

Viewpoint: Pro-organic, anti-GMO groups' lies 'poisonous' to fight against food poverty

Across the globe, genetically engineered (GE) crops face opposition from environmental and organic food activists, who claim the crops harm the environment and endanger human health.

How factual are their claims? The evidence strongly supports GE over organic crops.

Not long ago, Vijay visited the Sprouts organic food store in San Jose, California. To his surprise, organic vegetables that had shorter shelf-life and higher risk of [bacterial contamination](#) and thus serious illness were priced two to ten times more than their GE and conventional food alternatives. The store is famous among millennial techies in the Silicon Valley and enjoys reasonable sales. One possible explanation would be the [false notion](#) that GE foods are risky or injurious to health; another is that buyers incorrectly believe organic produce have fewer pesticides, are more nutritious or better protect the environment.

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[O]rganic crops require more land, more water, more labor and higher farming expenses to generate the same produce.

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The lies, demagoguery and destructive tactics of anti-GE groups are poisonous to the century-long [effort to eradicate food poverty](#) across the globe. These inhumane, lethal tactics can no longer be tolerated.

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