Amusing ourselves to death: How science and reason are losing their grip in public discourse

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Kairos Anthony Appiah, The Voice and the丰富的identity, Julian Baggini, The Edge of Reason; Amy Chua. Political Science; Evan Davis, Poe Torr; William Davis, Narcissa Stanger; Rowan Flanagan took over the world; Yass Vaughan Hearn, Homo sapiens and 21 Lessons for the 21st Century; Keith Kahn-Harris, Fighting a rear-guard action for values that are not welcome or popular in 2018. It requires humility, empathy, patience and persistence to respond productively.

In pharmacovigilance, in science and medicine generally, we must constantly monitor the external world and our own performance, and must be able to say what is known, how it is known and why it matters. We must defend precious ideals and values and prioritize individual variation and experience.

In an age where the forces of darkness are on the ascendant, where emotion, fear, and the influence of specialised experts is strong, and where the power and influence of science and reason are under threat, how can we respond productively.

Re-establish the integrity of genuine expertise, data and evidence that have no political affiliation and the value and priority of subjective experience and the rational, neutral and humane use of evidence and data.

On the one hand, the rise of modernity has led to the creation of powerful new tools for the production of knowledge, the spread of ideas, and the mobilization of people.

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