

NY Times on Food Evolution movie: 'In a world desperate for safe, sustainable food, GMOs may well be a force for good'

The scientific method is under siege, and not just from naysayers who dismiss climate change or fear vaccines. G.M.O.s — genetically modified organisms — and the crops they enable have become another field of battle.

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[W]hile it gives opponents their say, the film rebuts their arguments, including reports that suggest G.M.O.s lead to a rise in farmers' suicide rates and an increase in pesticide use. (The response to the first: correlation is not causation; to the second, yes, but those pesticides are far less toxic.)

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[I]f trust is an issue, [Neil deGrasse Tyson](#), perhaps the most credible public scientist on the planet, is its narrator.

The documentary acknowledges the gorilla in the garden: Monsanto, a leading exponent of modification, is "one of the [most-hated companies](#) in the world." There are many reasons Monsanto raises hackles, Dr. Tyson acknowledges, but "to be concerned about the safety of their G.M.O.s is to be misinformed."

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With a soft tone, respectful to opponents but insistent on the data, "Food Evolution" posits an inconvenient truth for organic boosters to swallow: In a world desperate for safe, sustainable food, G.M.O.s may well be a force for good.

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