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Why Good Science Fails to Become Good Policy

As scientific research provided answers to many of society's most pressing problems -- including those related to global disease prevention, climate change, clean energy, food security, and others -- those answers are often ignored by policymakers and others. What are the social, political, and cultural challenges that stand in the way of making public policy reflect scientific knowledge? How can the social sciences help us better understand the practical uses of scientific research in policymaking?



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