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“To whom God has given science and the eloquence of good speech must not be silent or conceal it but willingly show it when a great good is heard by many then it begins to seed and when it is praised by many then it bursts into flower.”

Les Lais de Marie de France, Prologue
High Concentration in Academic Publishing

What is the Rational of Open Access Publishing (OAP)?

- High Prices
- High Concentration
- Price Discrimination
- Dead-Weight Loss
- Publishers do not create or pay for the content
- Publicly Funded
- Copyright?
What are the Economics of OAP?
“if you are a member of the knowledge elite, then there is free access, but for the rest of the world, not so much [...] publisher restrictions do not achieve the objective of enlightenment, but rather the reality of ‘elite-nment.’”

Lawrence Lessing, ‘The Architecture of Access to Scientific Knowledge: Just How Badly we Have Messed This Up’ (speech delivered at CERN Colloquium and Library Science Talk) (April 18, 2011)
Thank you!

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