

Dr. Oz set to respond as more physicians, scientists, journalists call for Columbia to drop “quack” promoter

Dr. Oz plans to [strike back](#) at the doctors who wrote a letter (see below) to the Dean of Health Sciences and Medicine at Columbia calling for his resignation. Oz’s response will apparently be in the form of an episode of his show this Thursday. CNN is reporting that an Oz spokesperson had the following statement:

“We plan to show America who these authors are, because discussion of health topics should be free of intimidation.”

Say what?

Let me get this straight, some doctors who most people don’t know (I had to Google every single one) but claim they are distinguished wrote a letter to Oz’s sort of boss (because he makes most of his money from his TV show and product partnerships) and that’s intimidation, but being called a quack by [a Senate Panel isn’t??????](#)

Dr. Oz should, like all clinicians, have the academic freedom to do studies that are approved by IRBs, tinker in the lab with new ideas for cardiac devices, and write papers about his detoxing theories that his peers will review, however, that isn’t what we are talking about. The problem in the Land of Oz isn’t, as Columbia University suggests, academic freedom it is about ethics and conflicts of interest.

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