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VIRCHOW'S EXPERIENCES WITH EPIDEMICS RADICALIZED HIM

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Ed Yong speaks from the bottom of my heart in his Atlantic essay "[What Even Counts as Science Writing Anymore?](#)"

Virchow's experiences with epidemics radicalized him, pushing the man who would become known as the "father of pathology" to advocate for social and political reforms. COVID-19 has done the same for many scientists. Many of the issues it brought up were miserably familiar to climate scientists, who drolly welcomed newly traumatized epidemiologists into their ranks. In the light of the pandemic, old debates about whether science (and science writing) is political now seem small and antiquated. Science is undoubtedly political,

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