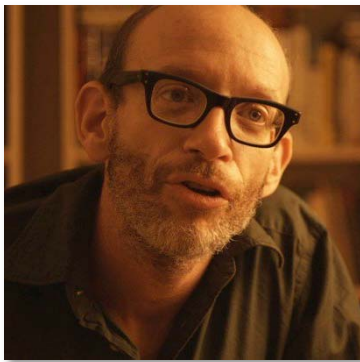


The Role of Science in Our Identity Politics, Biases and Political Agendas



We enlist science to support our political views, but our confirmation bias leads us to accept any evidence, strong or weak as long as it helps our agenda. The result is often the promotion of bad science to the public. What role should science play in politics? Does science undermine political agendas and identity politics or support them? The answer is not as obvious as we might hope.



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