

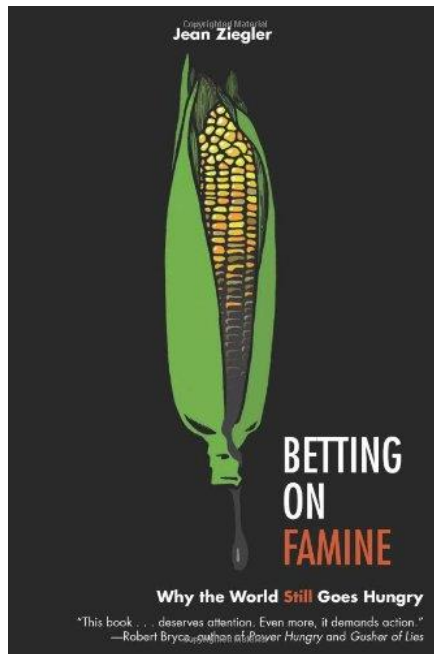
# Why the Humanities Are Important

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# Two Ways to Seeing It

Importance of humanities could be seen:



Famines are not due to insufficient amount of food in the world but due to inappropriate distributions (i.e., **decision making**)

1. If all present “science” research is stopped, the world is still the same—chaos and tragedies will continue—because it is the humanities (underdeveloped in the last 2400 years since Plato, which include **decision making**) that matter in human affairs



2. Another way of seeing this is through the lesson of Apple company:

Putting a good **humanist** among “**scientists**”/engineers could create great companies—good for the economy

# Humanities Include Decision Making

Wrong **decision making** (a discipline in the humanities) causes lives, millions of lives

Holocaust in Germany (WWII)

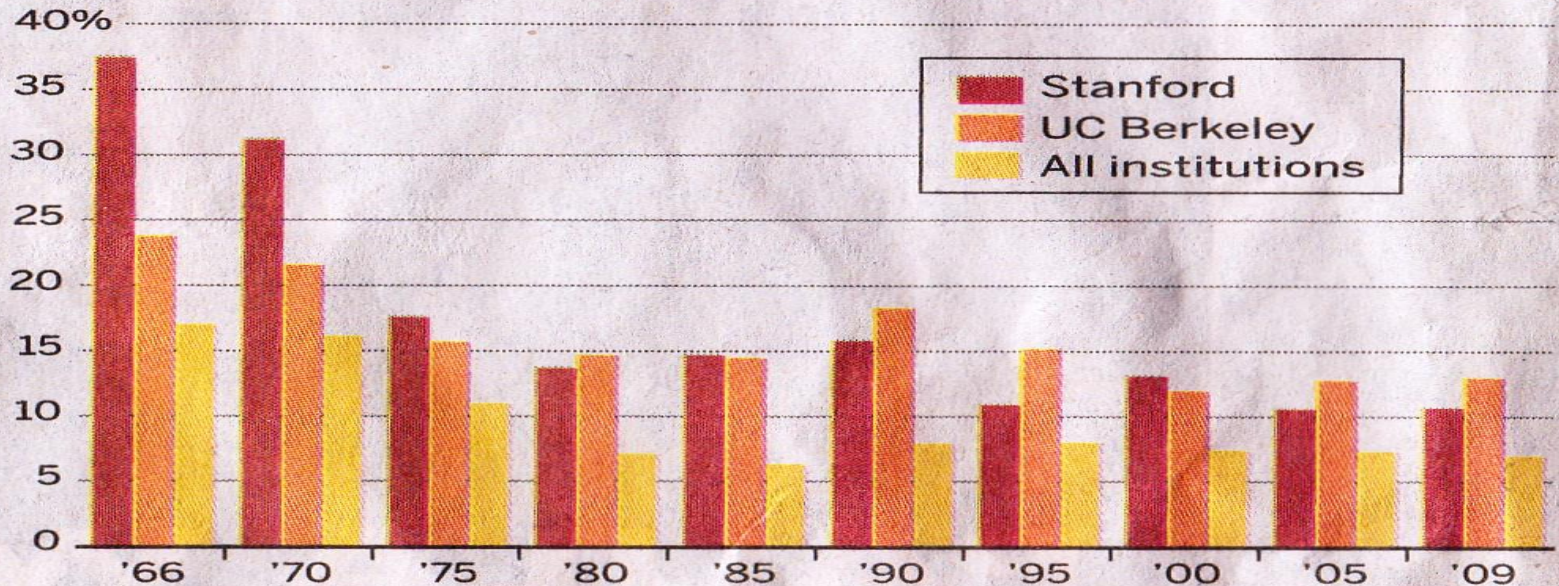


6 million dead



## Declining enrollment in humanities

The percentage of all students receiving bachelor's degrees in the humanities at Stanford University, UC Berkeley and institutions nationwide has declined since the 1960s, especially at Stanford.



Source: National Science Foundation data prepared by David Laurence of the Modern Language Association for Russell Berman, humanities professor, Stanford University

- Raising the **scientificity** (scientific level) of the humanities will reverse the declining enrollment in the humanities in universities
- The way to do it is through humanities-“science” blending—the **scimat** approach