

**Carl Sagan, *The Demon-Haunted World*: 'I have a foreboding of an America in my children's or grandchildren's time - when awesome technological powers are in the hands of a very few, and no-one representing the public interest can even grasp the issues; when the people have lost the ability to set their own agendas or knowledgeably question those in authority'.**

**As a global society, we have reached that time...**

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