

## **Monsanto and other GM firms are winning in the US – and globally (14 May 2013)**

### **vociferously [adv] < vociferous [adj]**

expressing your opinions loudly and strongly

### **be onto something**

to have discovered or produced something new and interesting

### **zeal [n]**

eagerness to do something, especially to achieve a particular religious or political aim

### **proponent [n]**

someone who supports something or persuades people to do something [=advocate]

### **evangelize / evangelise [vt/vi]**

to try to persuade people to become Christians

to talk about how good you think something is

### **on behalf of [ph]**

instead of someone, or as their representative

### **serve up [ph.v]**

to give food to someone as part of a meal

### **tidbit [n, Am Eng = titbit, British Eng]**

a small but interesting piece of information, news etc

### **glean [vt]**

to find out information slowly and with difficulty

### **comprehensive [adj]**

including all the necessary facts, details, or problems that need to be dealt with

### **in (the) light of**

because of certain knowledge now in hand; considering something; for the reason given

### **backlash [n]**

a strong negative reaction by a number of people against recent events, especially against political or social developments

### **downplay [vt]**

to make something seem less important than it really is

### **cautious [adj]**

careful to avoid danger or risks

### **media coverage**

the reporting of a particular important event or subject in the media

### **consulate [n]**

the building in which a consul lives and works

(consul = a government official sent to live in a foreign city to help people from his or her own country who are living or staying there)

### **beneficiary [n]**

someone who gets advantages from an action or change

### **pave the way for something**

to make a later event or development possible by producing the right conditions

### **vacate [vt]**

to leave a job or position so that it is available for someone else to do

**oversight [n]**

responsibility for a job or activity and for making sure it is being done correctly

**qualified [adj]**

having suitable knowledge, experience, or skills, especially for a particular job

having passed a professional examination

**applicant [n]**

someone who has formally asked, usually in writing, for a job, university place etc

**facilitate [vt]**

to make it easier for a process or activity to happen

**intellectual property**

something which someone has invented or has the right to make or sell, especially something that cannot legally be copied by other people

**extensive [adj]**

large in size, amount, or degree

containing or dealing with a lot of information and details

**convince [vt]**

to make someone feel certain that something is true

to persuade someone to do something [=persuade]

**mandatory [adj]**

if something is mandatory, the law says it must be done [= compulsory, obligatory]

**tentacle [n]**

one of the long thin parts of a sea creature such as an octopus which it uses for holding things

(plural) the influence or effect that something has on other people or things [used to show disapproval]

**comprise [vt]**

to form part of a larger group of people or things

**wield [vt, + power, influence, authority, etc.]**

to have a lot of power or influence, and to use it

**unprecedented [adj]**

never having happened before, or never having happened so much

**cornerstone [n]**

something that is extremely important because everything else depends on it

**sell out [ph.v]**

if a shop sells out of something, it has no more of that particular thing left to sell

to change your beliefs or principles, especially in order to get more money or some other advantage [used to show disapproval]