

Mark Lynas: Anti-GMO, anti-vaccine movements are linked

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. . . . [A]nti-vaccine conspiracy theorising is seen right across the anti-GMO movement. For example, the most prominent GMO labelling campaign group, so-called 'US Right to Know' (which has harassed numerous public-sector biotechnology scientists with malicious FOIA requests), is funded to the tune of \$234,000 by the Organic Consumers Association. OCA carries whole sections on its website opposing vaccinations.

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Tellingly, the Organic Consumers Association is also a member of the '[Health Liberty coalition](#)', which includes the National Vaccine Information Center (an anti-vaccination network). . .

Another prominent anti-GMO funder, the US-based millionaire [quack doctor](#) Dr Mercola, also features anti-vaxxer theories, amidst the usual tropes about GMO dangers . . . .

Many of the leading lights in the anti-GMO scene are heavily invested in alternative health theories. The UK based activist Dr Mae Wan Ho, for example, combines her struggle against biotechnology with consistent promotion of the long-debunked autism-MMR theory advanced by Andrew Wakefield.

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This raises all sorts of interesting questions. How do Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth and other serious environmental groups who still actively campaign against GMOs feel about being de-facto aligned with these dangerous quacks and conspiracy theorists?. . . Also: why do people keep taking anti-GMO activist groups like USRTK seriously despite these overt funding links to anti-vaccine campaigners? . . . .

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