

# Quick Guide to the GM Crops and Glyphosate 'Debates', or 'Why Agro-Industry's Hirelings Give Science a Bad Name'.

For more info: <http://tiny.cc/antiscience>

GM crops and glyphosate are completely safe, and will save the world by boosting food production. Anyone opposing them is an anti-science nutter!



## Mass Media:

- dependent on advertising from multinational corporations
- reporters generally have no background in science and don't challenge 'experts'

## GM/Glyphosate 'Expert':

- whose 'research' is funded by Monsanto, Syngenta, Bayer, etc., and/or
- whose institution is supported by one or more of these multinationals
- thin-end-of-nothing: only studied (for example) the effect of inserting a certain gene on one characteristic of a crop variety, not its wider impacts

## What the 'experts' ignore, or don't do/report:

- their lack of medical, veterinary and ecological backgrounds (i.e. they are NOT experts, and not qualified to comment on health and environmental impacts, which they haven't properly looked for anyway – see below)
- their vested financial interests
- long-term studies on the subtle effects of low-level exposure
- long-term studies on the effects of 'cocktail' exposures
- effects on people and communities (food sovereignty, power structures, inequality)
- effects on biodiversity (including the plants on which future crop-breeding depends)
- the fact that growing more food is NOT the issue – we should eat less meat, waste less and produce food in a more environmentally friendly, less fossil fuel-dependent way