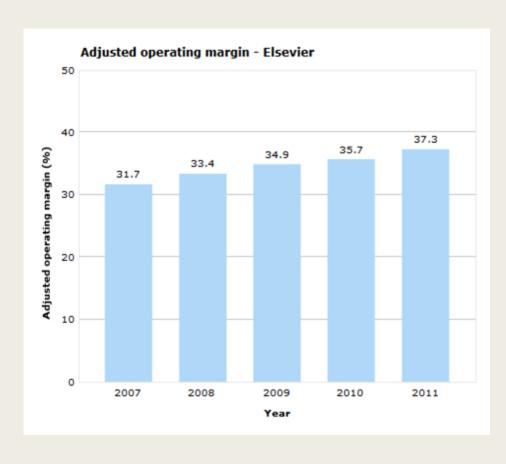
- Largely funded by the public
- Governed by private interests
- Restricted in terms of what we can do with it
- Access is a financial or status privilege
- Research and communication is secondary to the business model





Elsevier and the chamber of secrets

- UK universities pay ~£25 million in subs each year
- Profit margins are 37% and climbing
- Massive scale takedown notices against academics
- Publish fake journals, sell OA articles
- Constantly lobby against progressive research policies
- Block legal text and data mining
- Oh, and have direct funding links to the arms trade..



https://tagteam.harvard.edu/hub_feeds/1998/feed_items/135763

Light at the end of the tunnel?

- http://thecostofknowledge.com/ 16,000 researchers and counting
- Editorial board resignation
- http://www.michaeleisen.org/blog/?p=1915 OA is not OA

People are noticing. People are taking a stand.

Publishers wake up and smell the profits

Things OA is about

- Freedom
- Equality
- Knowledge
- Access
- Education

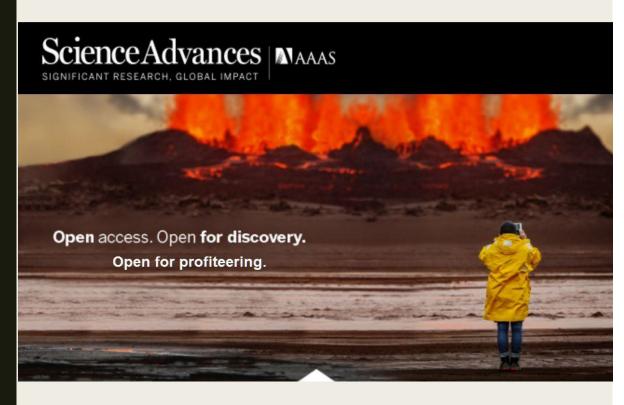
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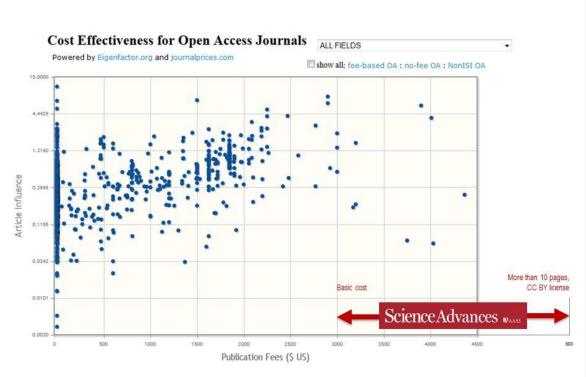
- Mandates
- Policy
- Article charges
- Embargoes
- Compliance



We are often having *VERY* different conversations about exactly the same thing

When publishers fail to innovate





http://www.eigenfactor.org/openaccess

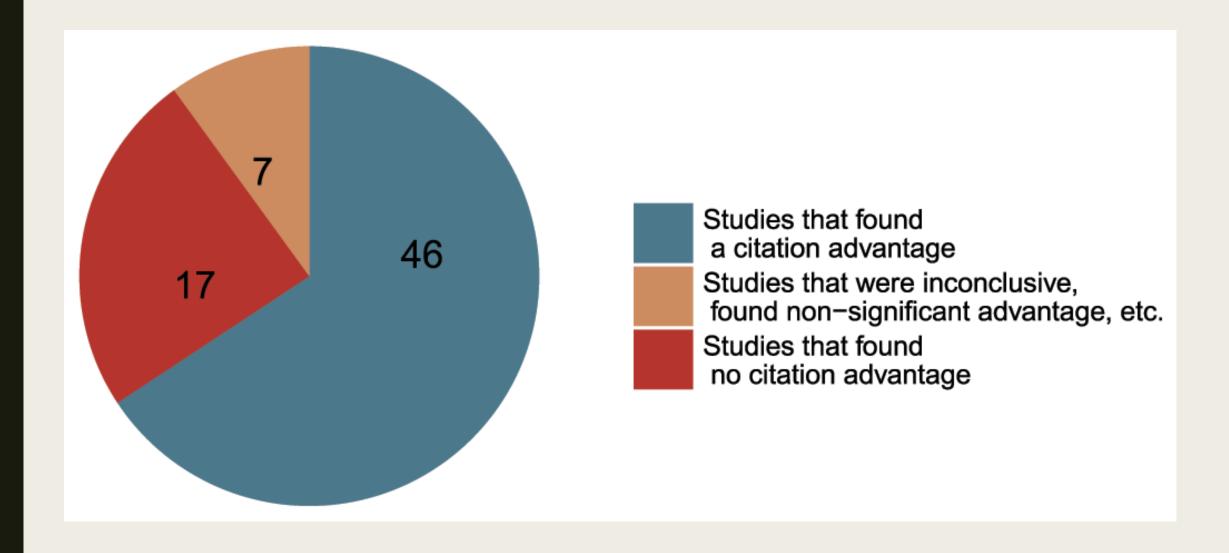
Credit: Graham Steel

https://thewinnower.com/papers/45-open-letter-to-the-american-association-for-the-advancement-of-science https://thewinnower.com/papers/73-aaas-misses-opportunity-to-advance-open-access

Why u no OA??

Open Access means anyone on this planet can read, re-use, and re-mix your work.





Data from The Open Access Citation Advantage Service, SPARC Europe, accessed March 2016.

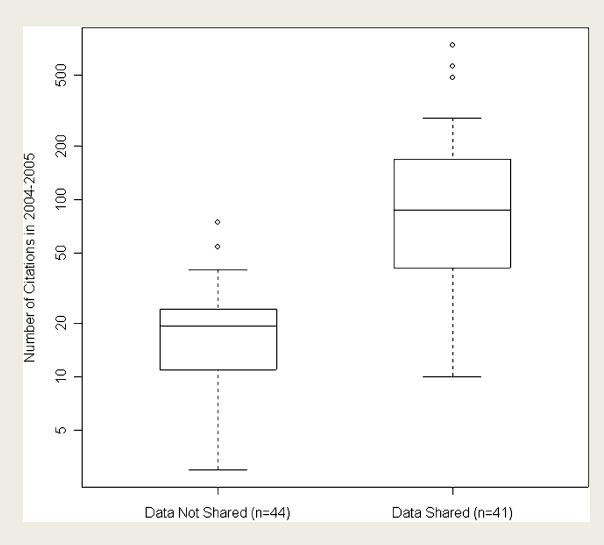
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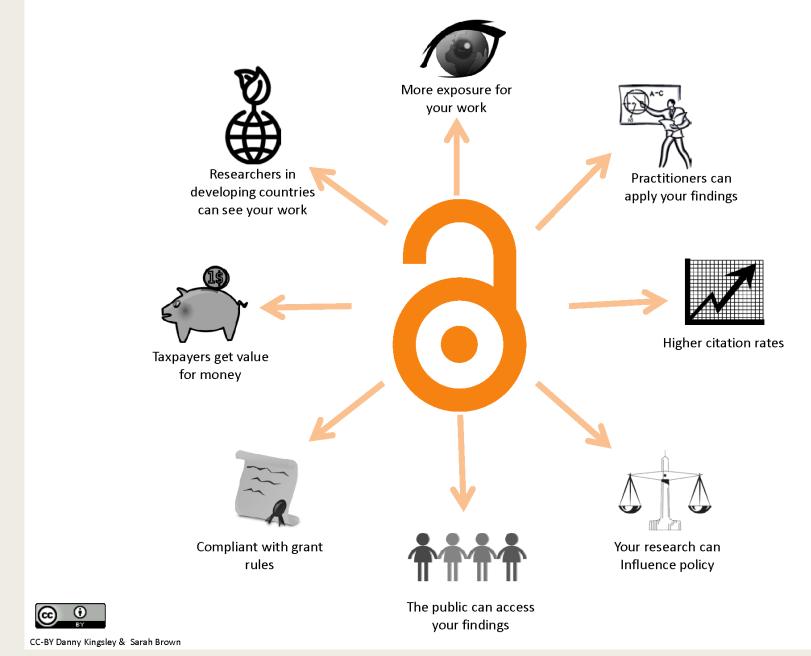
No reason not to share everything

- Share code = more citations
- Share data = more citations



Citations \rightarrow ??? \rightarrow Profit!





Being open doesn't have to break the bank!

~70% of OA journals do not charge.

Many OA journals have low-cost fees.



Most OA journals have fee waivers.



Some institutions have OA publisher memberships.

Some institutions have OA publishing funds.



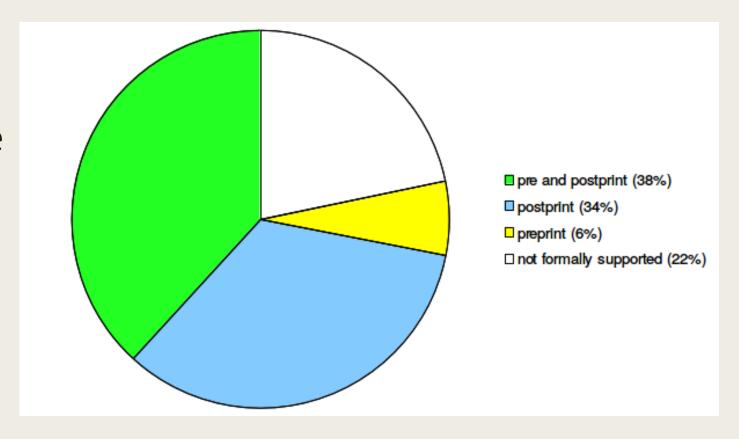
Some funders provide OA publishing fee support.

Self-archiving openly costs nothing.



Pre-prints are frickin' awesome

- Most journals 'allow' free deposition of some version of your article (isn't that nice..)
- What's the deal with embargo periods?



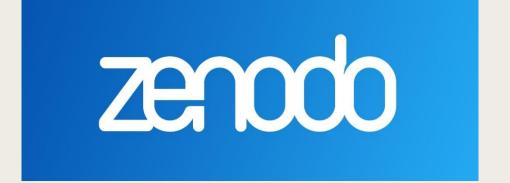
Where can I archive my work?





arXiv.org





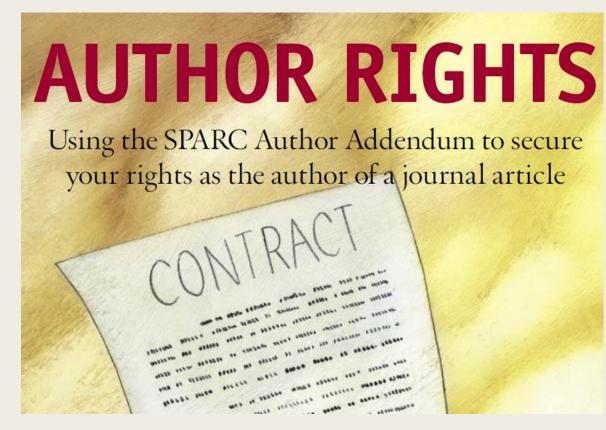
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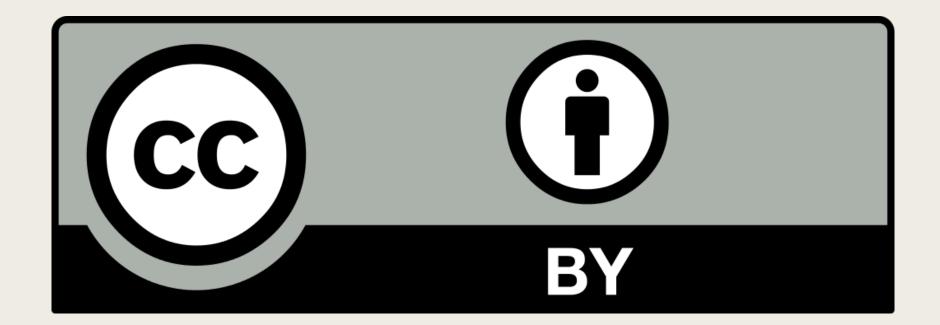
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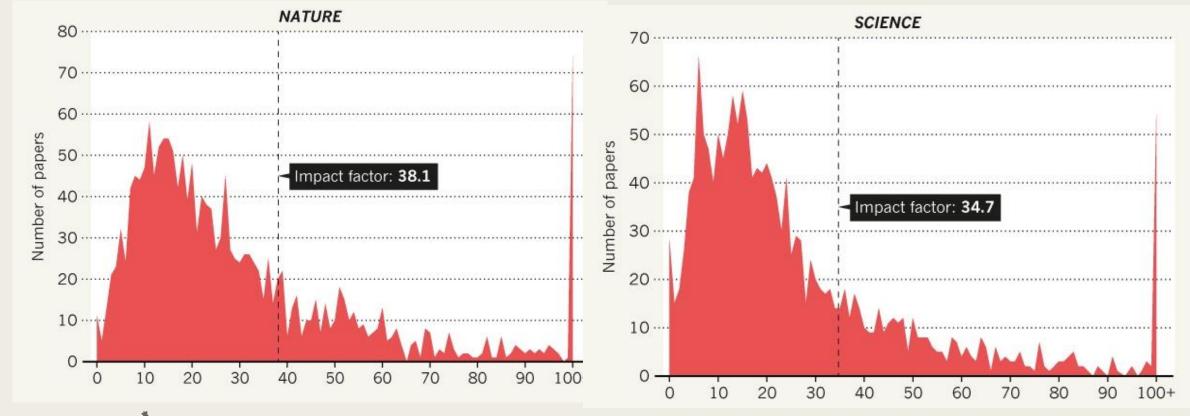
Let's talk about the impact factor..





Credit: Hilda Bastian

Because it's a BS statistic





Skew is imposed by a very small number of highly cited papers

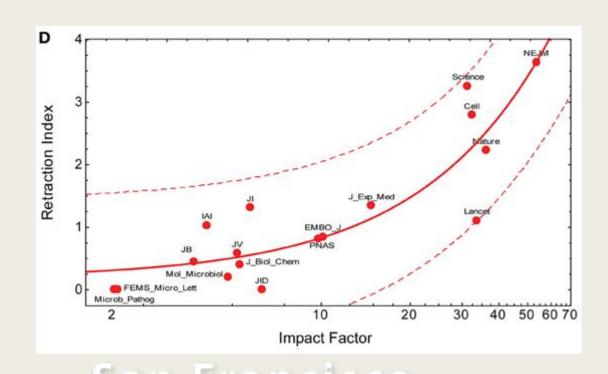
http://biorxiv.org/content/early/2016/07/05/062109

http://www.nature.com/news/beat-it-impact-factor-publishing-elite-turns-against-controversial-metric-1.20224

For the love of god, why?

- The Leiden Manifesto!
- DORA! (www.ascb.org/dora/)
- Altmetrics rule?
- Read the f*cking paper
- Don't hang around IF junkies
- Learn the facts

http://www.nature.com/news/bibliometrics-the-leiden-manifesto-for-research-metrics-1.17351
http://blog.scienceopen.com/2016/04/how-can-academia-kick-its-addiction-to-the-impact-factor/

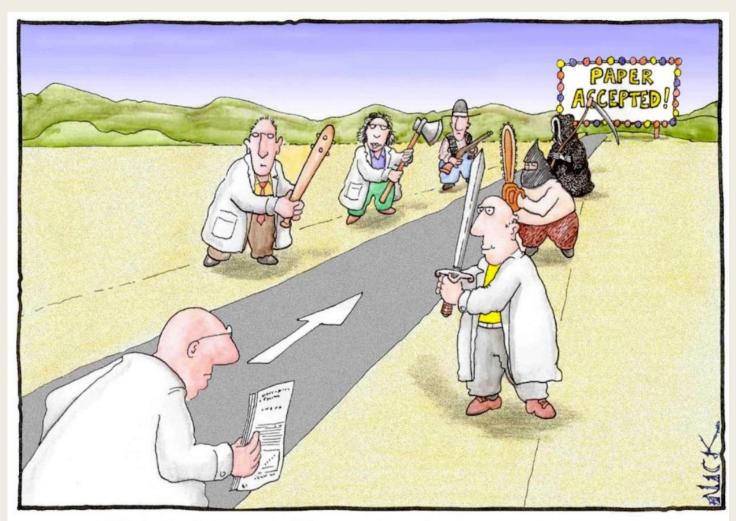


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Declaration on Research Assessment

IT SHOULD NOT BE THIS DIFFICULT



Most scientists regarded the new streamlined peer-review process as "quite an improvement."

Open peer review

How is something secretive, exclusive, and closed supposed to be objective?







Everyone gets it



NIH expects the timely release and sharing of data to be no later than the acceptance for publication of the main findings from the final dataset.



All projects receiving Horizon 2020 funding will have the obligation to make sure any peer reviewed journal article they publish is openly accessible, free of charge.

So you might as well get paid for it



The Shuttleworth Foundation offers fellowships to individuals to implement their innovative idea for social change. We are most interested in exceptional ideas at the intersection between technology, knowledge and learning, with openness being the key requirement.



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The Open Science Prize is a partnership between the Wellcome Trust, the US National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to unleash the power of open content and data to advance biomedical research and its application for health benefit.

The current state of scholarly communication?

Slowly but surely adapting to the Web of 1995

Stuff you can do right now

- Social media accounts.
- Build or join your community!
- Research isn't finished until it's been communicated.
- Learn about the problems. Help to find the solutions.
- Take a stand for what you believe in.
- Wear open on your sleeve.

More awesome stuff you can do

- https://github.com/contentmine/getpapers
- https://www.reddit.com/r/Open Science/
- http://mozillascience.github.io/working-openworkshop/index.html
- http://www.meetup.com/Berlin-Open-Science-Meetup/
- http://whyopenresearch.org/
- http://www.opencon2016.org/

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YOU'RE NOT WORKING ON THAT,
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ARON SWARTZ, 1986 - 2013