

Project Free Our Knowledge

Using collective action to solve problems in research



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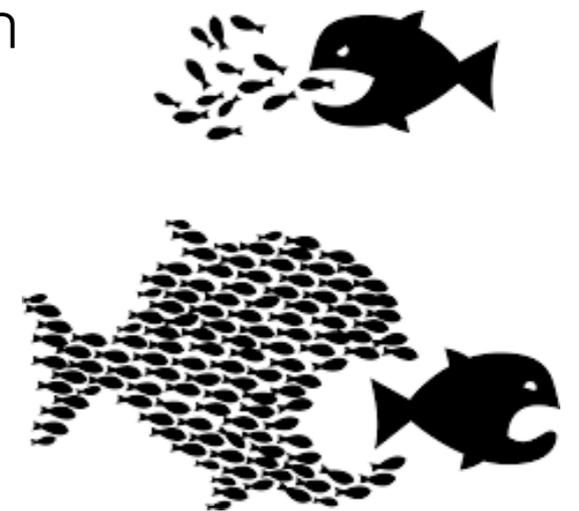
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Scholarly publishing

- Problems
 - Slow (publication delays, paywalls)
 - Expensive (\$25b/yr = ~500,000 postdoc jobs)
 - Wasted time (re-formatting: 52 hrs/yr, re-reviewing = ?)
 - Competitive (40% depression, anxiety)
 - Biased, Promotes QRPs (impact-based metrics)
- Collective action problem: researchers compete to publish in high impact journals, which then harm our community (and ourselves) in the process
 - We have the power to drive change by collectively deciding on new rules and carrying them out



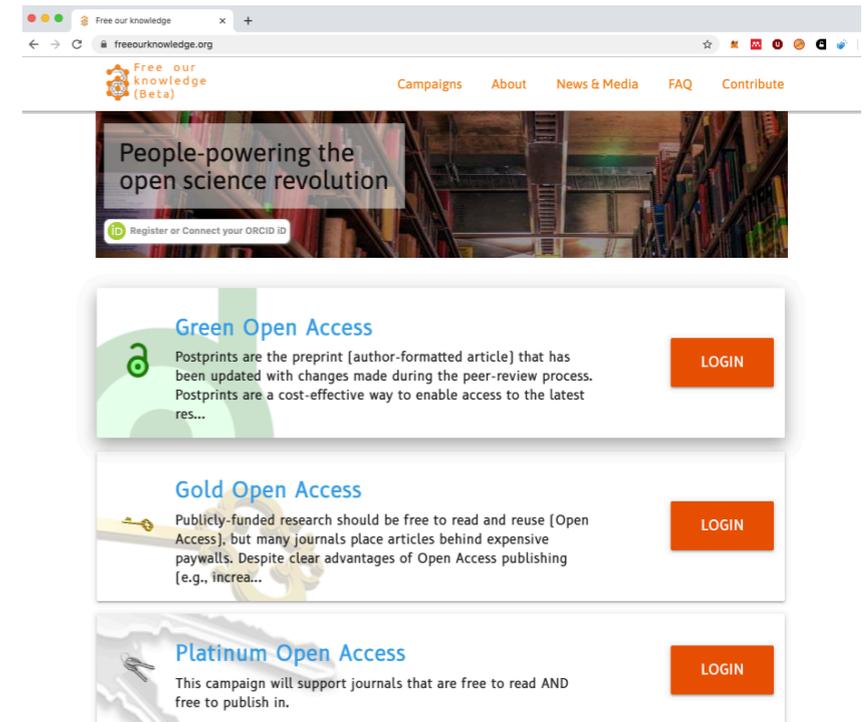
Collective action for researchers

1. **Propose.** Someone creates a campaign asking peers to adopt a new behaviour
2. **Crowd.** Researchers pledge to act when there is sufficient support in the community (anonymously, if desired)
3. **Act.** When the target number of supporters is met, the new 'union' is listed on the website and carries out the new behaviour together



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3. Collaborate  info@freeourknowledge.org
4. Hackathon?



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