

Aversion to GMOs in wealthy nations influences views in poor nations

(Summary)

The debate over genetically modified organisms in America and Europe affects the views of biotechnology in Africa. Robert Paalberg, Wellesley political science professor and author of *Starved for Science: How Biotechnology is Being Kept out of Africa* argues that wealthier nations have an aversion to GMOs because consumers do not believe they have seen the direct benefits. This aversion carries over to poor nations in Africa, where there are already some negative views of GMOs. These are places where GMOs could have direct benefits to consumers, Paalberg argues, but African governments depend on European markets, where there are strict regulations on GMOs, and are loathe to offend their major trading partners.

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