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# MYTHBUSTERS

Debunking misconceptions, half truths, and outright lies about OA Scholarly Publishing!

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# Access is not a new concern.



I want a poor student to have the same means of indulging his learned curiosity, of following his rational pursuits, of consulting the same authorities, of fathoming the most intricate inquiry as the richest man in the kingdom, as far as books go...

- Anthony Panizzi, Principal Librarian of the British Library, 1856-66

# OPEN ACCESS

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Open Access literature is **digital, online, free of charge**, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions.

What makes it possible is the **internet** and the **consent** of the author or copyright-holder.

*-Peter Suber. "A Very Brief Introduction to Open Access." 2004*

<http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm>





# Two paths, one destination

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## **Green Open Access**

Self-archiving of research in an Open Access repository

**Who makes it happen?**  
*Authors (and libraries)*

## **Gold Open Access**

Publishing in Open Access journals

**Who makes it happen?**  
*Publishers*

# Taking the Gold Road

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An Open Access journal is one that....



- Does not charge readers for access (i.e. no subscriptions)
- Lets the author(s) retain copyright
- Varying business models

# Some Gold OA examples

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Hindawi



PeerJ



A Green OA Journal Article is made openly available in a location other than the official publication of record, such as an **institutional repository**, a **subject or disciplinary repository**, or the author's **personal website**.

# Green Open Access

Definition from Open Access @ UNT: <https://openaccess.unt.edu>



# Some Green OA examples



# Myth #1: Access is not a problem





## Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution

Available online 5 October 2014

In Press, Uncorrected Proof — Note to users



Spatial and temporal patterns of diversification on the Amazon and Rio Branco

Jean P. Boubli<sup>a, b, \*</sup>  
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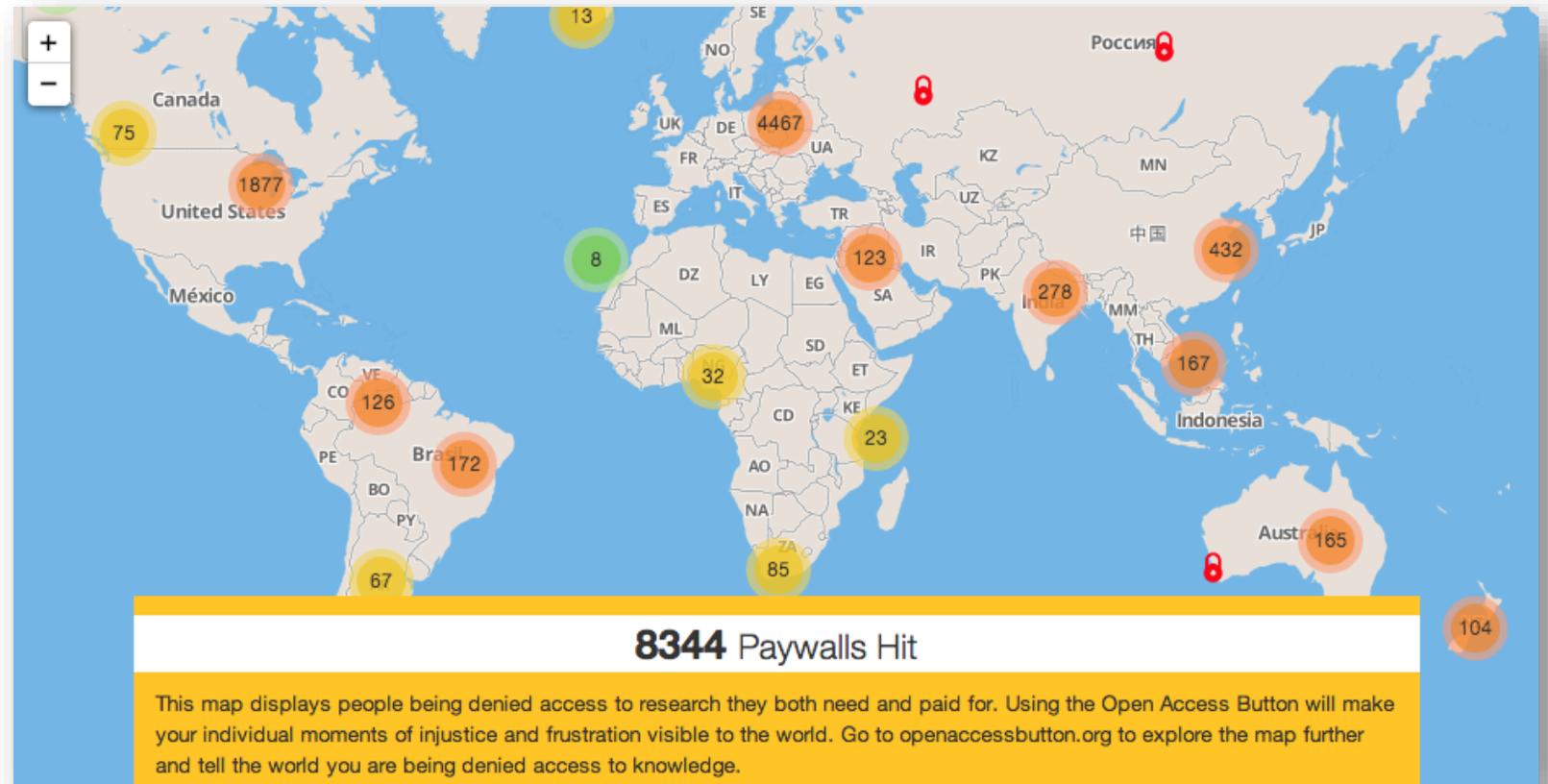
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## Not all scientists have access

Dr. Erin McKiernan



Photo: Delmoral815, via Wikimedia

The National Institute of Public Health is a large federal research institute in Mexico.

~300 researchers, ~700 students

### Access at INSP:

- **139** journals in total accessible via institute
- 88 journals in total with electronic access
- 66 journals with electronic access via paid subscriptions
- 22 journals with free electronic access provided by publisher
- 51 print-only journals (e.g. Cell, Nature, Science)
- access to select journals through consortium (CONRICyT)

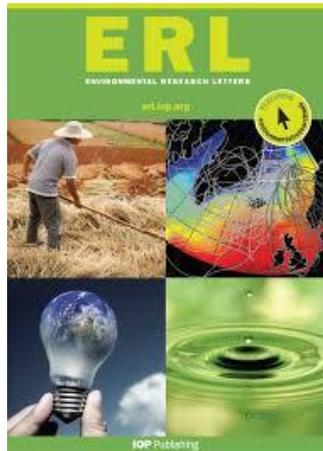
Thanks to Edgar Aguilar Vera, INSP for info!



Cann, AJ. (2008) Peer Review. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/ajc1/6735929719/> CC BY-SA 2.0

Myth #2  
Open Access articles  
are not peer reviewed.  
OA journals are of  
lower quality than  
traditional journals.

# Many OA journals have Impact Factors



# PREDATORY OA JOURNALS?

## Beall's List:

### Potential, possible, or probable predatory scholarly open-access publishers

This is a list of questionable, scholarly open-access publishers. We recommend that scholars read the available reviews, assessments and descriptions provided here, and then decide for themselves whether they want to submit articles, serve as editors or on editorial boards. The criteria for determining predatory publishers are [here](#).

We hope that tenure and promotion committees can also decide for themselves how importantly or not to rate articles published in these journals in the context of their own institutional standards and/or geocultural locus. We emphasize that journal publishers and journals change in their business and editorial practices over time. This list is kept up-to-date to the best extent possible but may not reflect sudden, unreported, or unknown enhancements.

- o [A M Publishers](#)
- o [Abhinav](#)
- o [Academe Research Journals](#)

<http://scholarlyoa.com/publishers/>

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October 8, 2012

### Japanese Fraud Case Highlights Weaknesses in Scientific Publishing

Yoshitaka Fujii faked nearly 200 medical studies over two decades. How was he able to avoid detection for so long?



“Open access is not more prone to abuse than other types of publishing...”

-Kevin Smith, Duke University Libraries

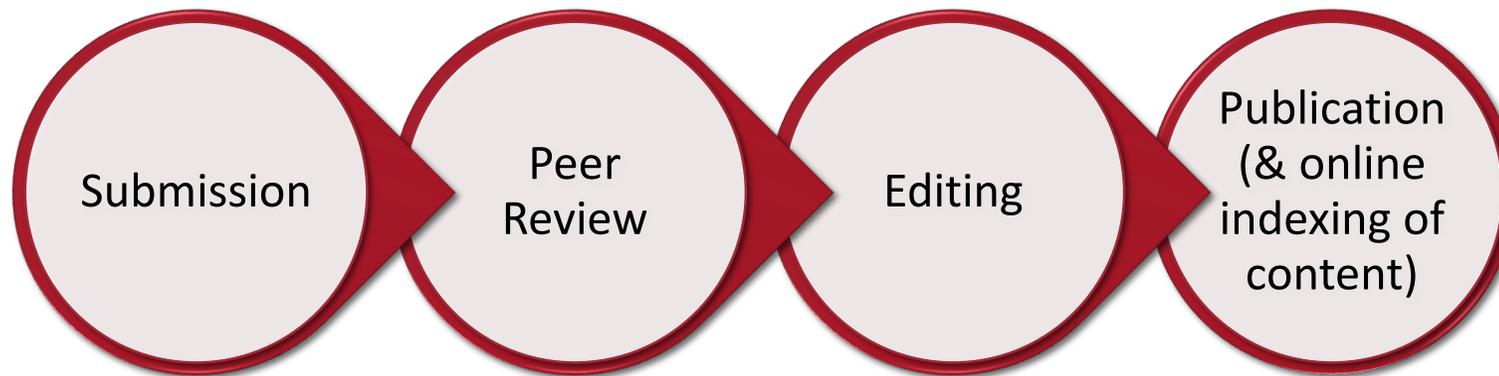


# Improving OA journal quality

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## Open Journal Systems (OJS)

- More than 6,500 installations worldwide
- Assists with every stage of the refereed publishing process



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PROJECT

# Myth #3 You lose/maintain copyright

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As an author and copyright holder, if you wish to clearly instruct readers about what you authorize them to do with your content, you can attach a [creative commons license](#).



# Distinguish Yourself with ORCID

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1

## REGISTER

Get your unique ORCID identifier [Register now!](#)  
Registration takes 30 seconds.

2

## ADD YOUR INFO

Enhance your ORCID record with your professional information and link to your other identifiers (such as Scopus or ResearcherID or LinkedIn).

3

## USE YOUR ORCID ID

Include your ORCID identifier on your Webpage, when you submit publications, apply for grants, and in any research workflow to ensure you get credit for your work.

# Get Cited with



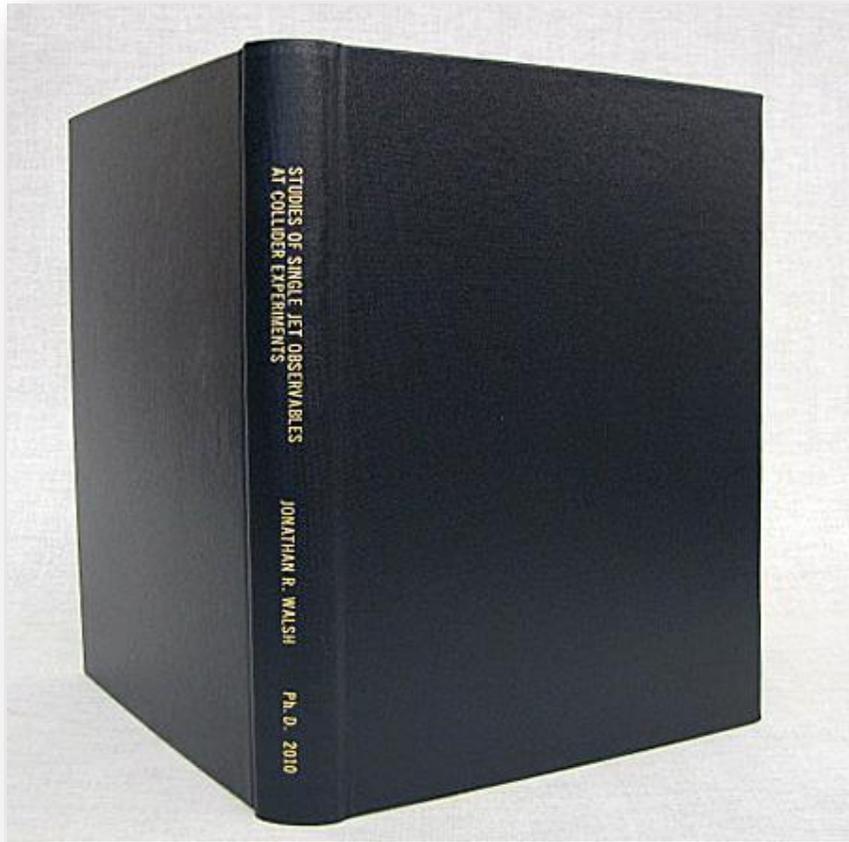
Long-term identifiers made easy



*When the object **gets cited by others**, even if is moved to a new location, **the citation reference will always work**, as long as the metadata is updated.*

# Myth #4 Publishing Theses & Dissertations OA makes it impossible to publish later

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***117 Institutions world-wide have an OA mandate for theses publication.***

ROARMAP: Registry of Open Access Repositories Mandatory Archiving Policies

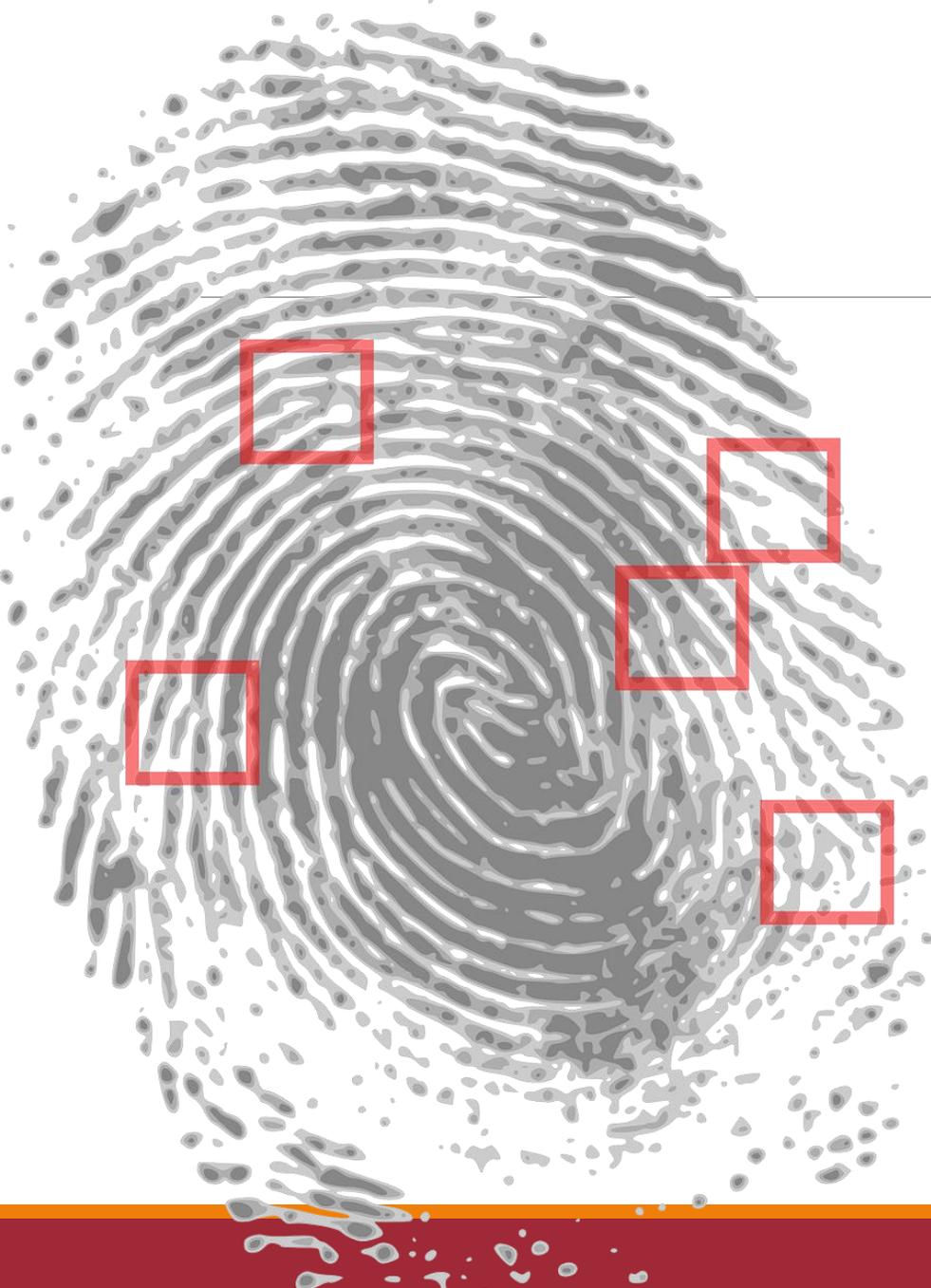
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# VIREO



## Online Publication of theses and dissertations





“An increasing number of university presses are reluctant to offer a publishing contract to newly minted PhDs whose dissertations have been freely available via online sources.”

American Historical Association, July 2013

But the evidence for this is inconclusive.

“...ETDs are **not considered prior publications** by [a majority of] journal editors or university press directors in the social sciences, arts, or humanities...”

“...Publishers recognize that a book or journal article must be adapted to a new audience and conform to peer review, so **the final work will be different in many ways** from the original ETD....”



# Thesis & dissertation publishing with Vireo

Vireo: TDL-developed software for submitting and publishing theses and dissertations

- ***Flexible embargoes***
- ***Local institutional control***
- ***Student maintains copyright***

### Embargo Options

With your advisor's approval you may request a delay in the publication (embargo) of your work.

2-year Journal Hold:  You request that we withhold your thesis from publication in the Digital Library for two years to provide you with time to prepare its contents for publication in a scholarly journal.

Patent Hold:  You request that we withhold your thesis from publication in the Digital Library for two years for proprietary purposes or for securing a patent.

None:  You do not desire to place any holds on your thesis. It is ready to be published to the Digital Library right away.

5-year Hold:  Secure the work for 5 years and then release it for world-wide access on the internet.

# Embargoes at Baylor

Provides information on ETDs at Baylor, with the primary audience grad students who are submitting their ETDs and their faculty advisors/mentors.

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## Embargoes @ Baylor University

At Baylor University we provide graduate students with 2 options for embargoing their theses:

- 2-year embargo – This option is best used if you have a pending journal publication and the publisher requests that you delay access to your thesis or if you have patent and/or similar proprietary reasons for withholding your thesis from open access. This option restricts access to your work for a period of two years from the graduation date.
- 5-year embargo – This option is best used if you are (or will be) submitting material to a journal or book publisher. **Some** publishers prefer not to publish material that has been openly accessible. This option restricts access to your document for five years from the graduation date.

Additional information about embargo options at Baylor University:

- The creator of the work can contact [libraryquestions@baylor.edu](mailto:libraryquestions@baylor.edu) and request that the embargo be extended.
- We have a one-semester grace period before we make the thesis openly accessible. In other words, if a student graduates in December 2014 and has requested a 2-year embargo, we would make that thesis openly accessible at the end of the spring semester, May 2017 – **unless** we had communciation from the creator of the work to extend the embargo.

## Subject Guide



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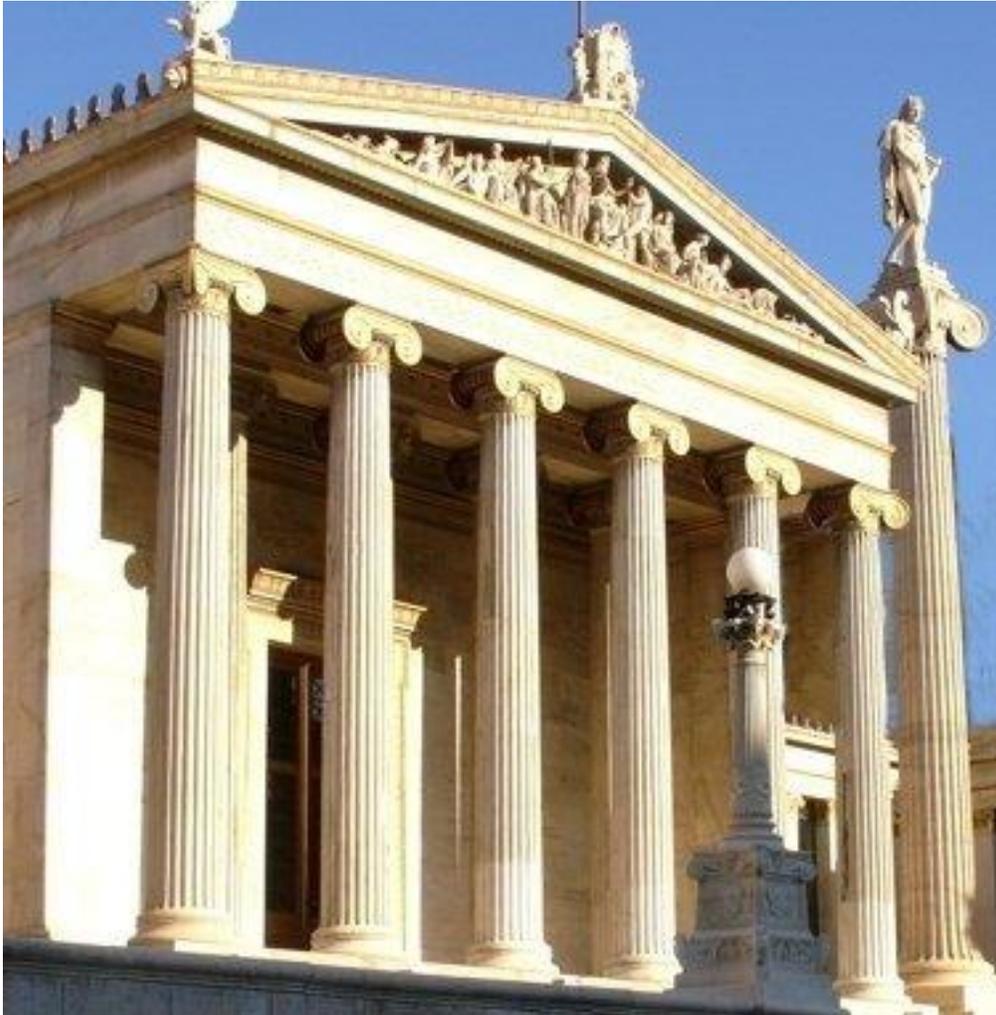
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Myth #5 OA threatens  
academic freedom

# So why should I care about Open Access?

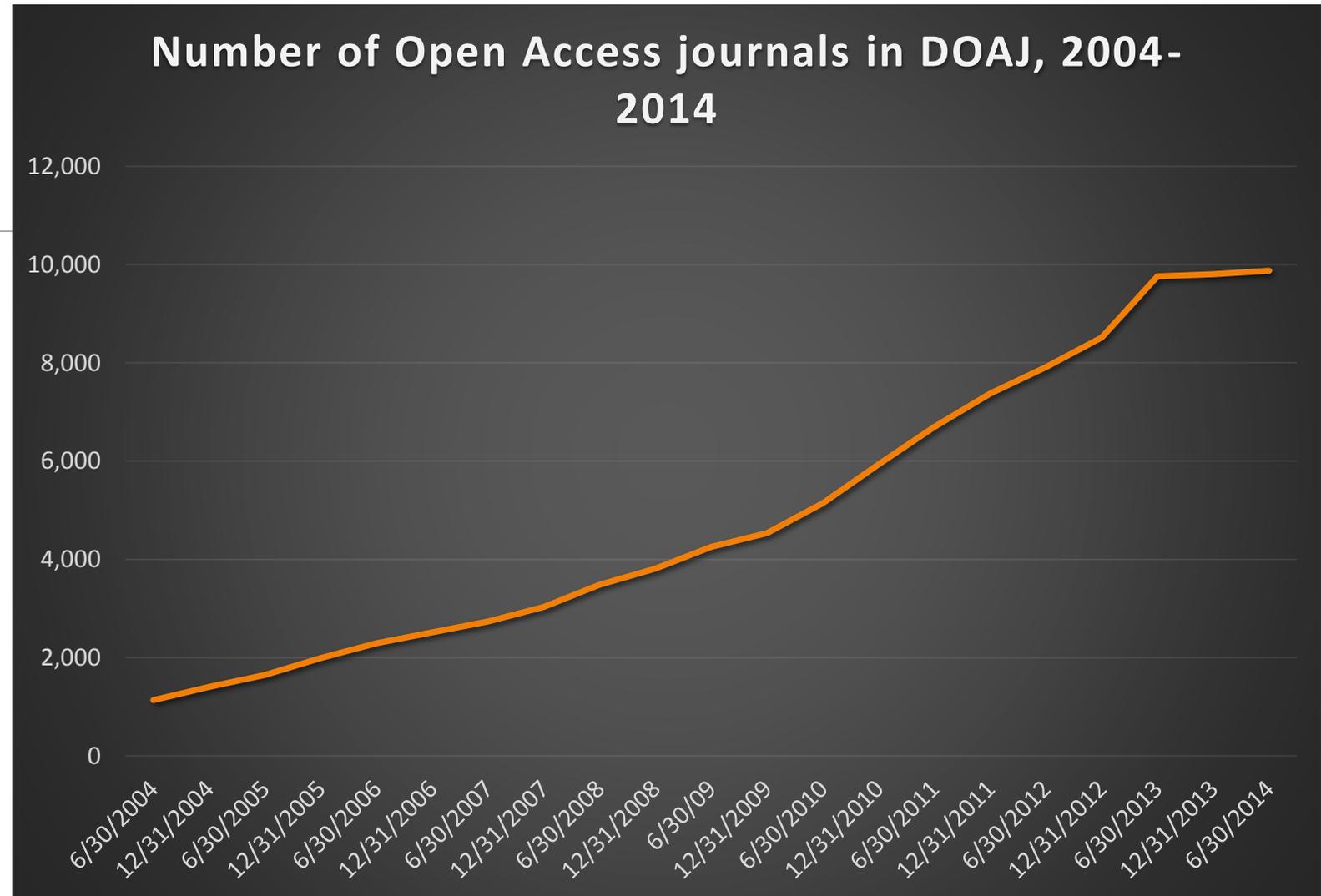
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- ✓ Because access to scholarship and research should not be only for the privileged few.
- ✓ Because you may increase your citations, and you definitely make your work more visible.
- ✓ Because scam journals exist, but highly respected OA journals exist, too.
- ✓ Because greater participation means higher quality.

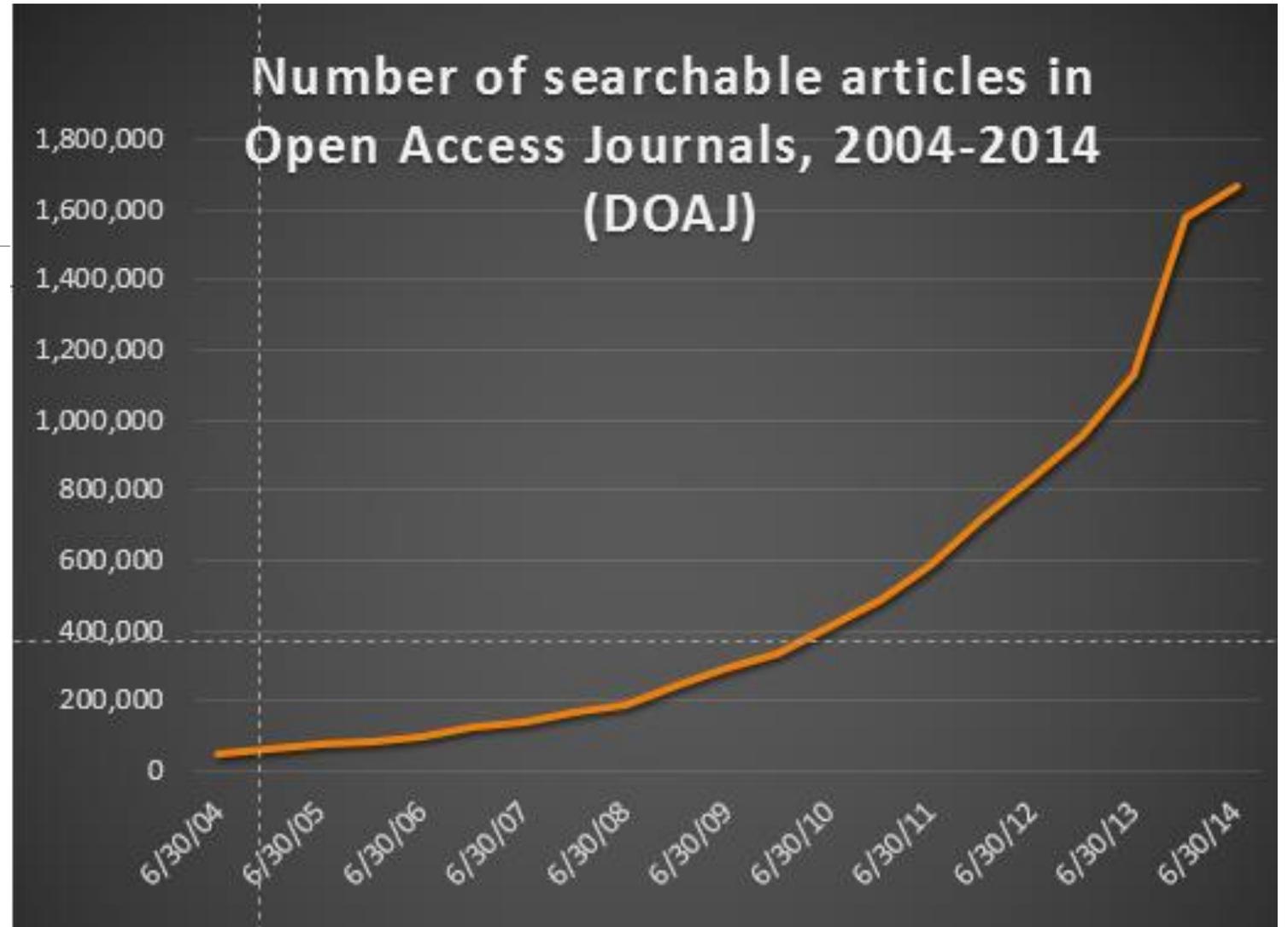
**Because Open Access is happening....**



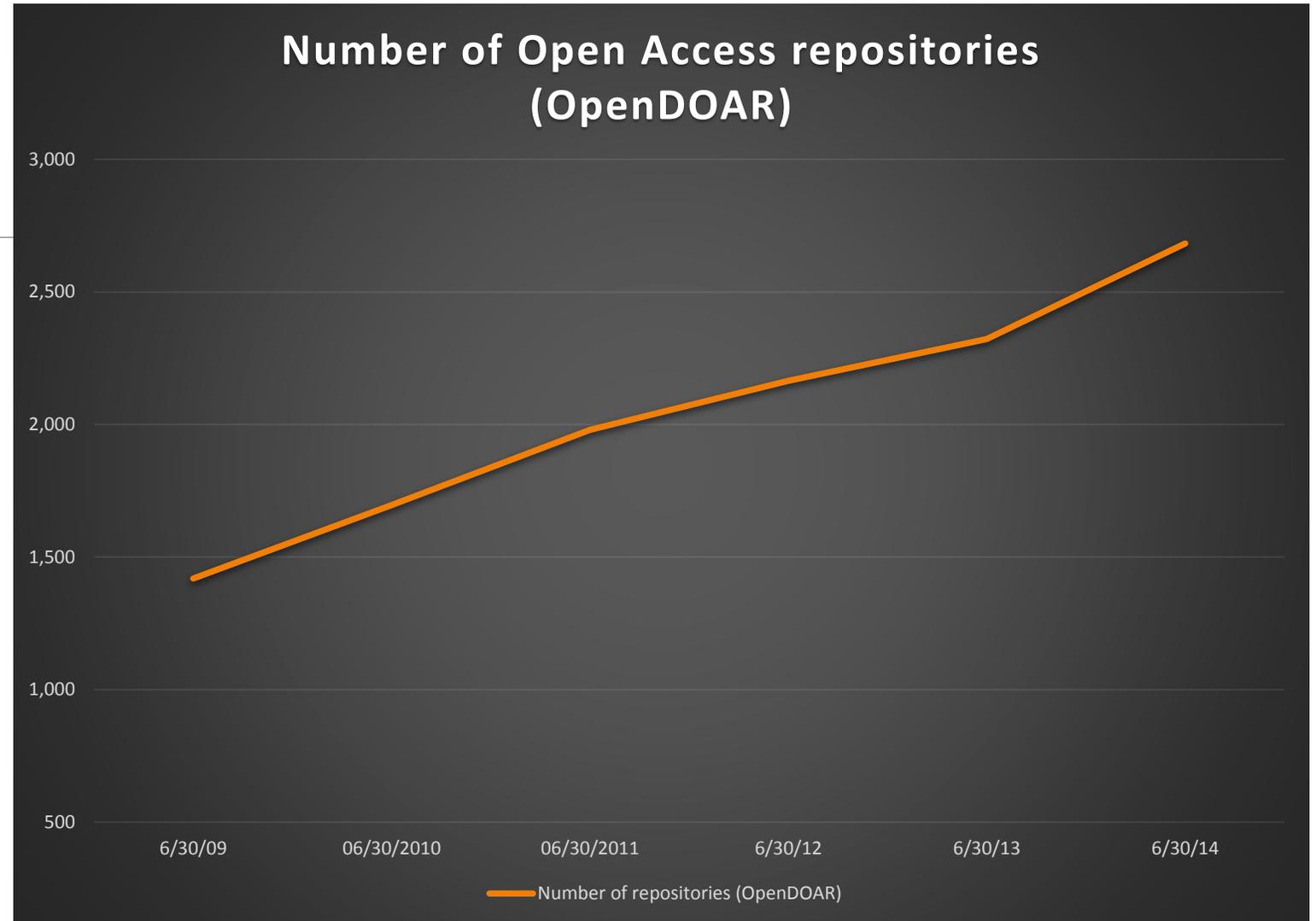
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# US Open Access Policy

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Office of Science and Technology Policy

2013 - White House Policy Directive: mandates public access to the products of funded research



Clearinghouse for the **Open Research** of the United States

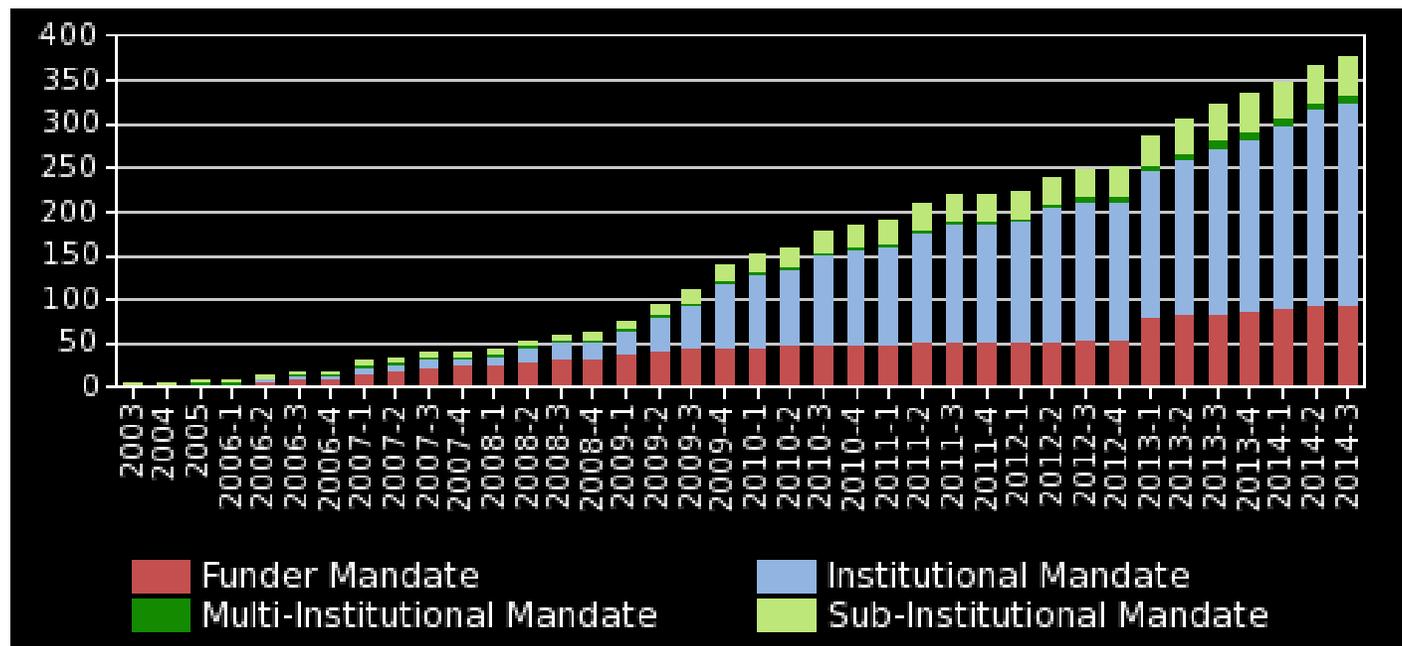


SHared Access Research Ecosystem



# Institutional Policies

- ✓ Harvard
- ✓ University of North Texas
- ✓ Trinity University
- ✓ Texas A&M Open Access fund



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# Collective Action

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SCOAP3



Knowledge Unlatched



Shared Access Research  
Ecosystem



ASSOCIATION OF  
RESEARCH LIBRARIES

First-books subventions



# What can you do?

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**Don't be afraid, be informed.**

- Participate in new scholarly publishing models (ORCID, EZid)
- Help communicate the “access problem” – get the OA Button!
- Know your rights as an author.
- Make your own work Open Access – Green or Gold

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