

if only you will give them the correct facts." "Support for science should be presented in terms of helping to meet national needs, not as an entitlement owed to scientists."

Why do scientists often shy away from Congressional contact and cede that territory to those they envision with expensive neckties, alligator-skin shoes and little regard for scientific facts? Wells does not directly address that question. It may be that scientists, trained to see results as parts of a series slowly converging toward the truth, are uncomfortable providing the definite choice needed for a vote tomorrow. It may be that a two-minute briefing without the qualifications, or statements of methodological limitations seems dishonest to a scientist. What will lead scientists to venture into the realm where, for the sake of their country and their own discipline, they should go, but where facts seem negotiable and constituents seem more important than facts? This book will not provide the answer to the question or the motivation for a scientist to follow that path. But if a scientist should find herself or himself in that realm, through circumstance or committee summons, Wells provides a very useful guidebook.

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