



# Patent Quality

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- Technological Impact (innovation delayed)
  - Research is infringement, and thus to be avoided



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  - Dying Africans, Indians, Brazilians? Just COB

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  - Pre / Post grant opposition
  - Public / Press Relations
    - Education / Awareness campaigns
    - Shaming / Applauding strategies

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    - Administrative concerns: "Haunted by the demon of error"
    - Fairness issues: Doesn't help; Targets poor and minorities



# Thank you!

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