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You Are What You Eat: A Twin Experiment

Putting the ultimate subjects to the test, *You Are What You Eat* follows eight identical twins through a Stanford nutrition study, comparing omnivore and plant-based diets.

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Synopsis

Directed by: **Louie Psihoyos**
Produced by: **Cassandra Jabola**



You Are What You Eat: A Twin Experiment is a health and wellness series that explores the benefits of a plant-based diet and the future of food. The backbone of the series is an identical twin diet study run by Stanford nutrition researchers. Over eight weeks, one twin eats a healthy plant-based diet, while the other eats a healthy omnivorous diet. Using cutting edge science, the researchers study changes to the twins' body composition, microbiome, biological clock, brain health, and myriad other detailed health markers. The results are groundbreaking.

Through the twins, the series explores other topics related to plant-based eating, like the impact of the meat industry on the environment, plant-rich eating among diverse cultures, food justice and access, and food quality in schools.

The Twins



Carolyn Sideco

A Sports Relationship Coach and founder of Coaching Kapwa Sports Consultants. She makes a daily ritual of crafting and emerging her Filipinx American identities through relationship-building with people and energies of this world.

Rosalyn Moorehouse

Having worked with adolescents in various ministry settings since college, Rosalyn has been on faculty in the Religious Studies department at a Catholic high school for over 20 years.



Pamela Drew

Born and raised in Durban, South Africa, Pam and Wendy are successful Bay Area chefs.

Wendy Drew

The Drews' interest in the Stanford study stemmed from their curiosity around the science of being identical twins. They felt this was an opportunity they couldn't miss, especially given their background as chefs and their similar eating habits.

The Twins



John Whittington III

John is a trauma step-down nurse from who enjoys music, exercise, and napping with his dachshund Prescott. In his personal time, John writes, records, and produces for JFW, an R&B/Rap duo he formed with his twin brother as a teenager.

Jevon Whittington

Jevon is an operating room nurse with an affinity for movies, fitness, and music. He decided to participate in the Stanford study because of the insight he believed it would provide him as an athlete, a nurse, and a human being.



Charlie Kalish

Charlie Kalish is a cheese expert, quality assurance professional and media personality. His passion for cheese led him to apprentice with artisan cheesemakers in France and Vermont.

Michael Kalish

Michael Kalish is a data scientist, cheese expert, media personality and co-founder of “Cheese Twins”, a media brand most remembered for its appearances on Food Network’s Chopped Finalist and Season 7 Winner of The Great Food Truck Race.

The Science

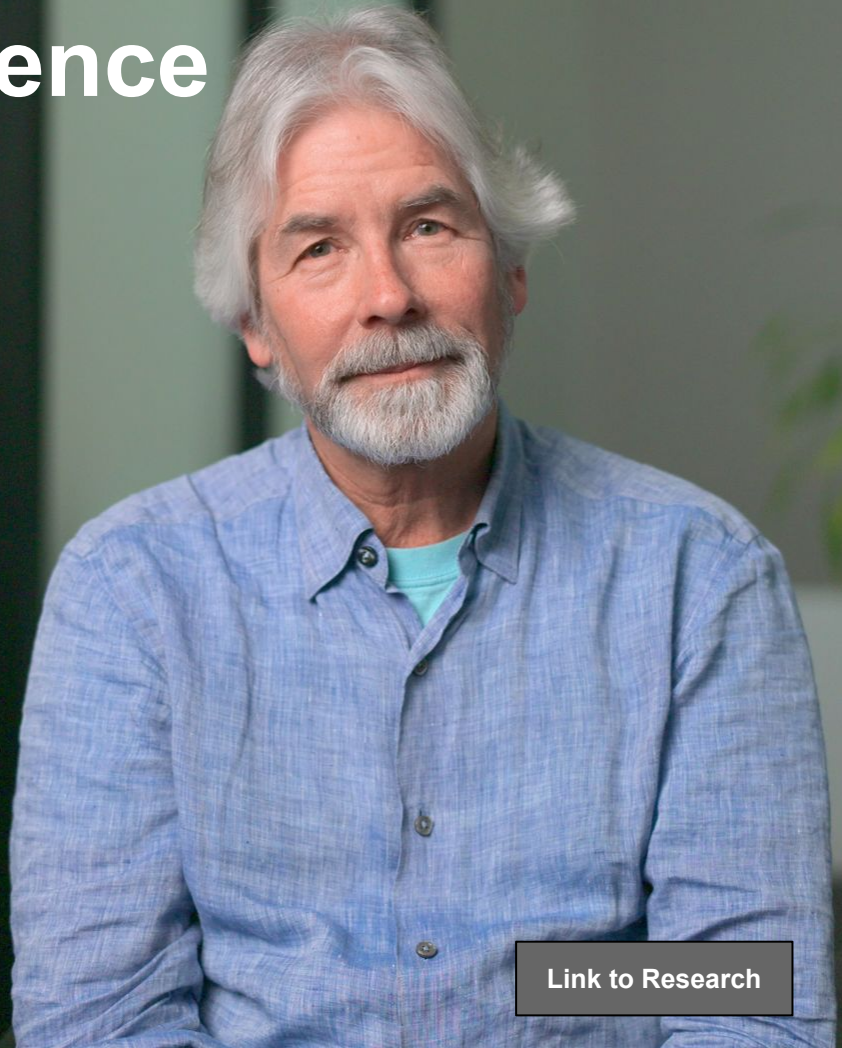
Dr. Christopher Gardner, PhD is the lead nutrition scientist and researcher for the TwiNs Stanford study. He assembled a team of microbiome researchers, epigenetics experts, and neurologists to study the twins.

The design of the study was unique, using identical twins to compare how two diets impacted people with the same DNA. The results were groundbreaking.

In just eight weeks, the two sets of twins saw scientifically relevant changes to their microbiome, epigenome (or biological clock), telomeres, and other health markers like LDL cholesterol, and TMAO.

The takeaway? A plant-based diet can lower cholesterol, lengthen telomeres, and increase biological age in just eight weeks.

Dr. Gardner published the first results of the study in the scientific journal *Jama Network Open*, and has received overwhelming interest from the press.



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Key Cast

Christopher Gardner
Justin Sonnenburg
Erica Sonnenburg
Amy Kutch-Stanbery
Daniel Humm
Craig Watts
Ayesha Sherzai
Dean Sherzai
Lendora Farland
Sheri White-Williamson
Michael Greger
Don Staniford
Alexandra Morton
Thomas Locke
Eric Adams
Cory Booker

The Crew



Director

Louie Psihoyos



Louie Psihoyos is a former National Geographic photographer, whose filmmaking takes on large-scale environmental and social issues with the goal of creating a tipping point of cultural change. His first film, *The Cove*, won the Oscar for Best Documentary Film of 2009. His follow-up, *Racing Extinction*, was broadcast in 220 countries and territories. Psihoyos was the creative mind behind the unprecedented large-scale video projections of endangered species onto the United Nations Headquarters, Empire State Building, and the Vatican. Most recently, Louie directed the documentary, *The Game Changers*, a revolutionary new film about meat, protein and strength.

Cassandra Jabola

Cassandra Jabola is a Filipina-American documentary film and television producer. She has collaborated with HBO, Netflix, PBS, National Geographic, NBCUniversal, TLC, The Science Channel, The Travel Channel, A&E, and Investigation Discovery. She has produced feature documentaries that have screened at Sundance, Tribeca, SXSW, IDFA, Hot Docs, AFI DOCS, and DOC NYC, among others. Cassandra's work spans across science and technology, politics and history, art and music. She believes that audiovisual storytelling is a powerful tool for igniting change as it amplifies the voices of those who otherwise would not be heard. Thus, she devotes herself to cause-based social justice projects, and strives to cover issues confronting the environment and marginalized communities. Cassandra is experienced in leading feature documentary films, unscripted series, and short-form videos from research and development through production, post, and distribution - on set, in the field, and in the edit room; locally and internationally; on land, in the air, and underwater!

Series Producer



Co-Producer - Elly Schmidt Hopper

Elly Schmidt-Hopper is a documentary film producer, and former journalist. She has worked on documentaries and series for Netflix, HBO, PBS and The Discovery Channel. Elly's work involves deeply reporting and story producing across a breadth of topics, and bringing creativity and vision both in the development stage and in the field. Elly has an MA in journalism from UC Berkeley.



Director of Photography - Zachary Fink

Zachary Fink is an Emmy Award-winning documentary cinematographer and director. He shot, co-directed, and produced *The Rescue List* (PBS POV, ARTE), winner of the 2021 Emmy Award for Outstanding Social Issue Documentary. He recently lensed the Emmy Award-winning Netflix film, *A Trip to Infinity*, and an episode of HBO's *Generation Hustle*. Previously, he spent a month in Antarctica where he field directed and shot a series for PBS NOVA. He shot *State of Pride*, a 2019 YouTube Original documentary from Academy Award winning directors Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman. In 2016, Zachary produced and shot *The Ride of Their Lives*, directed by Steve James, which is featured in Amazon Studio's docuseries *The New Yorker Presents* and premiered at Sundance. Zachary has an MA in cultural anthropology and an MFA in film production.



Supervising Editor - Greg O'Toole



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Editor Episode 1 & 4



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Editor Episode 2



Gina Leibrecht
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