Viewpoint: Why are universities paying ‘anti-GMO liar’ Vandana Shiva tens of thousands of dollars to speak?

Vandana Shiva is coming to my hometown to lie. 

Not cool.

For those unaware, Shiva is one of the world’s most famous anti-GMO activists, hailing from India. She’s giving a speech on Monday, April 16, at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, where I did a year of my undergrad. I found out that the university got a “good deal” since they had flexible scheduling for her, and Shiva is being paid just under $20,000 to speak.

How would you feel if someone was paid tens of thousands of dollars to lie about your occupation? As farmers, she has not been speaking the truth about what we do and claims that GMOs are poison, we are drenching our fields in chemicals, Monsanto has control over us in ag, and GMOs are killing the bees and causing farmers to commit suicide.

None of these are true and can be easily debunked, but these are popular myths that have been spread and funded by industry activists for years.

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Fear sells, and it’s very disappointing to see farmers and scientists defamed and harassed, all with the help of folks like Shiva, and their anti-GMO industry-sponsored agenda funded with taxpayers dollars.

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