

GMO DEBATE RECAP: Battle over Biotechnology—Public backs GM research and farming

I was really excited to watch the Intelligence Squared debate. I've been looking forward to it for seemingly ages.

Bottom line—it was as predicted. Fear, questions, and magical thinking against science, reason and evidence. And science won. Not only did science win, the fear-based empty fact-free claims from the other side are permanently stored online for everyone to enjoy *forever*.

[\[Intelligence Squared has posted a video recording of the debate\]](#)

[Genetic Literacy Project has a [report](#) on how leading anti-GMO groups, including Greenpeace and GMO Free USA, are already turning on their own, [accusing](#) debate scientists Margaret Mellon and Charles Benbrook, who were soundly trounced in the debate, over being paid Monsanto shills.]

According to votes recorded on the Intelligence Squared website, the motion in support of agricultural biotechnology prevailed over those opposed to it by a convincing 60-30 percent.

[Battle Over Biotech Final Score](#)

I'm not going into too much post-event analysis, but I will take the time to point out some of the major things we all need to take note of.

Mellon has no clue. She seems to think that Europe is this wonderful place that has ag all figured out. Of course, they import massive amounts of food from the USA, Brazil and Argentina because they are not self sustaining! [Here's a nice article](#) by Steve Savage on those not-European-food eaters.

The Bingo card got a go

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Fish genes in ____	We just don't know	No scientific consensus	Antibiotic resistance	dangerous
super seeds	Starlink	cross pollinate apples	Untested	Unbiblical cords
Endocrine disruptor	the last pestilence	MONSIEUR	... but ____ countries have banned	about it - backed traits
Imprecise	risky	Breast milk	NAI unproven	Technology is too new
Inadequate testing	Researchers in Europe say....	Crops don't yield	Won't take our exports	Long-term effects

came close on Starlink!

Most importantly the results show what we know. Most people that are undecided will gravitate toward science when they are offered facts over fear.

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