

Democratic legal scholar Cass Sunstein says his party has blind spot when it comes to science of GMOs

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Democrats pride themselves on their commitment to science. Citing climate change, they contend that they are the party of truth, while Republicans are “denialists.” But with respect to genetically modified organisms, many Democrats seem indifferent to science, and to be practicing a denialism of their own — perhaps more so than Republicans.

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People who most strongly oppose genetic modification are not weighing risks and benefits. Their opposition is a product of the fact that they find the whole idea disgusting.

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For consumers, the lesson is simple: Genetically modified foods are safe to eat. For public officials, the lesson is clear, even if less simple: In a democracy, public opinion always deserves serious consideration — but in a democratic system that prizes evidence-based decisions, sound analysis is a trump card.

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