

Nature reckons science is watching as democracy rides o...

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This comes from Colin Macilwain in the [latest edition of the massively influential journal 'Nature'](#), and I quote in the public interest and as [it reinforces the arguments I have made today](#):

*But at the top [of science] there is paralysis: leading scientific organizations do little except chase money and reinforce the ruling nexus of politics and finance – even since the financial crisis of 2008, which discredited the free-market philosophy that underpins that nexus. I argued years ago (see Nature**479**, 447; 2011) that scientific leaders had failed to respond in any meaningful way to that collapse, and I'm still waiting.*

The political structure of the West is in deep trouble, and should it fall apart, there will be plenty of blame to go around. Most will go to political and financial elites, or to rowdy mobs. But some will belong to people in the middle who have taken public funds, defended elites and then stood back and watched as democracy got ridden over a cliff.

I think that fair comment and recommend the rest.