

## Liberal awakening: Ignorance of GMO science has no ideology

*[Emily Thorne is a 17-year-old aspiring journalist from Athens, Georgia.]*

For a long time, I was part of the anti-GMO movement. It wasn't until I took a class about global political and social challenges that I learned about sustainable agriculture, including genetic modification and what that really entails. I then scoffed at my past self for having subscribed to the myths against GMOs, assuming that this anti-science stance was probably a conservative idea since [right-leaning people are much more likely than the liberal left to deny climate change](#). I wondered how I had fallen for something touted by the party I view as backwards — but then I did some simple research.

I was surprised to realize that it's actually [almost equally conservatives and liberals](#) perpetuating anti-science falsehoods against GMOs.

GMOs simply aren't dangerous, and many people who advocate against them don't even know what they are or how they're made:

To clear up the misinformation circulating out there, genetic modification is a [breeding process](#) where engineers identify, isolate, and tag a small piece of DNA containing a gene that codes for a specific trait, such as large size or resistance to infection. Then, they copy and insert it into the genome of another organism of that species....

**The GLP aggregated and excerpted this blog/article to reflect the diversity of news, opinion, and analysis. Read full, original post: [Liberals Can Be Anti-Science, Too: In Defense of Vaccines and GMOs](#)**