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In Brazil, the pandemic — and an anti-science environment — has accelerated “brain drain,” an exodus of the country’s scientists and intellectuals, said Beatriz Grinsztejn, infectious disease physician at the Evandro Chagas National Institute of Infectious Diseases-Oswaldo Cruz Foundation.

“The pandemic has implications for Brazil’s educational future,” said Grinsztejn. “Even before COVID-19, we saw dramatic cuts in research funding, and the dismantling of scientific institutions. We’re at risk of losing a generation of Brazilians who are contributing to our scientific, social, and economic development.”

Grinsztejn added that the prolonged pandemic in Brazil has set back poverty reduction goals by 13 years, and a food insecurity crisis is unfolding as well.

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