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HOW TO CONSENSUS

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Science's [Holden Thorp nailed it again](#)

Scientists take it for granted that the consensus they refer to is not the result of opinion polls of their colleagues or a negotiated agreement reached at a research conclave. Rather, it is a phrase that describes a process in which evidence from independent lines of inquiry leads collectively toward the same conclusion. This process transcends the individual scientists who carry out the research.

Unfortunately parallel lines only intersect at infinity.

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