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Writing Plan

Topic: Genetically Modified Food

Proposition: Genetically modified food poses a threat to society and must be exposed for its

truth.

1. The environmental impact
2. The domination of food production by companies
3. G.M.O can have potential health risks

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It’s no secret that genetically modified food is being created and has been replacing all types of food people consume on a daily basis. Markets are filled with products that can be or already have been altered without our knowledge. Evident as it may be, though, genetically modified food poses a serious threat on three fronts – impacts on the environment, world food dominance by a few companies and potential health risks – and must be exposed for it truth.

It is said that over 252 million acres of transgenic crops has already been planted by 10.3 million farmers. More than 22 countries use these genetically engineered crops which are herbicide and insect-resistant, to produce what we know today as food (US Department of Energy). The popular rise of genetically modified food causes growing concerns for the environment as the possibility of transferring genes through cross-pollination can cause serious harm to the ecosystem. Cross-pollination has also been known to lead to loss of flora and fauna biodiversity (US Department of Energy).

Moreover, it’s easy to understand the reasoning behind the motivation of creating genetically modified food. The reduction of pesticides can provide us with an overall better quality product. Some would even argue that the flavor of genetically modified foods are indeed, enhanced. However, the truth isn’t so transparent. A lot of food company dollars have already been heavily invested in biotechnology, which in turn, creates a very aggressive marketing campaign with a single goal in mind – profit (“David Suzuki Speaks out Against Genetically Modified Food”).

However, contrary to popular belief, genetically modified foods aren’t as safe as food companies would have us believe. In fact, it’s been proven time and time again that new developed technologies can pose serious risks. The long-term effects of consuming genetically

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modified food is still unknown. According to Canadian geneticist David Suzuki, the population will unwillingly and unwittingly provide this data. It’s inevitable and whether we know it or not, we are the guinea pigs in this ongoing experiment (“David Suzuki Speaks Out Against Genetically Modified Food”).

Genetically modified foods make up the majority of stock in super markets today and have discreetly slipped into our grocery stores without our knowledge. It’s safe to say that genetically modified food pose a serious threat to our democratic society. Although the long term effects remain hidden, the whole truth will eventually be exposed. It’s just a matter of time.