

US State Department promotes GE crops overseas; activists howl

The following is an edited excerpt.

If you have a feeling that genetically modified ([GM](#)) foods are being forced upon the population by a handful of business interests and vociferously defended by the scientists that work in the agriculture industry or at the research institutions it funds, you might be onto something.

The zeal with which GM proponents evangelize transgenic seeds (and now, transgenic food animals) is so extreme that they are even pouring vast sums of money to defeat popular efforts to simply label GE foods – like the [nearly \\$50m spent to defeat](#) the popular 2012 ballot measure to label GE foods in California, Proposition 37. What's more, it's not just happening in the United States. I am the head of [Food](#) & Water Watch, and we have spent months looking at the extent to which the US State Department is working on behalf of the GM seed industry to make sure that biotech crops are served up abroad whether the world wants them or not.

Our report analyzes over 900 State Department diplomatic cables from 2005 to 2009 and reveals how far the US government will go to help serve the seed industry's agenda abroad, knowing that [resistance to GMOs worldwide is high](#).

Read the original article in its entirety here: [Monsanto and other GM firms are winning in the US – and globally](#)