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Join a working group

**Direct Action Network**
We use science as direct action by matching scientific skills and resources with grassroots organizers and campaigns.

**Climate Change and Divestment**
We organize STEM to work with student, community, indigenous, and labor groups on divestment, energy democracy, and other climate justice activism.

**Education**
We work to infuse in STEM education an understanding of the political contexts of knowledge and a commitment to science that promotes social justice.

**Reproductive Justice**
We pursue a contribution to the ongoing struggles against continued assaults against reproductive justice.

**Sociobiology**
We work against the misuse of sociobiology, biological determinism, evolutionary psychology, and other forms of “race science.”

**Labor**
Organizing labor is critical in our struggle for social justice. We contribute solidarity, share skills, and research into labor dynamics affecting STEM workers.

**Puerto Rico**
We collaborate with local partners in Puerto Rico to identify community needs and organize solidarity campaigns through a decolonial lense.

**Publication**
We’re relaunching the magazine first published by SfTP members almost fifty years ago, with the same radical and thoughtful critique of science’s role in society. Join our publishing and outreach efforts!

**Technology**
We develop radical analysis and action against corporate and state use of technologies for private gain and oppressive social relations.

**Militarism**
We analyze the effects of militarism and military funding on science, scientists, and domestic and international policy.

**Nuclear Disarmament**
We work to develop resources and campaigns aimed at the abolition of nuclear weapons and the prevention of nuclear war.

Illustrations by M. Farinella
Against any tendency to antiscience, we should remember: knowledge is won with our labor and can be used to advance common goals. Against any tendency to scientism: our movement lives and dies with the broader left; technical knowledge alone never delivers justice.

Both scientism and antiscience fail to address the real challenges facing scientists, society, and the planet today. A few examples show that a sensitivity to the dual nature of science is the necessary backbone of our movement.

Militarism
Science tends to satisfy capitalism’s need to constantly innovate in the pursuit of profit, and as a result becomes the center of a misleading progressivist ideology. But progress for whom? More than half of American government science funding is channeled through the military. The invasion and occupation of Iraq killed over half a million Iraqis and cost $2.3 trillion. The total budget of the National Institutes of Health over the same period was about $225 billion. The US spent ten times more killing over 500,000 people than it did on research to improve healthcare.

Reproductive Justice
Science is often integrated into profoundly anti-democratic policy. Writing in Science for the People magazine in 1977, Linda Gordon noted that the birth control movement started with an emphasis on women’s liberation, but the entry of doctors and other professionals infused the movement with elitist values such as population control, often due to openly eugenicist views. The fight for reproductive justice continues today. Black women die at a rate four times higher than white women in childbirth and abortion access has been declining for decades.

Eugenics and Biological Determinism
Too often, scientific acceptance promotes injustice. The Eugenics Movement reached mainstream scientific status in the early 20th century (with many universities hosting Eugenics Departments), justifying tens of thousands of sterilizations of black, poor, and disabled people up through the 1960s. A central impulse is to fight the exercise of power over people through the discrediting of science.

Why do we “March for Science”?
Climate scientists call on nonscientists to act as if we knew what we don’t know, to advocate for policies that address the climate crisis. The few scientific challenges facing society’s leaders are real challenges facing scientists, society, and the planet today. A few examples show that both science and antiscience fail to address the need to meaningfully engage in the pursuit of power for profit again at the expense of broad interest.