

The Washington Post [reports](#):

When President Obama lifts restrictions on funding for human embryonic stem cell research Monday, he will also issue a presidential memorandum aimed at insulating scientific decisions across the federal government from political influence, officials said today.

“The president believes that it’s particularly important to sign this memorandum so that we can put science and technology back at the heart of pursuing a broad range of national goals,” said Melody Barnes, director of Obama’s Domestic Policy Council.

The previous administration’s sins against science are perhaps its hardest to forgive. Disagreements on values are a part of politics. Disregard for facts should not be — nor should it be the stance of any American president, regardless of party or affiliation.