

PASSAGE 1

That science has become one of the most powerful factors in modern life is a generally accepted and indeed an obvious fact. The proper role of the scientist himself is, however, a point on which there is no general agreement. On the one hand are those die-hards who, ignoring the changed circumstances of the outside world, contend that, outside the laboratory personal influence of the scientist should be no more than that of an ordinary citizen. On the other hand, there are extremists who advocate a stage verging on a technocracy, in which scientists would have special privileges and a large measure of control. Those who tend towards the later view are much vociferous than their more conservative and much more numerous colleagues with the unfortunate result that there is a wide-spread impression that scientists generally share these views and wish to claim a far larger share in the control of world affairs than they possess at present. It is, therefore, timely attempt to make an assessment of the proper status of the scientists in modern society. (179 words)

Poor Précis

Bad title: Role of Science in life. (The passage is about scientists and not about science.)

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in Society:

Due to the importance of science in today's world, there has arisen a question about the role of the scientists in the society. With some believe that outside the laboratory they should be like ordinary citizens while others believe that they should be given special status. It is considered that scientists also want special status. Hence, it's the time to make an agreement on the status of the scientists in the today's scientific world.

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