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similar network of people in the area of the ethical challenges and problems of the modern entrepreneurial and technical society.

Senator Atkins: This is where there can be potential overlap, and you will have to work with others. Can that be done easily?

Dr. Heintzman: Yes.

Senator Atkins: There is not a competitive interest among researchers?

Dr. Heintzman: As far as research councils themselves go, I do not think there would be much dispute as to which council has primary responsibility for an activity in a particular area. As I said, that is an area of real interest and concern to the council.

Senator Atkins: It will be an interesting political issue over the next few years.

Senator Marsden: It is just that doctors always assume they know everything and that the rest of us are merely subservient, and so there is no fight.

Dr. Heintzman: It is in a context like that, if I may add one more comment, where it is clear that these are absolutely crucial questions for our society, and one has to wonder when one notes, as I did, that Canada's funding of social sciences and the humanities research, in real terms, is now about two-thirds of what it was 20 years ago. Not only has there not been any growth, but we are significantly behind where we were 20 years ago.

The Chairman: With that, I thank the witnesses for their presentation this morning.

The committee adjourned.
