

The World According to Monsanto

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The World According to Monsanto is a 2008 film directed by Marie-Monique Robin. Originally released in French as *Le monde selon Monsanto*, the film is based on Robin's three-year long investigation into the corporate practices around the world of the United States multinational corporation, Monsanto.^[1] *The World According to Monsanto* is also a book written by Marie-Monique Robin, winner of the Rachel Carson Prize (a Norwegian prize for female environmentalists),^[2] which has been translated into many languages.

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Directed by	Marie-Monique Robin
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Synopsis

The film reports many controversies surrounding the use and promotion of genetically modified seeds, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), Agent Orange, and bovine growth hormone. Cases in the United States (including Anniston, Alabama), Canada, India, Mexico, Paraguay, the United Kingdom (Scotland) and France, are explored, claiming that the corporation's collusion with governments, pressure tactics, suppression and manipulation of scientific data, and extra-legal practices aided the company's attempts at dominating global agriculture. Scientists, representatives of the United States Food and Drug Administration and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, civil society representatives, victims of the company's activities, lawyers, and politicians are interviewed.^[3]

In March 2008, French journalist Marie-Monique Robin released the results of her three years of worldwide research into Monsanto. A book was published by La Découverte, a French editor, and a video documentary, *Le Monde selon Monsanto* (*The World According to Monsanto*), was released on DVD and shown on Arte, the Franco-German culture TV channel.^{[4][5]}

Robin travels to India, Mexico, Argentina, and Paraguay to see how Monsanto's genetically modified organisms (GMOs) have affected local farmers using it for their crops. The film claims that GMO use has increased suicide rates of farmers in India. However, research by IFPRI has shown that this is not the case.^[6]

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External links

- *The World According to Monsanto* 109 mn documentary video (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6_DbVdVo-k)
- *The World According to Monsanto* (http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1189345/) at the Internet Movie Database

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