

# Information and its Relationship to Power

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# Power - the ability to achieve a desired and meaningful goal

- Information acts as a power-multiplier  
Given *some* power, the addition of timely, good, and appropriate information can substantially increase our ability to achieve our goals.

So, what *should* be happening with the information that is generated through our work in CMMAP?

# CMMAP works on many levels:

Pushes the boundaries of scientific knowledge

Efforts to make this information publicly available

Educating the populace so they can make more appropriate decisions

Resources applied to giving students the opportunity to become scientists

All of these things have to do with increasing knowledge and dispersing information. If we do it right, we will empower ourselves and others, and we are ethically responsible to try to do it right!

# Discussion Topic

Taking taxpayer dollars gives us the moral responsibility to do our best for the science and for public empowerment.

How can we, as individuals and as part of the CMMAP entity, work to empower others? What events can lead to the empowerment or dis-empowerment of others?

Possibilities: gender and diversity issues, code sharing, computer time, shyness in speaking or publishing, can we avoid *only* the knowledge-rich getting knowledge-richer, what do you want your students to do with what they learn, or...?