Value Judgments and Open Science: Getting Clear about Transparency

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The open science movement has been growing in importance, as scientists and policy-makers call for greater public access to publications and more transparency regarding study data, methods, code, peer-review processes, and funding sources. However, calls for transparency raise a number of questions about the extent to which this ideal can be realized and the costs of doing so. The paper responds to some of the major objections against pursuing transparency, it clarifies some of the most important forms that merit further investigation, and it explores how scholars can help contribute to implementing transparency about value judgments more effectively.



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