Talking Biotech: Corporations corrupt science research? What are real conflicts of interest?

The phrase "Conflict of Interest" [COI] is thrown around a lot these days by environmental activists and journalists, mostly to sully the reputations of scientists and cast doubt on the quality of their research. But is this a fair use of COI—or an ideological misuse of the concept designed to achieve political goals?

Dr. Chris MacDonald is an expert on COI, disclosure and transparency at Ryerson University. Listen in as Kevin Folta and Chris MacDonald discuss what a conflict of interest actually is, how to avoid it, and how to operate in a politically charged climate where the phrase is so frequently misapplied.

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