

Noam Chomsky in 1969

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These display what all scientific revolutions are about. Each of them necessitated the community's rejection of one time-honored scientific theory in favor of another incompatible with it. Each produced a consequent shift in the problems available for scientific scrutiny and in the standards by which the profession determined what should count as an admissible problem or as a legitimate problem-solution.

—Thomas S. Kuhn, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* (1962)

Noam Chomsky's recent reputation as a political polemicist has obscured the fact that another revolution, this one more successful, has been tied to his name. [more>>>](#)