

## Anti-biotechnology fake news: 'Natural News' claims RNAi used to 'eliminate black people'

Anti-GMO campaigners are promoting a new conspiracy theory conflating the pioneering genetics technology of RNAi with anti-vaxxer myths and a supposed effort to eliminate black people.

According to [NaturalNews, the website](#) of the self-described "Health Ranger" Mike Adams, RNAi is already being used for "population control" as part of a "concerted, organized and longstanding effort to eliminate African Americans from the gene pool and Africans in general."

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In reality, RNAi is being used to protect plants against diseases and more recently, to combat pest infestations as a substitute for insecticides. RNAi stands for RNA interference, a biological process whereby gene expression is inhibited by the targeting of messenger RNA molecules, whose normal function is to translate the coding sequences of DNA into proteins.

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As a kind of InfoWars for the anti-GMO movement, Mike Adams clearly belongs on the lunatic fringe. However, according to the Genetic Literacy Project, Adams is able to ["generate huge traffic volume,"](#) with 1.1-1.7 million unique visitors per month. This puts his site in the same range as the Mayo Clinic and far above the US government's official cancer.gov website.

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