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In Orange County, California, to give a talk at Chapman University, NCSE's executive director Eugenie C. Scott was [interviewed](#) [4] by the *Orange County Register* (October 11, 2010). She explained why creationism is wrong for the public school science classroom, observing, "The scientists tell us claims of scientific support for special creation are invalid. So why would we deliberately teach students information that the scientific community says is not accurate?" She addressed the creationist strategy *du jour* of presenting evolution but "balancing" it with the teaching of "evidence against evolution" — which, she added, "is really just what they call creationism these days." And asked whether people in Orange County can "just relax and not worry" about the teaching of evolution in the absence of a major local controversy, she warned, "I think it would be a mistake to look at the newspaper and say, 'No creationism today. I can relax.' Because the creationist activity that matters is what's happening at local school districts and pressure on local teachers — which never makes the newspapers."

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