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Genetic Engineering and the Concept of the Natural

The food industry in its advertising conspicuously appeals to the image of nature and insists that all its products are natural. This has made it difficult for the industry to embrace, as it wishes, the efficiencies of genetic engineering.

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Junk Science and Environmental Policy: Obscuring Public Debate with Misleading Discourse

Although the term "junk science" has become a fixture in the popular media, content analysis of news stories for a five-year period reveals almost no evidence of substantive or procedural inadequacies in the science used to support environmental or public health policies. Instead, the charge of "junk science" is meaningful primarily from a political or ideological perspective, and plays a strategic role in contrarian, anti-regulatory discourse.

Charles N. Herrick and Dale Jamieson11

Globalization and Its Discontents

Globalization, the effective erasure of national boundaries for economic purposes, risks standards-lowering competition, an increased tolerance of mergers and monopoly power, intense national specialization, and excessive monopolization of knowledge. The better alternative to globalization is internationalization, which advocates that the basic unit of community and policy remain the nation.

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Suffer the Children

The civil libertarian contends that minors are entitled to unfettered access to cultural material. However, liberty interests can be preserved even as parents fulfill their duty to help shape the educational environment of their children.

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