







2012, the 'Cost of Knowledge' revolt

In 2012, 1000 lawyers and 33 mathematicians called for a boycott of Elsevier. They succeeded in inspiring the Research Works Act, a bill introduced in the U.S. Congress due to Elsevier's lobbying to control open access.

1000 Researchers Taking a Stand, *and/or*

Academics have protested against Elsevier's business practices for years with little effect. There are several of their complaints:

- They charge exorbitantly high prices for subscriptions to published journals.
- In the age of cheap high prices, they still require authors to make their articles available to the public. They "publish" articles, but the authors must pay for the "publishing" which, with the high prices, means that they must pay for the right to publish their own work.
- They require researchers to sign NDAs, NDAs and the Research Works Act. They also require the 2012 boycott of Elsevier.

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