

## A moral weight for the agricultural tool of biotechnology

*The following is an edited excerpt.*

As Catholic cardinals selected Pope Francis in Rome on Wednesday, we watched an ancient church at its most medieval: obedient to tradition, cloaked in secrecy, and waiting for white smoke. The papal conclave appears positively anti-modern.

Yet in another sense, the Vatican stands in the vanguard of science and technology. It's one of the world's strongest supporters of genetically modified crops.

**Read the full post here: [A Moral Weight for the Agricultural Tool of Biotechnology](#)**