

## French scientists call on politicians to listen to science, not ‘scare-mongers’ on GMOs, glyphosate

Virginie Tournay, of CEVIPOF, a scientific research institute at the famous Science Po [*Paris Institute of Political Studies*] published the following article on her Huffington Post blog [“Reconquering scientific culture”](#). A week later, the [Science Technologies Action group](#), published an article on the website of the business newspaper Les Echos entitled : [“Don’t give up on science!”](#) Each of these two texts was signed by forty opinion leaders: scientists, heads of laboratories, academics, politicians close to the scientific community.

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Whether it is a question of Glyphosate, GMO, nuclear technology or endocrine disruptors, the authors make no bones about pointing out that “France is cutting itself off”, “The government does not trust its own new product approval committees”, “The public decision-makers are aligning themselves with the scare-mongers” or “Political horse trading takes place at the expense of technology”, and to emphasise their exasperation: “We are dismayed that the complex issue of “endocrine disruptors” became a matter for electoral point-scoring, that a government would take a position based on a phobia of “chemicals”, that basic sub-soil exploration for hydrocarbons is banned, that a relay-antenna installation can be banned as a result of misinformation, etc.

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