

Foodie Michael Pollan roundly criticized for baseless “industry talking points” tweet

Michael Pollan of the University of California-Berkeley School of Journalism has had quite a week – and not in a good way. He is taking fire from all sides after instigating an all-out Twitter war by putting his anti-corporate agenda ahead of scientific innovation over attempts to save Florida oranges.

Pollan Tweeted in response to a story by *New York Times* science writer Amy Harmon exploring the use of genetic engineering to save Florida oranges from a devastating disease. The story received high praise from many in the scientific community,

But not Pollan. Perhaps because the story didn't bash biotechnology, he took a blatant cheap shot at Harmon, accusing her of being a mouthpiece for big industry by using “2 many industry talking pts *[sic]*.” That didn't sit well with the scientific community.”

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