Resisting Bibliometrics

The Leiden Manifesto* - leidenmanifesto.org

Too much emphasis on bibliometrics as a tool for librarians.

Paid researchers conducting research on bibliometrics. Is this critical though?

Problematic to just provide another method of ranking numbers.

Need to research the metrics. But do so critically!

REF problematic. Academics pushing against REF (or critical of it). Librarians need to engage with academics on the REF.

Hinder metric problematic.

Just because it is highly cited, doesn’t mean it’s relevant/quality.

Danger of shaping research around a popular topic = MASSIVELY PROBLEMATIC.

Wakefield autism article - example of highly cited yet poor research. Ben Goldacre campaign to publish research.

Who is being cited for how many white men/non-Western/immun etc.

Elsevier = THE BIG PROBLEM (part of)

#hangingdefine - can we point students to alternative means to get copyrighted articles.

Can we all just cancel all journal subscriptions.

Lampot - methods to prevent open discussion in sessions (thus preventing copyright breach, chat...