Geoscience and Public Policy

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WE'RE WORKING ON A CURE FOR FUNDING CUTS.
Policy for Science

- Science funding
- Security policy
- Open access
- Travel policy
Science for Policy

- Natural Hazards
- Climate change
- Mineral development
- Energy
- Water resources
ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE...

THE SCIENTISTS

CLIMATE DATA

THE POLITICIANS

VOTING INTENTIONS SURVEY

OPINION POLL
What is your role?

• Pure scientist
• Science arbiter
• Honest broker
• Issue advocate

• The Honest Broker, Roger Piekle, Jr.
Government Positions

- Congressional staff
  - Personal office, committee

- Executive Branch
  - Regulatory (EPA), Science (USGS, NSF), Policy (OMB, OSTP)

- Congressional Support Agencies
  - Congressional Budget Office
  - General Accountability Office
  - Congressional Research Service
Outside Groups

- National Research Council
- Scientific Societies
- Universities
- Think Tanks
  - Brookings
- Interest Groups
- PACs
How Do I Get Involved?

- Become Aware of Policy Issues
  - Policy Committee Involvement (GPPC)
  - GSA Geology and Society Division
  - GSA website/RSS feed
  - ScienceInsider

- Congressional Visits Days

- Visit Member of Congress in District

- Write a Letter/Op Ed
Short term opportunities

- AAAS S&T Forum
- AGU Science Policy Forum
- Gordon Conference on Science & Technology Policy
- AMS Summer Policy Colloquium
- AAAS Leadership Forum
Fellowships and Internships

- Internships (AGI, AGU, AAAS)
- National Academies Christine Mirzayan Fellowship
- Congressional Fellowship (AAAS, GSA, Knauss)
- Executive Branch Fellowship
- California S&T Fellowship
- Science Policy Fellowship in GSA office
- Presidential Management Fellowship
Different Communication Styles

- SCIENTIST
  - Background
  - Supporting Details
  - Results/Conclusions

- PUBLIC
  - Bottom-line
  - So What?
  - Supporting Details