Reflections on Getting a PhD in Physics

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As someone who has worked in several sectors: industry, national labs, government and now academe, I will reflect on how my PhD training in physics helped to prepare me and others for careers. I will also look at what’s changed in the world since 1978 and how this might influence the best practices in graduate education going forward into the 21st Century.