

Anti-GMO activists' misconceptions about Neil deGrasse Tyson's GMO comments

Like anything relating to GMOs, Neil deGrasse Tyson's recent off the cuff remarks on GMOs and his exhortation to 'chill out' was met with competing choruses of cheers and jeers.

I watched the reaction unfurl on his Facebook page ([here](#) and [here](#)) and on Chris Mooney's posts in Mother Jones ([here](#) and [here](#)). Neil deGrasse Tyson is a great champion of the scientific method. So it was especially embarrassing and disconcerting to see their corresponding readers and fans parade through to lodge their disagreement with Tyson's remarks based on a number of common and easily debunked misconceptions and fallacies.

In his follow ups on Facebook, he broke out some issues that are of a political nature and told people that if they were concerned about patents or pesticides, etc; then focus on patent or pesticide, etc. All of which makes perfect sense. But many weren't having it.

The standard response was something along the lines of, "I love Neil, but I disagree with him on GMOs because [insert common misconception here]."

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