**It is Even Dumbest Than You Think: What the Trump Administration is Doing to Scientific Education**

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## ABSTRACT: *The election of Donald Trump to the U.S. Presidency in November 2016 is expected to usher in a new phase in the country’s economic and domestic governance as well as its foreign policy orientations. Trump’s ascendancy to power has also fuelled debates on the global rise of populism. The populist upsurge had already gained prominence in academic and policy circles thanks to the success of populist parties in Europe, as well as in countries like Turkey, India, Thailand, and Venezuela. More recently, the referendum on Brexit witnessed the victory of a populist party, the UK Independence Party (UKIP), and its (former) leader, Nigel Farage, in the form of its dominance in shaping the populist debates largely devoid of facts in the period preceding the referendum. Nonetheless, despite their electoral strength or their increasing power in shaping public debates, none of these parties had yet come to power in a long-established Western democracy. In that sense, Trump’s election marks a turning point by making the United States the first long-established Western democracy that is currently ruled by a right-wing populist leader. It also significantly strengthens the claim that populism is no longer a regional but a global phenomenon that needs to be studied through comparative terms in a global context.*

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