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Science Succumbs to Politics

Today's science has lost its moral compass. The politically correct and "woke" ideologies of America's decadent culture have so corrupted every field of science that the public no longer knows what or whom to believe, nor can it distinguish fact from fiction.

Unfortunately, many science organizations have sold out to those intent on making science subservient to politics. The purpose of the man-made global warming hoax* is to destroy the global economy and benefit the elite at the expense of the masses. The global science community, including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), is aiding and abetting this deception, thereby destroying its own credibility.

The American medical community provides another example. In continuing to promote Covid nonsense, it has undermined itself. The mantra "follow the science" is now a joke on social media. Doctors are pressured to follow the party line to preserve their jobs and professional licenses. Their leaders promote transgender drugs, gender-altering surgeries for the young, medically assisted suicide, and the immoral trafficking of aborted baby parts. Many medical organizations have embraced the "LGBTQ+ agenda" in spite of its detrimental health consequences. The American Medical Association is even attempting to abolish scientific debate. It recently sent a letter to the U.S. attorney general demanding that anyone who speaks out against child "gender-reassignment" surgeries, puberty blockers, and hormonal therapies be investigated.

American Nuclear Society

When scientific organizations embrace our morally deficient culture, they sacrifice credibility. The American Nuclear Society (ANS) provides a textbook example.

A few years ago, ANS leadership drank the catastrophic man-made global warming Kool-Aid and decided to hitch their wagon to the "climate change" star. At that time, I protested what I believed to be a foolish decision, but never received a reply.

Ever since, the society's primary sales pitch for nuclear is that its power plants emit no carbon dioxide and therefore do not contribute to climate change. Since I didn't see this as the proper rationale for promoting nuclear power, I decided last year not to renew my ANS membership.

Despite that, last fall I received an ANS email promoting a National Coming Out Day virtual trivia event



Nuclear "coming out"? The American Nuclear Society recently teamed up with the North American Young Generation in Nuclear group to promote leftist perversion.



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sponsored by the ANS and the North American Young Generation in Nuclear group. The email invited recipients to “Come test your knowledge and learn more about historic LGBTQ+ events, persons, statistics, and more to celebrate the day.”

What possible rationale could exist for a scientific organization such as the ANS to promote the LGBTQ+ agenda? Science organizations should not participate in the culture war. By doing so, they evince a deplorably unscientific predisposition to coercion by whatever political fad comes along.

Their homosexual trivia game provided additional justification for not renewing my membership. I will not be a member of any group supporting an agenda that destroys the family unit — the very foundation of civilization.

Entrenched Agenda

ANS participation in the so-called National Coming Out Day is indicative of an entrenched agenda. Among the communities within ANS — which include professional divisions, local branches, and student sections — is the Diversity and Inclusion in ANS (DIA) committee, formed in 2018.

The group’s website explains that DIA “was developed to promote and support the participation of underrepresented or marginalized groups” both within the society and the nuclear industry. It claims that those “marginalized” include women, minorities, homosexuals, the disabled, and “other underrepresented groups.” The latter descriptive, of course, leaves the door open to any interpretation that may suit. Satisfying diversity “attributes” becomes a primary objective that overrides the particular scientific attributes that may be critical to a scientific endeavor.

Under the guidance of DIA, the ANS “organizes diversity-related sessions at meetings, provides travel scholarships for meetings, bestows awards, and offers leadership opportunities.”

In other words, scholarships, awards, and leadership opportunities are granted based not on merit, but on race or gender identity.

Code of “Ethics”

Recently DIA revised the ANS Code of Ethics (COE) to institutionalize a “more inclusive” environment by “advancing principles of diversity, equity and inclusion” — code words for more discrimination and perversion.

No longer does the society’s COE simply state that all people should be treated fairly. Today’s updated code addresses “how members should interact with colleagues” and how they should “expect colleagues to conduct themselves in a professional and inclusive environment.”

That’s not the same as fair treatment. Like that dirty trick known as the Respect for Marriage Act, the ANS has merely expanded its terminology for alleging discrimination and is, in fact, promoting injustice. Yet the ANS Board of Directors gave its approval to the revisions at the group’s November 2022 Winter Meeting.

The Setup

You could have seen this coming. It was in 2020 that ANS executive director and CEO Craig Piercy joined a group called Gender Champions in Nuclear Policy. “GCNP is uniting leaders of nuclear policy



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organizations who have committed to work toward gender equality within their spheres of influence,” reads an ANS press release announcing the addition of Piercy to the roster of more than 50 of his associates. They reputedly work to “break down gender barriers in the field of nuclear policy.”

That 2020 press release used the term “gender equality” to refer to equal numbers of men and women within the nuclear industry. It never explains why the numbers of men and women must be equal, but no rational explanation could have anything to do with progress in nuclear science. Moreover, in light of DIA, it appears that ANS promotes more than just two genders in its pursuit of these leftist goals. The objective is clear: recruiting so-called underrepresented minorities and women to ensure that they are “adequately” represented in the society is a political objective that adds nothing to the competence and credibility of the ANS.

Hiring sub-standards: The Biden administration named the much-hyped but now-disgraced activist Sam Brinton as the Department of Energy’s deputy assistant secretary for spent fuel and waste disposition. He lost the position after two charges of luggage theft. (AP Images)



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

This didn’t happen overnight. Diversity training in schools and corporations first appeared in the 1960s, according to *Diversity Officer Magazine*. That periodical is dedicated to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) industry that has evolved within decades of leftist propaganda continually fed to us through media, entertainment, government, and academia.

DEI started small, creeping into school curricula and workplace teambuilding exercises. Today, specimens of the bloated monster surface in nearly every major corporation and institution of learning. Agents bear titles such as chief diversity officer, special assistant for multicultural studies, and vice president of minority affairs.

DEI staffers aim to reward or hire people based on skin color and sexual orientation rather than on merit, while subjecting students or established employees to compulsory training about how biased they are against so-called underrepresented minorities.

The ANS has embraced DEI wholeheartedly, providing on its website a selected list of educational resources on various DEI topics for the purpose of educating (read: brainwashing) members. Interestingly, the information includes the disclaimer: “Please note that ANS is not responsible for the



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content of the resources." It's a curious caveat considering the socialist bent of most organizations that ANS is effectively promoting by including links. One can only conclude that ANS is now fully "woke."

Here is a small sampling from ANS recommendations of provocative topics and their leftist sources:

Clicking on "Project Implicit: identify your biases" sends you to a page on the Harvard University website. Visitors can take a quiz called the "Implicit Association Test" (IAT). There are 15 IATs to choose from, each based on a different topic, such as race, religion, sexuality, or nationality. Those who take the "Weapons IAT" must be able "to recognize White and Black faces, and images of weapons or harmless objects." Similarly, the "Presidential Popularity IAT" requires "the ability to recognize photos of Joseph Biden and one or more previous presidents."

The point of each exercise is to reveal the stereotypes under which you operate. Your answers are interpreted by an algorithm set by Harvard, Yale, and the Universities of Washington and Virginia. The site asks you to not participate in any IAT unless you are prepared "to encounter interpretations that you might find objectionable."

The implication is that the tests are objectively assessed, but the introduction to some of them belies that assumption. For example, the description of the "Race IAT" notes that "most Americans have an automatic preference for white over black." Results of the "Gender-Career IAT" commonly "reveal a relative link between family and females and between career and males," while those of the "Gender-Science IAT" often show "a relative link between liberal arts and females and between science and males." Likewise, the majority of test takers usually evince a preference of young to old, thin to fat, and "straight" to "gay."

Clicking on "What's Intersectionality?" takes visitors to a *Time* magazine article published in March of 2019. It defines the term "intersectionality" as a theory developed during the 1970s by "black feminist scholar-activists, a number of whom were also LGBTQ." They intended the concept to "broaden feminism's definition and scope." The premise is that, though all women are discriminated against, "women of color" are especially victimized by both racism and sexism.

The "Social Justice Toolkit" of Drake University contains a cornucopia of woke warnings about things such as "white privilege," "Islamophobia," "male privilege," and racism.

Other options provide "résumé and essay support" and "mental health resources for Black students," as well as "therapy resources for people of color and queer folk." There are "anti-racist reading lists" provided by *The New York Times* and *The Guardian*, and an "anti-racist book list for children and teens." One link is called "Anti-racism Resources for White people," and another is identified as "How to Support Black People."

Perhaps most perverse of all is the "For Families" section, which includes topics such as "Talking Race with Young Children" and "Online Resources for Diverse Children's Literature."

Along with these and dozens of other similarly themed items, there are links to a number of groups, including Black Lives Matter, the National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Science and Technology Professionals, and another homosexual society called Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

Without exception, every link focuses on a "minority" theme. Nothing indicates an interest in promoting excellence in science, but in promoting people within science circles with no consideration of their



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abilities — only their physical characteristics, religion, sex, or sexual proclivities.

ANS promises to continually update its burgeoning list with new resources, encouraging suggestions from anyone at all.

As if all this weren't enough, ANS has a number of position statements, and the 66th is dedicated to "Diversity and Inclusion in the Nuclear Profession." Note that while promoting diverse *perspectives* is an admirable objective with respect to any science, promoting supposed diverse *genders* does nothing to advance science. The ANS should be promoting nuclear science, not political agendas.



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