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## ***Leben ausser Kontrolle* [Life Running out of Control]**

Verhaag, Bertram. *Leben ausser Kontrolle* [Life Running out of Control]. Munich: DENKmal-Film, 2004. DigiBeta, 36 / 60 / 90 min. <https://youtu.be/chEJMraqKso>.

Bertram Verhaag travels the world to assess the impacts of 20 years of genetic engineering on plants, animals, and humans. A disastrous cotton harvest in India, where the crop is genetically modified, leaves farmers facing ruin. In Canada, genetically modified canola crops contaminate organic produce, making organic farming impossible. Genetic data, whether relating to the Icelandic population, or seven hundred ethnic groups faced with extinction, become commodities that can be bought and sold in pharmaceutical and insurance industries. Meanwhile, it is estimated that less than five percent of scientists employed in the genetic engineering area can be considered truly independent. (Source: Adapted from the [Official Film Website](#))

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### **Websites linked in this text:**

- <http://www.denkmalfilm.tv/index.php?page=leben-ausser-kontrolle-3&l=en>
- <https://www.environmentandsociety.org/multimedia/collection/environmental-films-project>