

RICE UNIVERSITY

- Is there any biases?

There do not seem to be any biases within this group. Within the description of their institution, they state that they welcome all scientists and all researchers from all disciplines. This therefore means that there are no biases or the biases present, if any, are not shared with the public.

- What is the longevity?

This institute of research was established in 1993. It has been slowly growing over the years and is emerging as one of the most prominent research institutes within an educational setting. At the current rate at which nanotechnology is on the rise, it will mean that a lot of sponsorships will come in and this institution will constantly grow in its size and abilities.

- How is the information presented/organized?

The information is presented in a sense that it is understandable to the rest of society. It talks about all the different areas of that are being studied and they talk about what is the hottest technology on the market. They also have links to external sights that have more detailed information about the various forms of nanotechnology.

- Who does this information appeal to, i.e. who are the stakeholders?

The information mostly seems to appeal mostly those who are seeking to learn more about nanotechnology. It does not lay out all the information at once. It gives a brief overview and then gives links for those who are interested in learning more.

- Investor Relations?

They developed a group called NanoFANS which they use as a primary source of income. They used this group as a means of which they keep those interested at the forefront of the technology. They also receive federal and private sponsorships which vary according to the different area that is being researched.

- How does the general public get to the website?

In order to get to this website, one would have to visit the rice educational website and search. They can search for the Richard Smalley institute and they will be directed to the website. The website is cnst.rice.edu.

- What can we not get off the website?

The main thing that can not be gotten off the website is the actual specifics of the ongoing research. There are links to where this information can be provided.

- Is the information positive or negative?

The information is mostly objective. This means that they welcome both sides. For the most part, it is predominantly positive and it is research that on the most part is beneficial to society.

- Who is the intended audience?

The intended audience are people who have scanty knowledge of what nanotechnology is and they are keen on learning more about it.

KENT LAW SCHOOL- **The Center on Nanotechnology and Society (Nano & Society)**

- Is there any biases?

This is mainly a research institute for specific purposes and this therefore makes it biased mainly to topics and issues of research within this field.

This institute acts as mostly a center for discussion and it talks about a lot of cutting edge topics within the field of nanotechnology. There is a bias for the human condition and they discuss and are biased towards the technology being beneficial to humans within society in general.

- What is the longevity?

This research institute is an affiliate of the Institute of Biotechnology and The Human Future. This institute is on the rise nationally in terms of institutions who discuss the legal and societal aspects of the various topics of nanotechnology they discuss.

- How is the information presented/organized?

The main information that are presented are articles and resources that discuss various recent trends of nanotechnology. The institute basically presents articles of the various areas of nanotechnology as well as hosts seminars regularly to invite the elite within this field to discuss the latest effects on society.

- Who does this information appeal to, i.e. who are the stakeholders?

This information is meant for the people who are really knowledgeable within the various aspects of nanotechnology. This is because they concern themselves with the latest trends of nanotechnology.

- Investor Relations?

This group is mostly sponsored by mainly its fellows and government institutions that sponsor the parent institution which is the Institute of Biotechnology and the Human Future.

- How does the general public get to the website?

They can simply use the Kent Law School website as well as other related to it. These include the Illinois Institute of Technology as well as others.

- What can we not get off the website?

We can not get a lot of introductory information concerning nanotechnology. If an individual wanted a general understanding of nanotechnology, this would not be the best sight to visit.

- Is the information positive or negative?

This information mostly addresses all the positive aspect. However, the discussions that take place seek to address all aspects and they therefore address the negative aspects as well.

- Who is the intended audience?

The intended audience of this kind of information is intended for the elite of the nanotechnology field. It is also good for people within the educational field who intend on expanding their knowledge of nanotechnology.

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