

## “Dr. Oz stands up for First Amendment right to promote false health claims”

In case you haven't been keeping up with Dr. Mehmet Oz since he won a spot in America's heart by analyzing poop with Oprah, the doctor now has his own daytime TV show, where, according to many in the medical community, he frequently shares questionable health claims with his 1.8 million daily viewers. (You can read about it in this *British Medical Journal* [study](#). But let's be honest: You'd rather watch John Oliver's [takedown](#).)

Last week, ten doctors sent a letter to Columbia University calling for Dr. Oz to be booted from his faculty position for “promoting quack treatments and cures in the interest of personal financial gain.” Now the doctor has released a preview of his rebuttal, which will air on Thursday (the start of “sweeps,” as CNN [points out](#)). “This month, we celebrate my 1,000th show,” Dr. Oz says in the clip. “I know I've irritated some potential allies in our quest to make America healthy. No matter our disagreements, freedom of speech is the most fundamental right we have as Americans. And these ten doctors are trying to silence that right.”

A spokesman for *The Dr. Oz Show* told CNN the rebuttal takes up two thirds of the program, and Dr. Oz will question his accusers' over their ties to the American Council on Science and Health, which supports genetically modified foods. (Oz thinks these foods should be labeled, but the complaints about his on-air claims go far beyond that issue.) The clip concludes with Dr. Oz saying, “So I vow to you right here and right now: We will not be silenced, we will not give in.”

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