



## 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.

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## 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** /,dɛmə'nstreɪʃənz/ (noun): Public gatherings held to express a political viewpoint.
4. **Importance** /ɪm'pɔ:rtəns/ (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'sɜ:n/ (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 Vivinneteo 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.



## 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



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