

Clinton and Trump need to talk about issues in genetics, precision medicine more

An organization...has crowdsourced and expert-checked a list of “20 science-driven issues (that) deserve their own debate” for the presidential candidates.

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I’ve just read all 42 pages of the 2016 responses, and will save RDR readers time if they’re looking for anything on rare diseases, genetics, genomics, DNA, or basically anything other than climate change, infectious disease, and space science.

It isn’t there.

More attention is devoted to ocean science than to the plight of the 30 million Americans with rare diseases. The only response even remotely related to DNA is that of Jill Stein, who copied-and-pasted an anti-GMO opinion into three places.

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I searched excitedly for mention of the [Precision Medicine Initiative](#), which I picked as 2015’s [breakthrough](#) of the year, but was disappointed. Millions of people are having their genomes sequenced, and nothing. Cancer is brought up only once, in the context of the Cancer Moonshot.

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I hope that despite the glaring absence of rare diseases [in the list of topics], the next president can continue President Obama’s recognition of the importance of developing treatments for *all* diseases.

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