

Make America Weaker Again?

A letter from Peter Rowe, San Diego

I am part of the MAGA movement — that is, I believe in Maintaining America's Greatness Always. That's why I am so distressed by the Trump administration's cancellation of so many grants supporting scientific research.

Our greatness is seen in the American passion for exploration, a passion that led us to become the first — and so far only — nation to land men on the moon.

Our greatness is seen in American ingenuity, a trait that was spectacularly illustrated when we rapidly developed treatments for a lethal new scourge, COVID-19.

Our greatness shines in America's unparalleled record of discovering new treatments to prevent, cure or control diseases that had ravaged earlier generations: polio, measles, sickle cell anemia and a wide variety of cancers.

These advances, and many more, were the result of government-funded research. To cut this funding is a huge setback. Is Washington's goal MAWA, Make America Weaker Again?

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