

## Initiative 522: A test of what you believe about genetically modified foods

*The following is an edited excerpt.*

[The GMO] label is a warning. It is saying, in effect, “Before you buy this apple, your government wants you to know this fact about it.” But why would my government want me to know this if it makes no difference to people’s health?

The answer seems to be that it makes a difference to people’s beliefs. The label mandated by 522 is not like listing the sugar in breakfast cereal. It is more like the labels “kosher” and “halal,” or “USDA Organic,” except that its implication is negative and its use is not voluntary.

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