

Scientists on their hopes and fears for Trump administration

Comments about the new US president and the importance of science flowed under the #USofScience and #SciTrump hashtags.

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Nature rounds up a sample of the reactions from researchers and science advocates on social media as Donald Trump became the 45th US president. Trump has questioned the validity of climate science and linked autism to childhood vaccinations, stirring up worries over how his administration will approach science and research in the United States.

Many highlighted the value of diversity in science.

#science is for everyone, and plays a role in daily life no matter what income level, race, or gender a person may be #USofScience

— Scott E Severs □ (@ScottESevers) January 20, 2017

All six of America's 2016 #NobelPrize winners are immigrants. #USofScience <https://t.co/2TNKiajJhI>

— Milton Tan (@mt_ur_mind) January 20, 2017

One of the founders of US marine biology was an immigrant. #USofScience <https://t.co/6c19PxdKDs>

— Dr. David Shiffman (@WhySharksMatter) January 20, 2017

Others were concerned about the future of science education.

As teacher of well-founded Theory of Evolution, I worry about science under #BetsyDeVos & her science denying ilk. #USofScience #SciTrump

— Mr E (@MysteryOnward) January 20, 2017

I fear that I won't be able to study botany and environmental science because Trump will obliterate the fields #SciTrump

— Kat Brown (@kattebayo_) January 20, 2017

Some worried about funding for certain scientific fields.

@NatureNews I fear that Trump will threaten sci community by limiting funding, education & innovation. I hope that I'm wrong #sciTrump

— Mark Mendoza (@MarkosAMendoza) January 20, 2017

May need Congress to ride to the rescue on funding. We'll see. #SciTrump

— Matt Hourihan (@MattHourihan) January 20, 2017

And others celebrated science and all its accomplishments.

Basic research led to something the Navy thought it could use. And that was a big factor in winning WW II. #USofScience

— Jesse Emspak (@Mad_Science_Guy) January 20, 2017

I believe in the #USofScience. Science won the space race. Science eradicated smallpox. It's our future. There is no way forward without it. pic.twitter.com/X92eosbF62

— Lee Hall (@paleeoguy) January 20, 2017

Sea lions with seizures help us work with the public health department to protect human health: <https://t.co/udQBhXrzHF> #USofScience
pic.twitter.com/E92L3230sn

— Claire Simeone (@Claire_Simeone) [January 20, 2017](#)

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