

'Peach tree grown' hamburgers? Marjorie Taylor Greene's incoherent fulminations targeting cell-based meat highlight ignorance of right-wing science rejectionism

For some reason, a lot of conservatives have a knee-jerk negative reaction to lab-created meat. I checked the writings of the likes of Edmund Burke and John Locke and found nothing on this. Likewise with P.J. O'Rourke — though doubtless, he would have said something quite funny. I admit, I just don't get it.

Nevertheless, Marjorie Taylor Greene took to Facebook Live on Memorial Day [to denounce](#) either meat grown in a Petri dish, or a peach tree dish, depending on whom you ask.

"They want to know if you're eating a cheeseburger, which is very bad because Bill Gates wants you to eat his fake meat, which grows in a peach tree [Petri?] dish," Greene said. "So you'll probably get a little zap inside your body that's saying, 'No no don't eat a real cheeseburger; you need to eat the fake burger.' The fake meat from Bill Gates. They probably also want to know when you go to the bathroom and if your bowel movements are on time or consistent."

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I guess the best explanation is that we're not supposed to buy into "If it's new, it has to be good." Tried and true has a value all its own. But so far, lab meat has been passing the test.

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