Canada scientists bargain for right to speak out
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Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative government has long faced accusations that it turns a blind eye to research results that conflict with its political agenda.

Its alleged anti-science bias even provoked a march on parliament by scientists in laboratory coats in 2012.

The protestors accused the government of cutting scientific programs and closing labs in order to reduce the volume of climate, water and atmospheric research running counter to its policies, in particular its support for Canada's energy and mining sectors.

The government has said it actually increased funding for basic and applied research, and that Canadian scientists have published a record number of peer-reviewed studies in the last decade, while commercialization of new technologies has increased.

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