

GMOs illustrate problem of false balance, junk science in media

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More than 100 Nobel Prize-winners have signed onto a campaign demanding activist groups and their seemingly willing accomplices in the press refrain from spreading misinformation about the science behind genetically modified foods.

“The media very often likes to present a supposedly balanced argument,” Sir Richard Roberts, [who is spearheading the campaign along with fellow Nobel Prize-winner Philip Sharp](#), told the *Washington Examiner*. . .

“They present it as though it’s a 50/50 deal, rather than the fact that it’s a 99-to-1 percent. . . . They just have to do a better job of estimating where is the consensus and if you want to bring another view in, you have to point out it’s a minority view,” he added.

Roberts. . . explained the purpose of the campaign is to demand activists and media report accurately and fairly on GMOs.

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The former president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science echoed these sentiments.

Junk science in media is “a huge problem,” Nina Fedoroff told the *Examiner*. . . .

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Luckily, she said, there are websites that provide “expertise and analysis” on scientific research, including [Academics Review](#) and [Genetic Literacy Project](#). . . .

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