

# Through a Lens, Brightly: How Analysis of 20th Century Science Fiction Can Inspire Authentic Research Outcomes.

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## Abstract Template

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How discourse between researchers and society might achieve better, more productive and appropriate research outcomes by learning from the flourishing of new ideas in 20th Century Science Fiction & Fantasy.

Recently researchers and scientists attempting to advertise the benefits of their knowledge to a wider audience have fallen foul of social and cultural realities – the rejection of aid worker efforts in West Africa to combat the Ebola epidemic by local people whose cultural sensitivities were inadequately considered and the rise of the ‘anti-vaxxer’ movement in developed countries can be argued to both be based in the failure of the research community to adequately consider the sociological implications arising from the dissemination of their research outcomes. This might be addressed by a discourse between researchers and the public which considers the way people receive and accept new ideas. Modelling this on the reception of new (nontechnological) ideas in Science Fiction is logical due to the open scope of the genre, its axiom of novelty, how rapidly it has responded to coterminous cultural shifts and world events, and the availability of reader feedback and responses to the themes and ideas put forward in stories throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> Century history of the genre.