

Scandal at NASA - Censorship of Scientific Research by Bush Appointee

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According to the New York Times, a 24 year old Presidential appointee to the press office at NASA, George Deutsch, resigned this week when it was reported that Deutsch not only faked his resume but more importantly had been censoring scientific publications produced at NASA by applying a religious Creationist rewrite of technical research. This corruption included changing all references to **The Big Bang** to be replaced by Big Bang Theory (where theory is intended in the vernacular, as in "oh, its just a theory", rather than a scientific framework which best explains the facts and observations); moreover, according to the New York Times this requirement was enforced by Deutsch in a memo that said:

The Big Bang is "not proven fact; it is opinion. It is not NASA's place, nor should it be to make a declaration such as this about the existence of the universe that discounts intelligent design by a creator. This is more than a science issue, it is a religious issue. And I would hate to think that young people would only be getting one-half of this debate from NASA. That would mean we had failed to properly educate the very people who rely on us for factual information the most"

NASA's Administrator Michael D. Griffin has since called for "scientific openness" in this quote from the New York Times:

"It is not the job of public-affairs officers," Dr. Griffin wrote in an e-mail message to the agency's 19,000 employees, "to alter, filter or adjust engineering or scientific material produced by NASA's technical staff."

Read **the full article** in the February 4, 2006 New York Times.

Additional Information:

- **George Deutsch Update, at NasaWatch.com**
- **George making George look good, at Stranger Fruit**
- **George Deutsch Did Not Graduate From Texas A&M University, at scientificactivist.blogspot.com**

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- **The Republican War on Science**, by Chris Mooney
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