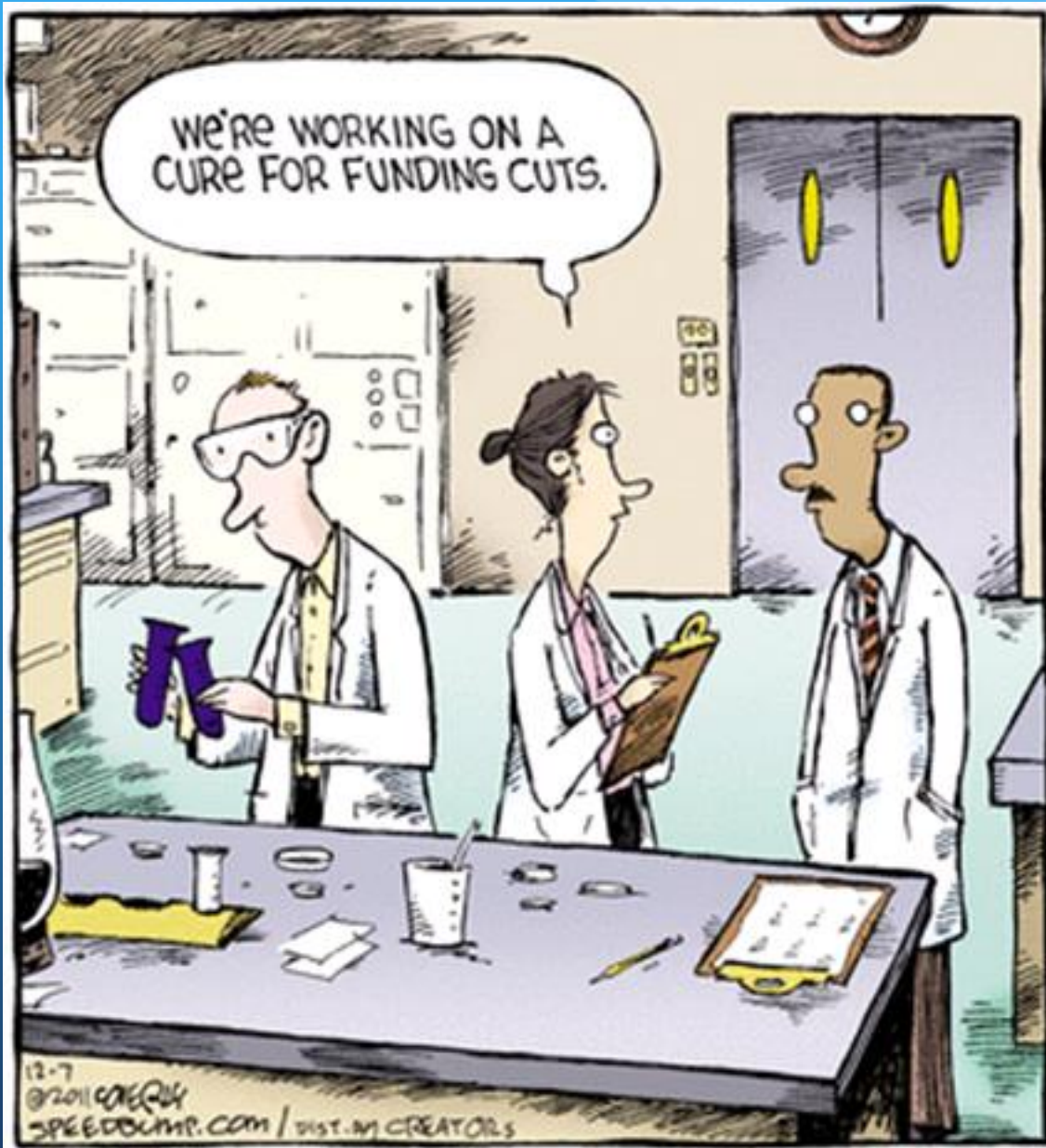


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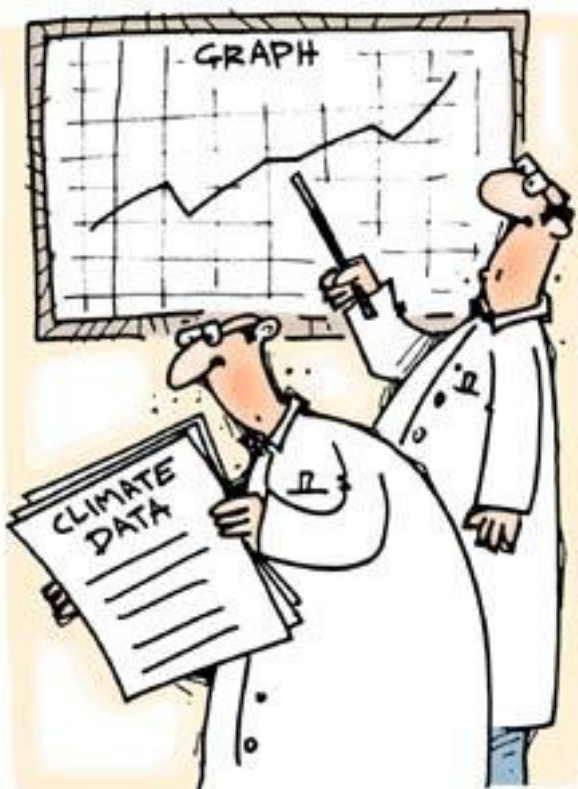
Policy for Science

- 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 ...



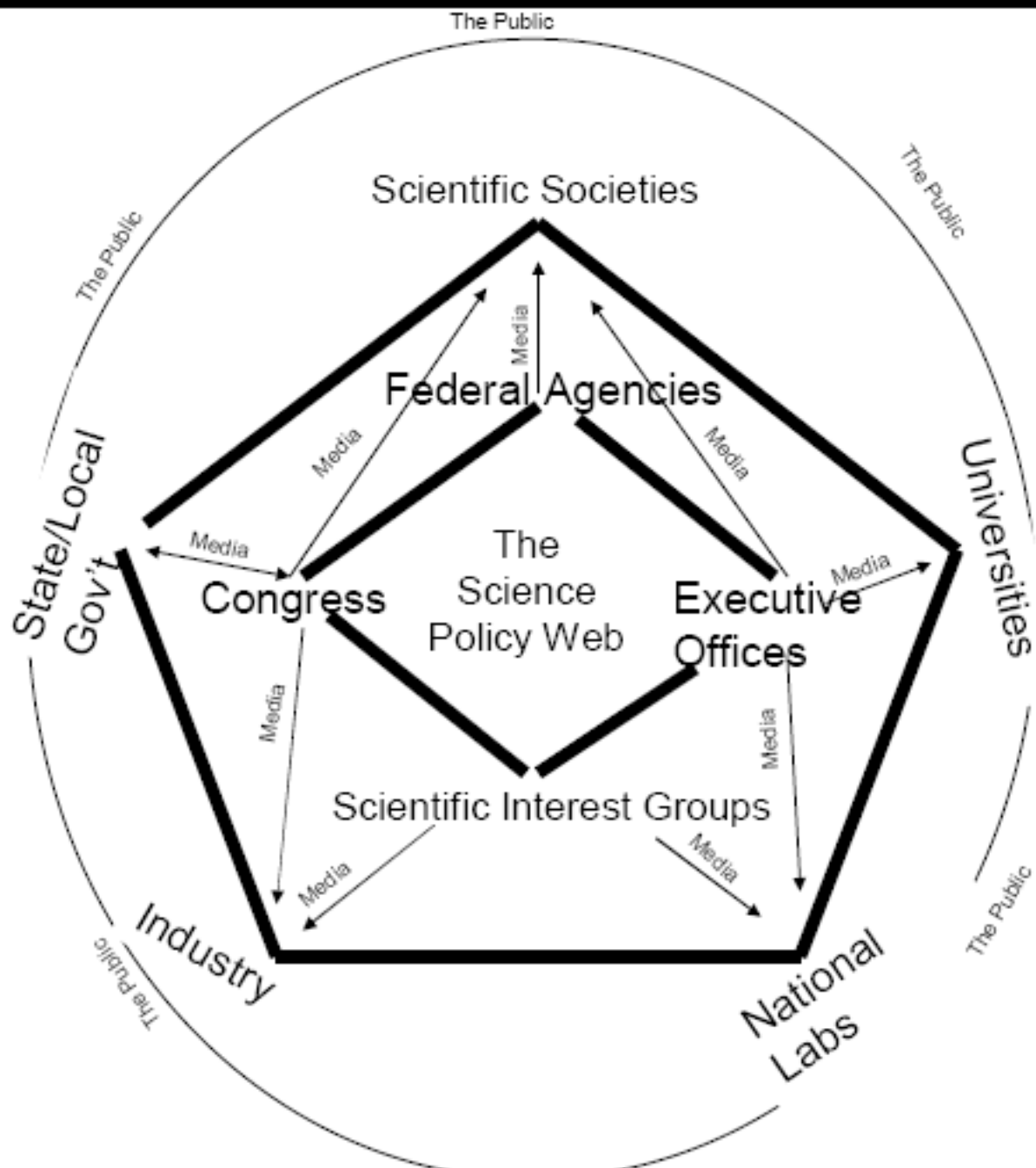
THE SCIENTISTS



THE POLITICIANS

What is your role?

- Pure scientist
 - Science arbiter
 - Honest broker
 - Issue advocate
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- *The Honest Broker*, Roger Pielke, 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

