

Challenging Danny Hakim's New York Times claim that Monsanto conspired to cover up glyphosate dangers

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Journalist — if we can actually call him that — Danny Hakim is lying to you. And it's not his first rodeo, either. He's built quite a [track record](#) for himself at the *New York Times*, publishing distorted information about GMOs and comparing agricultural pesticides to "Nazi-made sarin gas."

Now, Mr. Hakim has written an [article](#) about how "unsealed documents" from Monsanto supposedly reveal all sorts of clandestine, evil behavior. The punchline, as usual, is that glyphosate is killing everybody, and not only did Monsanto cover it up, so did the U.S. government. It would be a plot befitting a whole season of the *X-Files*, but here it is in "America's newspaper of record."

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Even if it is true that Monsanto is an evil company that is trying to murder your grandmother and destroy Earth, a fundamental scientific question remains: *Does glyphosate actually cause cancer?* That's a question that has been thoroughly researched, but Mr. Hakim didn't bother to look up any of it.

[A]s luck would have it, a European Union agency today [announced](#) that glyphosate does not cause cancer.

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