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# The Body Politic: The Battle Over Science in America

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We have entered what is called the “biological century” and a new biopolitics has emerged to address the implications for America’s collective value system, our well-being, and ultimately, our future. *The Body Politic* is the first book to recognize and assess this new force in our political landscape—one that fuels today’s culture wars and has motivated politicians of all stripes to reexamine their platforms. As Moreno explains the most contentious issues, he also offers an engaging history of the intersection between science and democracy in American life, a reasoned (and often surprising) analysis of how different political ideologies view scientific controversies, and a vision for how the new biopolitics can help shape the quality of our lives.

Dr. Moreno is the David and Lyn Silfen University Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, one of 13 Penn Integrates Knowledge professors at Penn. He is also Professor of Medical Ethics and Health Policy, of History and Sociology of Science, and of Philosophy. In 2008-09 he served as a member of President Barack Obama’s transition team. Moreno is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine/National Academy of Sciences and is a National Associate of the National Research Council. He has served as a senior staff member for three presidential bioethics advisory commissions, including the current commission under President Obama, and has given invited testimony for both houses of Congress. Dr. Moreno is a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress in Washington, D.C., where he edits the magazine *Science Progress* ([www.scienceprogress.org](http://www.scienceprogress.org)). His latest book is *The Body Politic: The Battle over Science in America* (Bellevue Literary, 2011).

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