RESOLUTION ON FREEDOM OF PUBLICATION
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Whereas a very great amount of purely scientific research in social science is financed by institutions which may have the legal right to publish, suppress, alter, or otherwise dispose of the research results in a manner that may be contrary to the will of the scientist and amount to suppression or curtailment of academic freedom; but

Whereas it is also true that indiscretion in publication may harm informants or groups from which information is obtained and may be damaging to the sponsoring institutions;

Be it resolved: (1) that the American Anthropological Association strongly urge all sponsoring institutions to guarantee their research scientists complete freedom to interpret and publish their findings without censorship or interference; provided that

(2) the interests of the persons and communities or other social groups studied are protected; and that

(3) in the event that the sponsoring institution does not wish to publish the results nor be identified with the publication, it permit publication of the results, without use of its name as sponsoring agency, through other channels.