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Topic: "Elections Over: Whither STEM Innovation"

While the Fall 2012 elections are over, political and societal concerns about capabilities in, and awareness of, Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) innovation continue.

Concerns include:

- the depth, breadth, and trends of STEM capability and awareness in the US and in other countries
- educational and societal security embodied in different rates of educational achievement across changing minority/majority subpopulations, and
- societal advancement in light of different rates of innovation across small-to-large business.

Approaches to address these concerns include:

- focused efforts to augment diversity and inclusion in STEM education and awareness,
- mentor-protégé programs,
- small-business assistance,
- challenges and awards, and
- crowd-sourcing.

The status and possible future directions of STEM innovation will be discussed, focusing on possible implications arising from the results of the elections.