

## Food First anti-GMO activist Lappé challenges Grist's coverage of GMOs as naive

If you've been reading the running [commentary over at Grist](#) for the past six months, journalist Nathanael Johnson has been opining about genetic engineering in agriculture, diving into the debate and surfacing now with a final ["what I learned" piece](#).

His column has gotten a lot of attention from news media writing about his "exploration" of genetically engineered (GE) food or genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and has sparked heated [comments on his blog](#), but his reporting has done little to help people understand what's really at stake in the debate about this technology, which in my opinion, is a hell of a lot.

After meandering about in the woods for the past six months, Johnson, who positions himself as open and searching on this issue, says he's come to this conclusion: "The most astonishing thing about the vicious public brawl over GMOs is that the stakes are so low."

**Read the full, original article:** [Grist's Coverage on GMOs: What's Really at Stake](#)