Art + Science:

Utilizing STEAM Education to Promote Empathetic Scientific Literacy for Global Citizenship

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Sex differences in improved efficacy of doxorubicin chemotherapy in *Cbr1+/-* mice

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"We are in humanity's moment of greatest peril."

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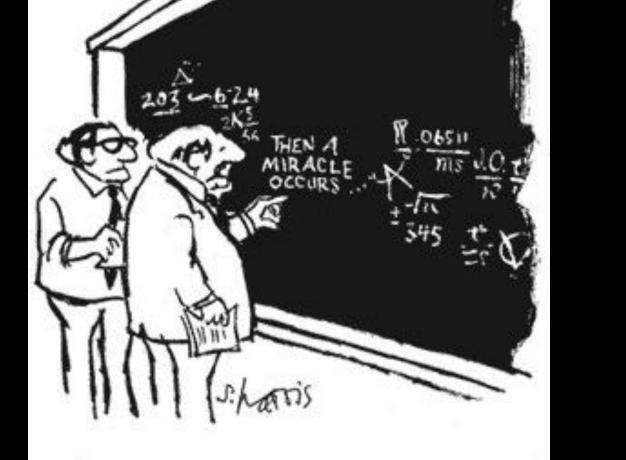


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"I THINK YOU SHOULD BE MORE EXPLICIT HERE IN STEP TWO."

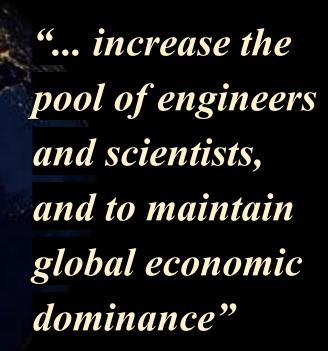


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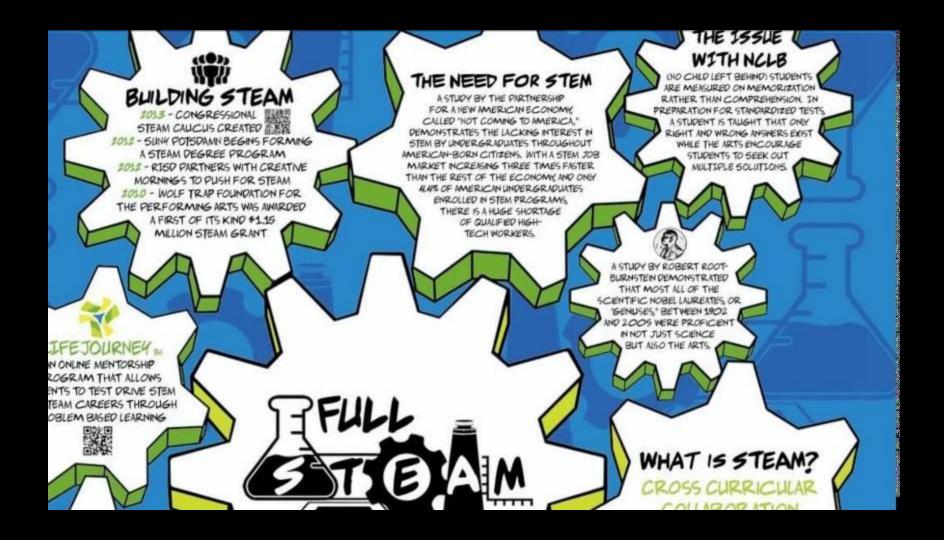
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Factors Inhibiting STEAM Development

- 1. Lack of coordination in STEAM implementation (differences in how and for what reason teachers include art)
- 2. Overbearing high stakes testing (test scores remain sole priority)
- 3. Public value and connotation about sciences (lower-value art has no place with quantitative science)







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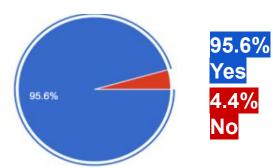




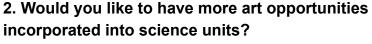


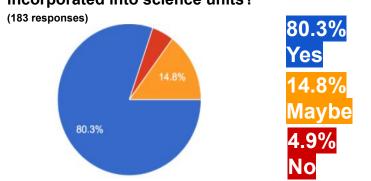
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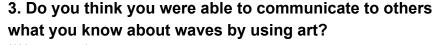
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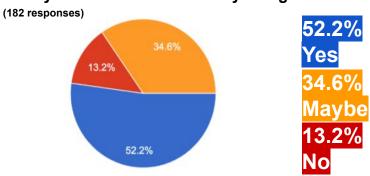


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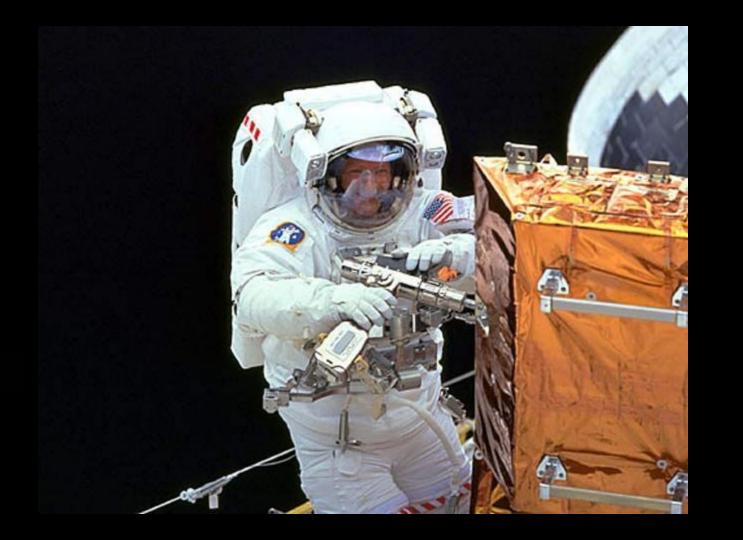
There is significant evidence that non-male students chose to take their work home at a higher rate than male students (p-value = .0066)

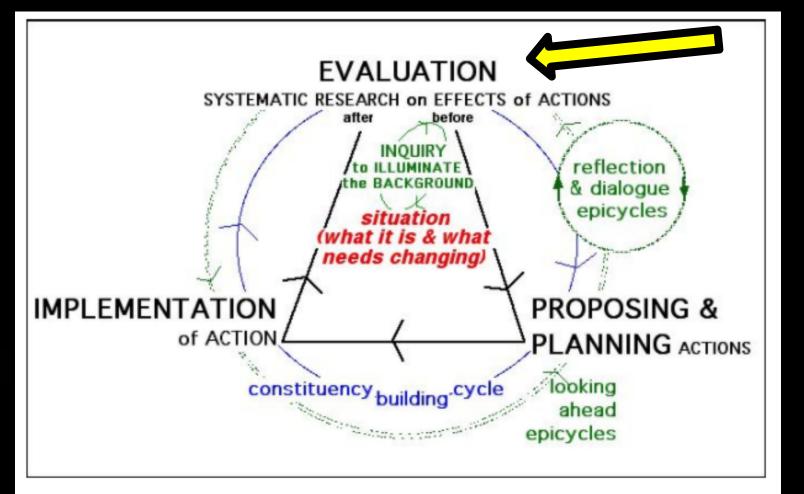
There is some evidence that non-white students chose to take their work home at a higher rate than white students (p-value = .0851)



"Art is generally a medium that has the unusual ability to communicate alien or abstract ideas, so science can use art to bring knowledge to many more people than it could alone."







The Cycles and Epicycles of Action Research



"[Art-science's] meaning-creative capacity of initiatory action [instills]... boundlessness and uncertainty of outcome, where 'boundless' implies the creation of a 'myriad new relationships [and] unforeseen constellations'."





"A more robust understanding of effective STEAM application in classrooms, including carefully crafted goals and assessment tactics, can prepare humankind to confront our most pressing issues surrounding climate change, poverty, and sustainable practices, while fostering scientific literacy and empathy in global citizens."

-Betsy DeVos (?)
US Secretary of Education
May 4, 2020



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