

***ESF Roundtable
Roadmapping***

Science in Society

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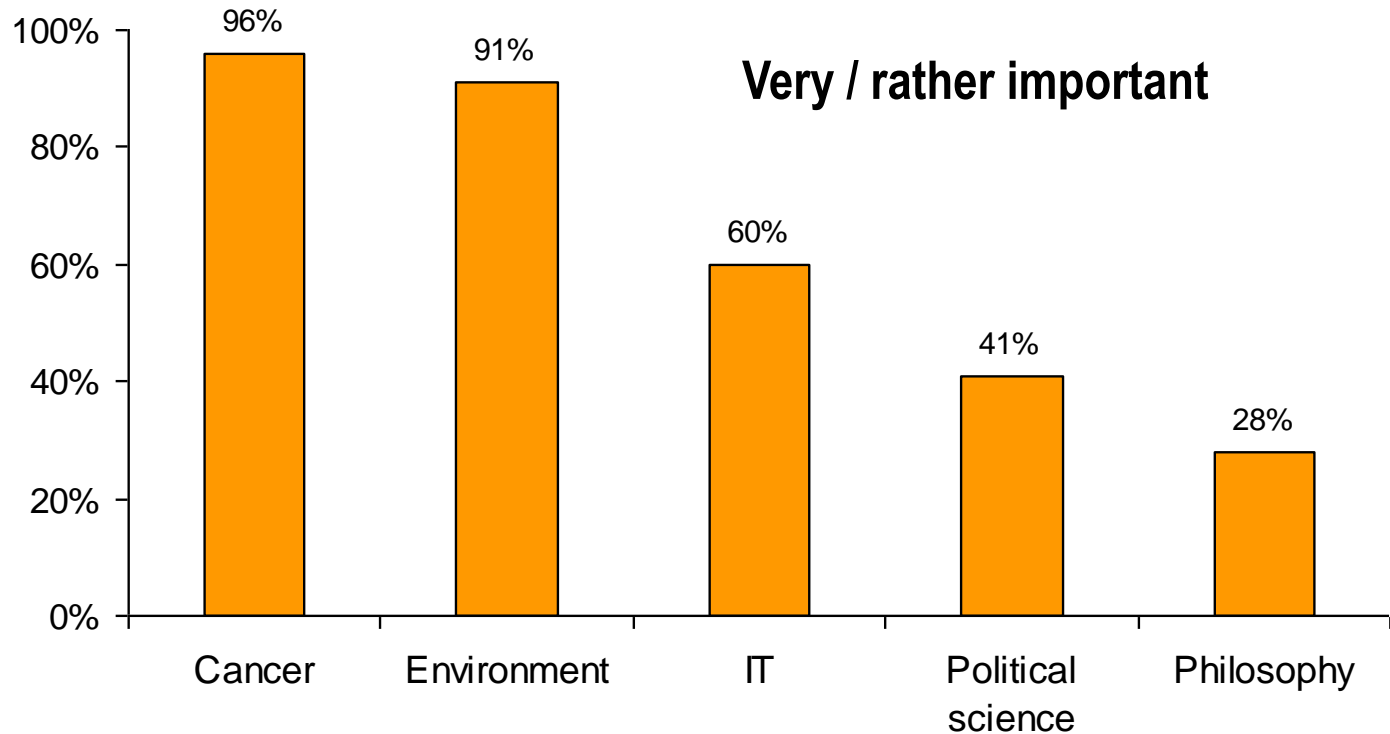
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What does VA do?

- **Builds knowledge** through studies and surveys on:
 - What the public thinks about research
 - What researchers think about the public
 - What specific groups of society think about science
- **Promotes Dialogue**
 - Experimenting with unconventional forms, arenas and settings
- **Spreads experience**
 - Our own and that of others

Importance of research for *the public*

How important is it to spend money on research in the following research areas?

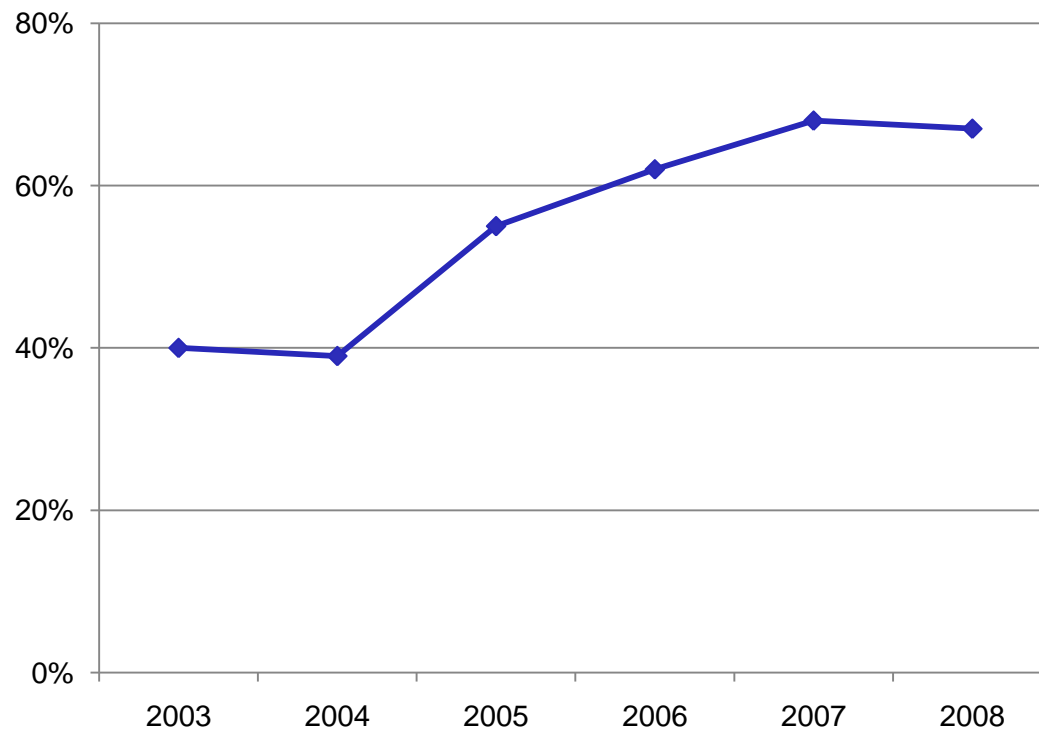


Source: VA-report 2008:2 – Swedish Public

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Increased trust in research for the Climate

Do you think research has a good chance to slow climate change within the next 10 years? – Yes



Källa: VA-rapport 2008:6

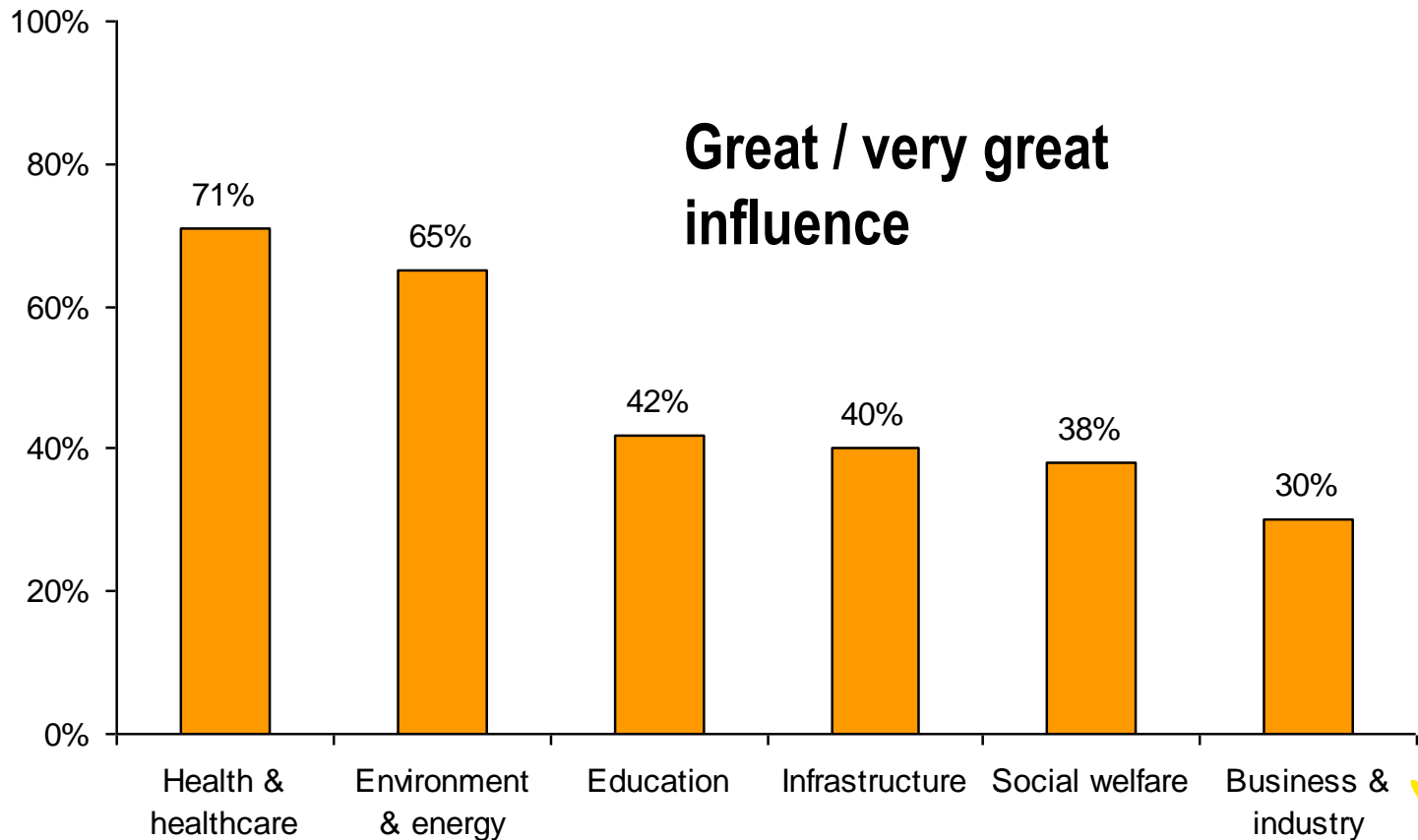
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Influence of Science on politics

How much do research results influence policy in the following political areas?

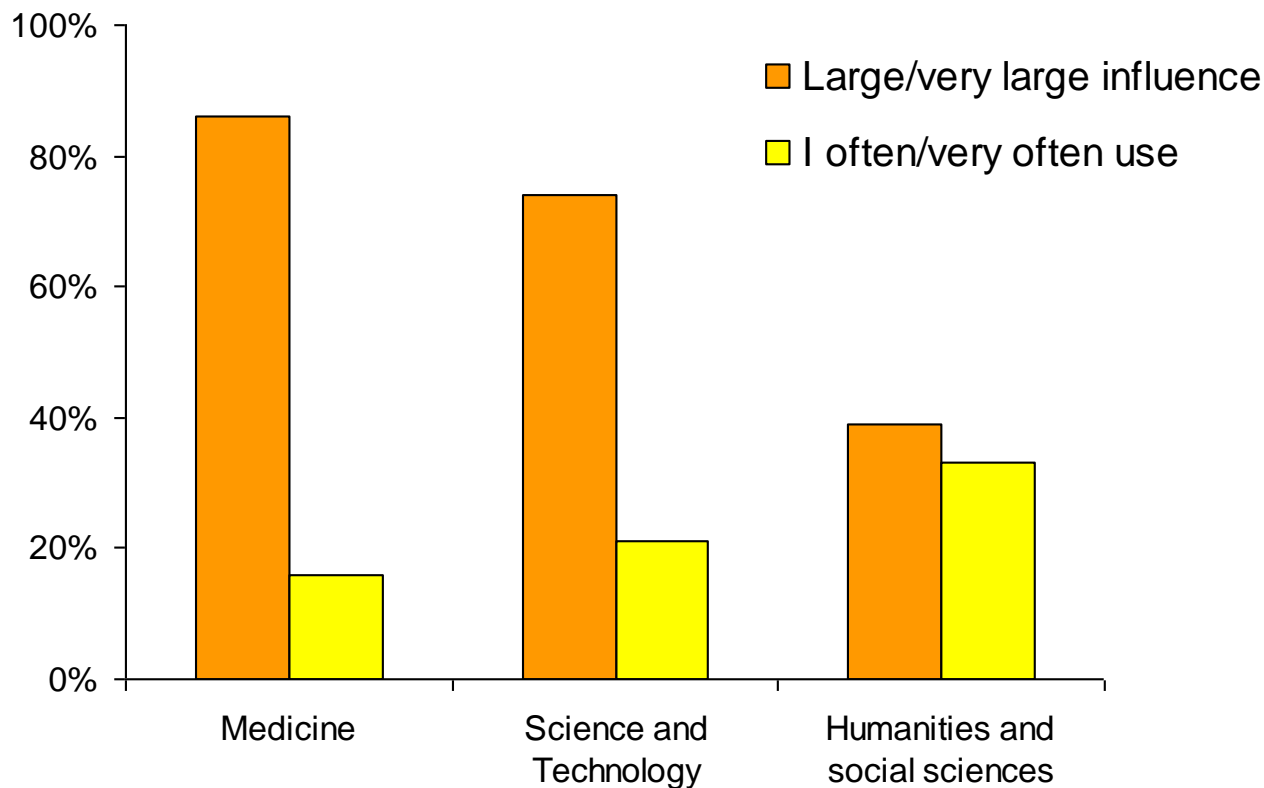


Source: VA-report 2006:5 – Swedish politicians

Influential but of no use...?

1. How large influence do you think that the following research areas have on societal development?

2. How often do you use research results from the following research areas as a basis for a political proposal?



Source: VA-report 2006:5 – Swedish politicians



**Public understanding of
science**

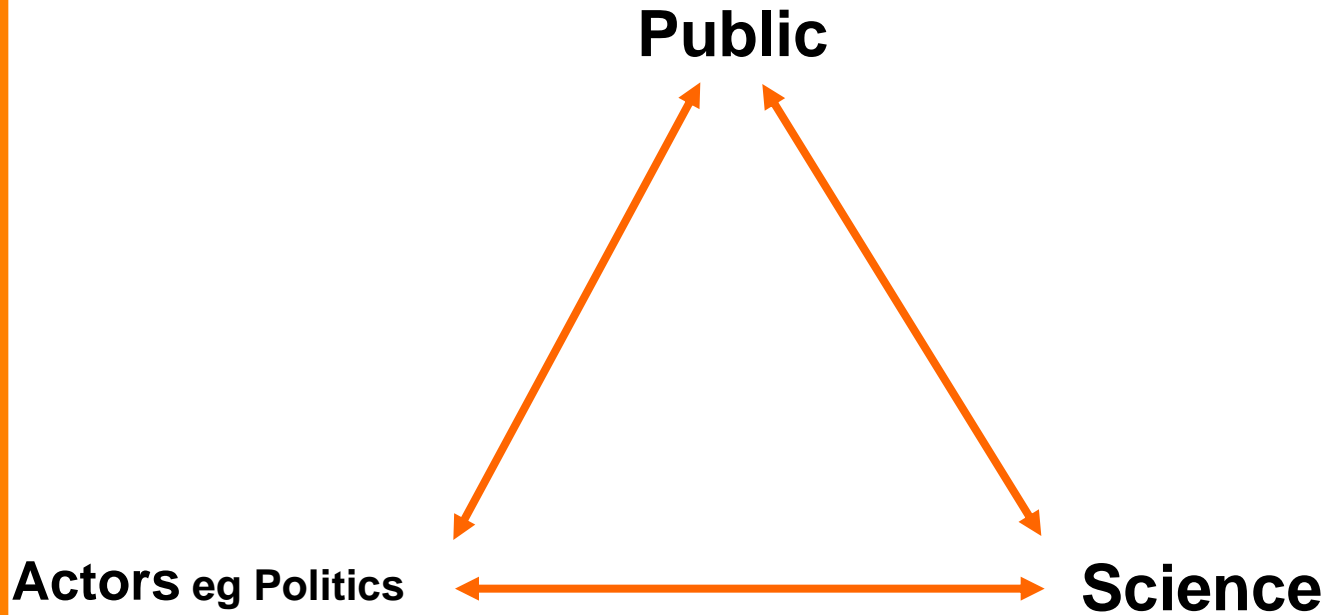
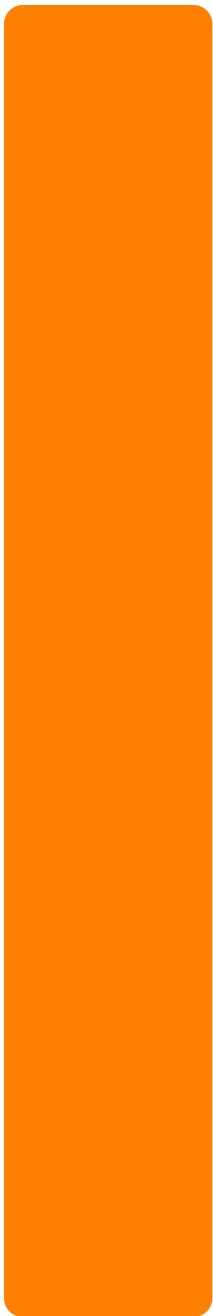
is not enough!

**Science understanding
of public**

is also essential!

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Roadmap to Science in Society

Necessary steps

- **Dialogue and interactivity**
 - Two-way communication
 - Focus on perspectives of the different publics
 - Different demands of politicians, teachers, journalists
- **Credit to scientists for cooperation**
 - Develop and use indicators
- **Participatory processes**