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What Does the Anti-Science Trend Mean for Scholarly Publishing

Message from the Guest Editor

Background Traditional scholarly publishing was disrupted by the Open Access (OA) movement that gained momentum at the millennium. While this has indeed made academic material more available, it has also resulted in a significant change in the way that such publications are funded. After review, authors now pay to their publisher. In short, while publications were once fully funded by libraries, they are now frequently underwritten by research grants, which are in turn often supported by the taxpayer. **The Result** These social pressures seem likely to pose a challenge to OA. Whereas researchers with limited budgets could in the past pass the costs of publication on to a traditional publisher, they may now be mandated to go OA and to cover APCs themselves; this may result in fewer submissions. **This Special Issue** We are soliciting reports from our global readership so that we can identify the threats to research and scholarly publishing in different nations.

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