

Hi,

I'm a graduate student in biology at UC Berkeley. It has always seemed to me that it goes without saying that knowledge produced from publicly funded research should be the property of the public and no one else. Private interests should have no rights to this public knowledge. The Research Works Act will bar the public from access to information that is theirs by right. How do we expect to increase knowledge without access to publicly-funded past work? Without access to previous work, researchers will not have an easy time of standing on the shoulders of giants.

Please do all in your power to oppose the Research Works Act as it is antithetical to the advancement of human knowledge.

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