

GMO labeling advocates 'no more enlightened' than anti-vaxxers

Connecticut, Maine and Vermont have all passed genetically modified organism labeling legislation despite no reputable evidence for health concerns. Unfortunately, New Englanders in both public and private sectors have revealed themselves to be no more enlightened than the anti-vaccine contingency by rejecting overwhelming scientific consensus with the publicizing of research misinterpretations and cries of conspiracy theory. Even popular magazine Scientific American's qualified and well-written defense of GMOs did little to move the needle of opinion.

Consistency seems amusingly rare among the anti-GMO contingency. A pro-labeling friend who admirably admits to having no scientific knowledge on the subject recently lectured me about the perils of tinkering with nature all the while eating a muffin made of enriched wheat. That is wheat that has been stripped of its germ and bran, had synthetic vitamins added to it, and even in its "natural" state bore little resemblance to its botanical ancestors due to human-controlled breeding.

GMO Free CT, a GMO-labeling advocacy group with more conviction than education, is a notable source of misinformation and represents a case study in how an Internet education can be a dangerous thing. I often wonder what these pseudo-naturalists would say if they learned the vast majority of insulin used globally for diabetics is biosynthetic, and yet these individuals are fine despite injecting themselves multiple times per day.

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