

Trump Administration considers open access order (comment)

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Writing on February 10, 2020 in *Slate* magazine, Mark Neff argues in an article entitled, "Trump Might Do Something Genuinely Good for Science: It has to do with the outrageous academic publishing market" that the Trump administration's plan to require that all government-funded research be available through open access is a good idea. His article includes a summary of the state of the open access debate. Below is an excerpt and link::

"In an era when most presidential actions are viewed primarily through partisan lenses, it is worth taking a step back and considering why this rumored proposal elicited a polarized response, but one that did not fall along partisan lines. A lot of money is at stake. But so too are the essences of scientific communication and scientific self-governance."

<https://slate.com/technology/2020/02/academic-publishing-market-trump-executive-order.html>