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The President should commit to vetoing RWA if it reaches his desk in anything approaching its current form.

RWA amounts to giving publishers like Elsevier Letters of Marque to serve as privateers, pillaging the public of things (federally-funded research) they (the public) have already paid for. The publisher value-added is miniscule. As a half-owner of a Mom and Pop consulting firm, the results of government research are an important resource for the work we do.

The President needs to decide, finally, whether he is on the side of the rent-seeking, campaign-funding 1% or on the side of the public.

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