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How Genetic Engineering Works

## How Genetic Engineering Works: Understanding the Science, not the Controversy

The debate over GMOs rages on hot and heavy, yet few people really understand what, precisely, genetic engineering is or how it works. This talk doesn't tell you what to think about GMOs, rather we delve into the mechanics of genetic engineering (which isn't as complex or confusing as you probably think) so you can really understand the issues and come to your own informed opinion on this important topic.

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