

European scientists warn of dangers of “Precautionary Science”

Eighteen scientists recently weighed in on the unscientific and dangerous nature of the so-called “precautionary principle” in the July issue of the journal Food and Chemical Toxicology. The article follows on the heels of a substantially similar letter to the EU president’s Chief Scientific Adviser that dozens of scientists signed in protest of the European Union’s draft regulation on endocrine active chemicals.

The article and the letter both decry the use of “precaution” as an excuse to depart from science when making policy decisions. Indeed, it seems that science is under siege everywhere, and this is just one example.

The authors lament unscientific language and standards that EU regulators include within this framework, particularly this statement. *Relevance of data to humans should be assumed in the absence of appropriate data demonstrating non-relevance.*

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