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Use the resources from the Science and Policy student E-Sheet to answer the questions on this sheet.

### Science and Policy E-Sheet

<http://sciencenetlinks.com/Esheet.cfm?DocID=209>

- AAAS Contributes to Woodrow Wilson Center Report Regarding Science Advice for the Next U.S. President  
[http://www.aaas.org/news/releases/2008/0619science\\_advice.shtml](http://www.aaas.org/news/releases/2008/0619science_advice.shtml)
- Critical Upgrade  
<http://wilsoncenter.org/news/docs/OSTP%20Paper1.pdf>

The leadership of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) thinks “science is at a crossroads.” What does the phrase “at a crossroads” mean? Why is it of concern that American science is at a crossroads? Give examples of areas of American life that are based in scientific excellence.

In its press release, the AAAS leadership mentioned three social trends in particular that threaten the quality of American science. What are they, and why do they hold the potential to weaken science?

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What is the relationship between these three trends and the science priorities of the Obama administration?

What role does the White House Science and Technology Advisor play in all this? How much money is at stake?

What are the three overarching recommendations made in the "Critical Upgrade" report to the next president?