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## **The World According to Monsanto**

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- Pollution, Corruption, and the Control of Our Food Supply: An investigation into the world's most controversial company
- By Marie-Monique Robin , NY: The New Press, 2010 (FR2008)

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## Science, Business, and Politics

- When science is made to fit political and economic demands...

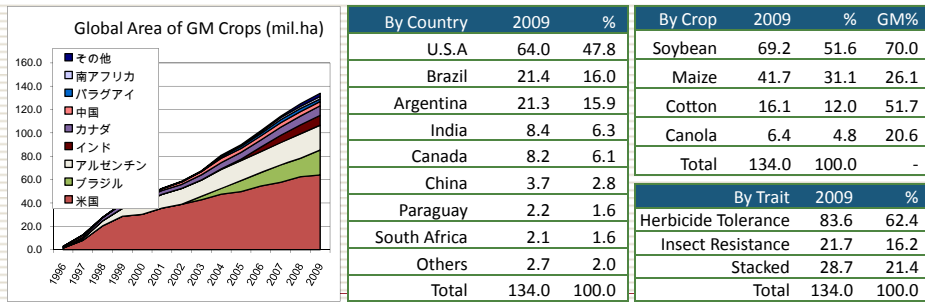


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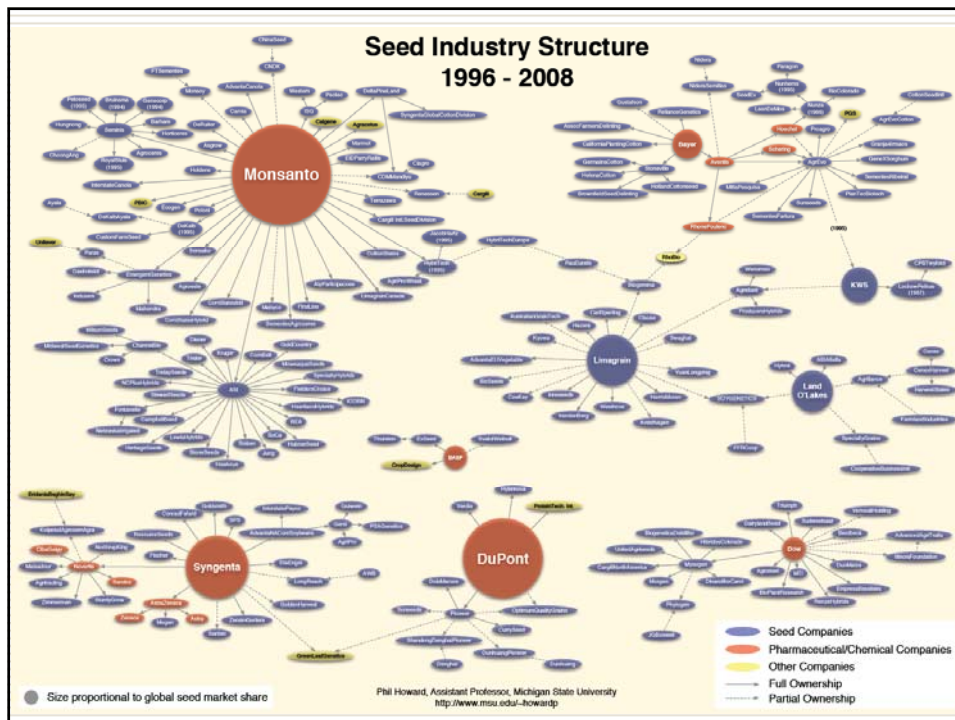
## GMOs... save the hunger and the planet???

### □ Rapidly Spreading to the World, but...

- Only in a handful countries (mainly USA, Brazil, Argentina)
- Only 4 crops (Soybeans, Corn, Cotton, and Rapeseeds)
- Only 2 traits (Herbicide-tolerant and Insect-resistant)
- And controlled by only a handful corporations (Monsanto, Syngenta, DuPont, Bayer, Dow, and BASF)

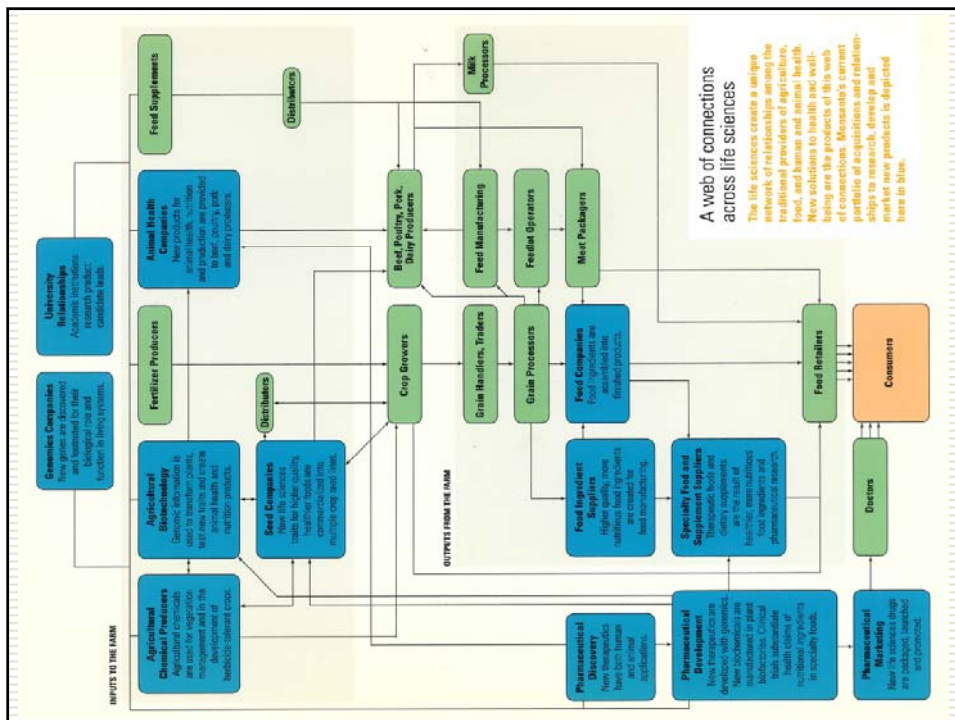
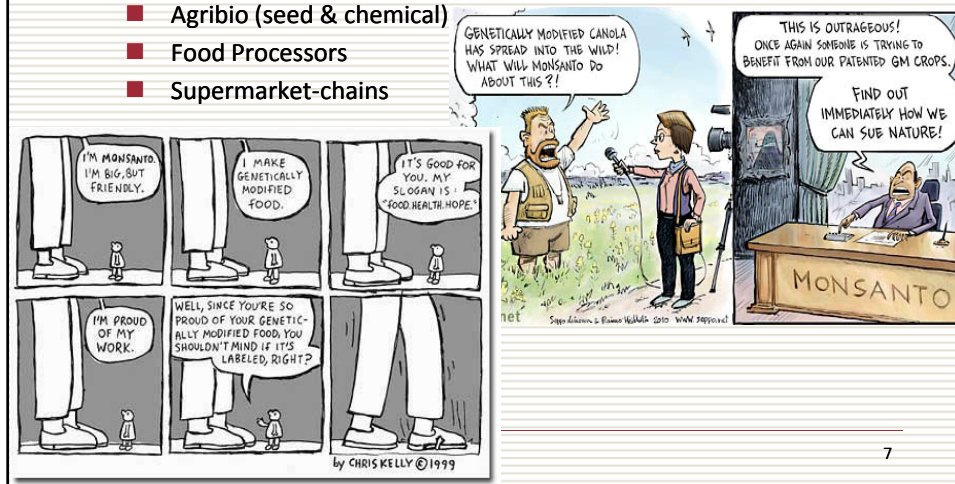


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- ❑ Law of Life vs. Law of Life Patents
- ❑ Power Relationship among Agribusinesses
  - Agribio (seed & chemical)
  - Food Processors
  - Supermarket-chains



## Alternative Solutions

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- **Food Sovereignty / Right to the Food for All**
  - Right of peoples to define their own food and agriculture systems, in contrast to having food subject to international market forces
- **Alternative Agriculture**
  - Local knowledge and resources
    - + scientific knowledge and resources → Agroecology
    - ❖ enough potential to feed the world in a sustainable way
- **Alternative Science and Technology**
  - Science research, technology development and extension should be publicly reorganised and promoted
- **Alternative Trade**
  - Need to reset the WTO rules and stop FTA/EPA/TPP
  - Need to regulate market speculations and neoliberal forces