

## Genetic proof for cilantro haters

Scientists have [had a hunch for some time](#) that cilantro hating might be partly inherited. But now a [genetic survey of nearly 30,000 people](#) has given us a definitive answer: hating cilantro is hard-wired into your genes.

A large chunk of the US population—including the likes of culinary goddess Julia Child—have claimed that it tastes offensive. Kinda like soap, in fact. It spreads further than these shores, too: [a recent survey suggested](#) that 21 percent of east Asians, 17 percent of Europeans, and 14 percent of people of African descent all claim to be repulsed by the stuff.

Now, consumer genetics firm 23andMe, based in Mountain View, has carried out [a genetic survey of 30,000 people](#) to get to the bottom of the problem. By identifying those who didn't like cilantro, researchers, led by Nicholas Eriksson, were able to pinpoint genetic variants linked to cilantro hating.

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