

An Oklahoma State University professor recently examined the politics of gluten and found President Donald Trump's supporters are more likely than others to try and cut gluten from their diets. While politics continue to bleed into Americans' daily lives, Bailey Norwood, an OSU professor of agricultural economics, sought to determine if the stereotype that liberals are more likely to shun gluten is accurate. In movies and television shows, characters that are gluten-free are often portrayed as raging liberals, Norwood said. Gluten is a protein found in wheat and some other grains that are typically found in bread and other baked goods. Norwood's study points to sketch-comedy show "Portlandia" that makes fun of the wild and wacky world of food-conscious hipsters in Portland, Oregon. Skits from the show frequently portray West-Coast liberals as gluten-intolerant.