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Abstract: Due to their close association with pragmatism, policy sciences can be considered as the practical application of many of the ideas provided in *Scienza e demcrazia*. First of all, these notes highlight the many elements of convergence with the most propositive part of this volume, to underline the specific contribution of policy sciences to some of the themes covered in the book. The last reflection is devoted to the idea or, better, to the fear that much of the progressive balance between knowledge and democracy based on the pragmatic perspective is irremediably gone. The reference is to all the processes summarized by the term 'post-truth'. The heretical hypothesis with which I close my intervention is that this tendency is in many ways the unforeseen and distopic realization of the utopia of American pragmatism.

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