



## Massive Turnout in US Stand Up for Science Rallies

### Description

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People in the US protested scientific funding cuts by the Trump administration on 7 March. In New York City, over a thousand gathered in Washington Square Park to support science and oppose the cuts. The rally was part of over 30 events across the US and more globally. Researchers left labs to join the protests.

Since Trump's inauguration, there have been cuts to federal funding for research, particularly in areas like climate change, diversity, and gender studies. Thousands of federal employees at scientific agencies have lost their jobs too.

Scientists like Ana Vivinetteo from Weill Cornell Medicine joined the protests to highlight the importance of science. Demonstrations also took place in Washington DC attended by thousands. International researchers at the rally expressed disappointment and concern about the future of science in the US.

## Vocabulary List:

1. **Protested** /prə'testɪd/ (verb): To express strong objection to something.
2. **Funding** /'fʌndɪŋ/ (noun): Financial support for a particular project or purpose.
3. **Demonstrations** /ˌdɛmə'nstreɪʃənz/ (noun): Public gatherings held to express a political viewpoint.
4. **Importance** /ɪm'pɔːrtəns/ (noun): The state or fact of being of great significance or value.
5. **Oppose** /ə'pəʊz/ (verb): To disapprove or resist; to stand against.
6. **Concern** /kən'sɜːn/ (noun): A matter of interest or importance to someone.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. Where did the Stand Up for Science rally take place on 7 March?

Option: Washington Square Park, New York City  
Option: National Mall, Washington DC  
Option: Golden Gate Park, San Francisco  
Option: Grant Park, Chicago

2. How many events were organized across the US as part of the protests?

Option: Over 30  
Option: Less than 10  
Option: Around 50  
Option: Exactly 20



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3. Which sectors faced funding cuts under the Trump administration according to the text?

Option: Climate change, diversity, and gender studies

Option: Education and healthcare

Option: Technology and finance

Option: Agriculture and transportation

4. Who expressed disappointment and concern about the future of science in the US?

Option: International researchers at the rally

Option: Local politicians

Option: Corporate executives

Option: University students

5. What did researchers do in response to the funding cuts?

Option: Left labs to join the protests

Option: Increased their research efforts

Option: Ignored the cuts

Option: Sought alternative funding sources

6. What was the main purpose of the demonstrations in Washington DC?

Option: Support science and oppose funding cuts

Option: Promote political agendas

Option: Celebrate scientific achievements

Option: Raise funds for research

### **True-False**

7. The rally in Washington Square Park had less than a hundred attendees.

8. Thousands of federal employees at scientific agencies retained their jobs despite the funding cuts.

9. Ana Vivinetteo is affiliated with Stanford University.

10. The protests were only limited to the United States.

11. The funding cuts affected research in various sectors.

12. The international researchers were optimistic about the future of science in the US.



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## Gap-Fill

13. Over a thousand people gathered in Washington Square Park on 7 March to support science and oppose the cuts, as part of over 30 events across the US and more globally. Researchers left labs to join the protests since Trump's inauguration, there have been cuts to federal funding for research, particularly in areas like climate change, diversity, and gender studies. Thousands of federal employees at scientific agencies have lost their jobs too. Scientists like Ana Vivinetteo from Weill Cornell Medicine joined the protests to highlight the importance of \_\_\_\_\_.

14. Demonstrations in Washington DC were attended by thousands, with international researchers expressing \_\_\_\_\_ and concern about the future of science in the US.

15. The rally in Washington Square Park aimed to oppose the scientific funding cuts by the \_\_\_\_\_ administration on 7 March.

16. Protesters gathered in Washington Square Park to emphasize the importance of securing funding for scientific research, especially in critical areas like \_\_\_\_\_, diversity, and gender studies.

17. Since Trump's inauguration, federal funding for research has been slashed, leading to job losses for thousands of \_\_\_\_\_ employees at scientific agencies.

18. Researchers across the US joined the protests to send a strong message against the cuts to funding in essential areas of research, such as climate change, diversity, and \_\_\_\_\_ studies.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Washington Square Park, New York City 2. Over 30 3. Climate change, diversity, and gender studies 4. International researchers at the rally 5. Left labs to join the protests 6. Support science and oppose funding cuts

**True-False:** 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. science 14. disappointment 15. Trump 16. climate change 17. federal 18. gender





## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What is the unfair treatment of a person or group based on certain characteristics known as?  
Option: Opportunities  
Option: Discrimination  
Option: Inequalities  
Option: Capabilities
2. Which term refers to the percentage of total sales in a market that a company has?  
Option: Market Share  
Option: Sales  
Option: Funding  
Option: Affordable
3. What is a useful or valuable quality skill or person known as in business terms?  
Option: Asset  
Option: Seized  
Option: Stockpile  
Option: Critics
4. Which digital or virtual form of currency uses cryptography for security?  
Option: Importance  
Option: Cryptocurrency  
Option: Concern  
Option: Temperatures
5. What term means to give something typically money or efforts to help a situation or achieve a goal?  
Option: Expect  
Option: Protested  
Option: Contribute  
Option: Oppose
6. What term refers to the degree or scale to which something happens or is the case?



- Option: Declining
- Option: Extent
- Option: Ecosystems
- Option: Importance

7. What is the act of ending a dispute or disagreement by mutual agreement?

- Option: Allegations
- Option: Settlement
- Option: Dispute
- Option: Funding

8. What term refers to something that is easy to perceive or understand?

- Option: Protest
- Option: Transparent
- Option: Stockpile
- Option: Seized

9. What term indicates the significance or value of something?

- Option: Oppose
- Option: Expect
- Option: Importance
- Option: Concern

10. What term expresses a worry or regard for something important?

- Option: Concern
- Option: Asset
- Option: Critics
- Option: Capabilities

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. \_\_\_\_\_ in opportunities can lead to societal disparities.
12. The group decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the new policy due to its negative impact.
13. We \_\_\_\_\_ better sales results following the marketing campaign.
14. The students organized \_\_\_\_\_ to protest against the tuition fee hike.
15. Due to the funding shortage the project was \_\_\_\_\_ put on hold.



16. Authorities \_\_\_\_\_ the illegal goods during the raid.
17. Her leadership \_\_\_\_\_ were evident in the successful project completion.
18. The citizens \_\_\_\_\_ against the construction of the new factory in the residential area.
19. The NGO was able to continue its operations due to the generous \_\_\_\_\_ received.
20. The team proved they were \_\_\_\_\_ of handling multiple projects simultaneously.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The company's revenue is directly linked to its performance in selling products and services.
22. The legal team worked tirelessly to resolve the between the two parties.
23. The new housing development aimed to provide options for low-income families.
24. The journalist made serious against the government official regarding corruption.
25. There is a growing about the impact of climate change on the environment.
26. The company faced challenges due to the demand for their products.
27. Conservation efforts are crucial to protect the delicate balance of in the region.
28. Citizens gathered to against the government's decision to increase taxes.
29. The country decided to essential supplies in preparation for the upcoming storm.
30. The film received mixed reviews from with some praising the acting and others criticizing the plot.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Discrimination 2. Market Share 3. Asset 4. Cryptocurrency 5. Contribute 6. Extent  
7. Settlement 8. Transparent 9. Importance 10. Concern

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Inequalities 12. Oppose 13. Expect 14. Demonstrations 15. temporarily 16. Seized 17.  
Capabilities 18. Protested 19. Funding 20. capable

**Matching sentence:** 1. Sales 2. Dispute 3. Affordable 4. Allegations 5. Concern 6. Declining 7. Ecosystems  
8. Protest 9. Stockpile 10. Critics





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