
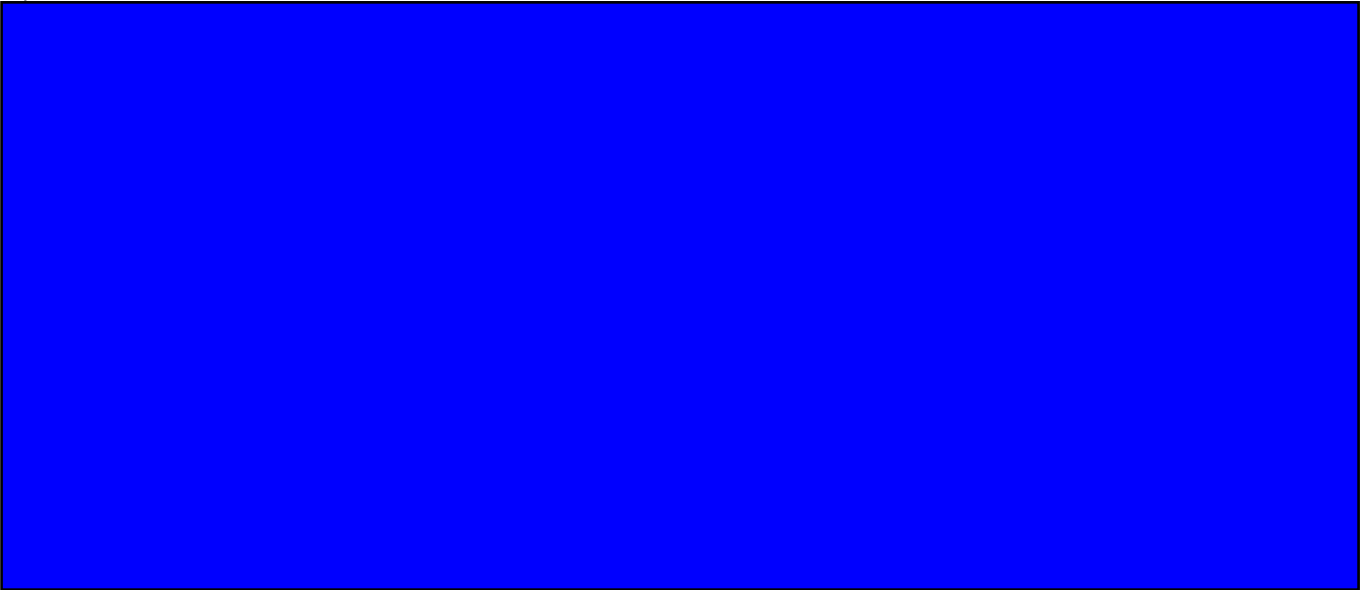


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This 'Insight' article [\[attached\]](#) is a science-politics issue that cuts across both major political parties. But scientists and lay people should become more aware of what's happening. Even if it's published in the journal *Science*, this is worthy of paying attention to. Instead of the "industrial-military complex" that Eisenhower warned everyone about (1961), ... this is the "science-politics complex."

There is a growing and troubling assault on "using credible scientific knowledge" in U.S. government regulation that will put science and democracy at risk, if unchecked.

How can bills employ insidious, albeit creative, approaches to weaken the ability of science to inform federal rule-making?

[1] to shift regulatory decisions, ... from career employees in federal agencies working with experts, ... to politicians in Congress vulnerable to special-interest influence.

[2] to tie up federal agencies with additional and redundant bureaucracy, even as their budgets decrease.

[3] to limit the information that regulators can use.

[4] to change the composition and operation of the science advisory process itself.

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