## Pro-GMO vegans? Online community champions biotechnology, science literacy

[Andrea] Palmieri, who now leads the March Against Myths, is a bit of a contradiction. In fact, she was once told that her job in the natural-health industry was akin to "a vegan working in a butcher shop."

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Palmieri calls herself a science-literacy activist and, more personally, a lover of "learning and potatoes." She holds a degree in food science from Carleton and a food safety certificate from Conestoga, and in addition to leading the march, she is active in the <a href="VeganGMO">VeganGMO</a> community — a blog and discussion space curated by science enthusiasts and herbivores alike. She champions GMOs and believes that more people, including vegans, could stand to entertain a pro-GMO stance.

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The ideology of the natural-health industry tends to harmonize with that of vegans, but Palmieri's retreat from meat aims to marry compassion with objective rationale. She and her VeganGMO peers believe that a rational approach to biotechnology can be maintained while addressing animal justice. Examples include growing nutritionally sound meat and dairy products from animal stem cells in a lab, fortifying protein alternatives, and curbing damage to animal habitats through reduced dependency on pesticide use.

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