**ASSIGNMENT:**

Read the entire report, “Sidelining Science Since Day One” (not just the executive summary)

([report from the Center for Science and Democracy and the Union of Concerned Scientists](http://urbauerlab.uga.edu/fyo/html/sidelining-science-report-ucs-7-20-2017.pdf))

([executive summary](http://urbauerlab.uga.edu/fyo/html/sidelining-science-es-ucs-7-20-2017.pdf))

Read the fall, 2016 commentary from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

[aaas.pdf](http://urbauerlab.uga.edu/fyo/html/aaas.pdf)

The war on science developing in the US

[US-Developing-War-on-Science.pdf](http://urbauerlab.uga.edu/fyo/html/President-Trumps-War-on-Science.pdf)

The “Sidelining Science” article is a concise (but incomplete) analysis of some aspects of the current “war on science” being waged in the US. Below, it is divided into four parts, corresponding to chapters (or parts of chapters) from the article.

Each group will do a thorough analysis of their part of the article, including consulting other material. Some additional material can be found in the links on the next pages, but merely represents possible material.

You should read the entire report (link above), the AAAS article (link above), the article on the developing war on science in the US (linked above), in addition to material you select to assist you in your analyses (this can be from material linked below).

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