Talking Past Each Other: Connections and Disconnections Between States and Social Scientists

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While social science research can and does influence state governments, too often the process is indirect, the science is misinterpreted, and the impacts are unclear. What's more, it's not clear that social science research is answering the kinds of questions that state governments need answered. We will discuss the disconnects between social science and the states, and how to bridge the gap to make government better at absorbing the lessons of social science and to make social science better at talking to state government.

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