Chemist on Food Evolution: Activists present their case but movie shows science isn't on their side

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Imagine there was a documentary about a scientific topic for which there is known widespread scientific consensus. When it comes to this topic, about 9 out of 10 scientists surveyed agrees that the science is sound, yet many in the general public fight against them, divided largely along political and class lines. Imagine that the debate involves politics, industry, big money, scientific data, and your children's future.

Sounds a lot like climate change, doesn't it?

Well, a lot of what can be said about climate change can be said about GMOs (genetically modified organisms), too. The debates are really similar because the pushback against them has been largely emotional and ideological, while in both cases the science is sound.

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So is this a documentary or propaganda and can I trust the fucking popcorn?

Food Evolution is a compelling documentary that respectfully gives the activists a chance to present their case while showing that science isn't on their side. Is it propaganda? If it's propaganda, then Supersize Me; Food, Inc.; Fed Up; and Forks Over Knives are definitely propaganda, too. Every documentary with a point of view on some level is attempting to persuade you, but this one has the advantage of having science on its side. So go watch it with an open mind. And whatever your opinion, give it the chance to be wrong.

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