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Raising Resistance

David, Bernet, and Bettina Borgfeld. *Raising Resistance*. Zurich: Maximage, 2011. HD, 84 min. <https://youtu.be/0C9zj8H6ZVY>.

The documentary *Raising Resistance* shows, by reference to Paraguay, how large-scale soy plantations threaten the existence of native inhabitants and farmers. The film points out the growing resistance of the *campesinos* against the dominance of agricultural enterprises and their use of genetic engineering. Its impact on the local farmers is drastic. They are lacking fertile land which is essential for their survival. The genetically modified soy plants and the massive deployment of pesticides interfere with the ecological balance, the variety of flora, and indigenous culture. Besides the *campesinos*, the film portrays genetic engineers, investors, speculators, and even Paraguay's president Fernando Lugo, while the political and economic web of agrobusiness with its increasing interdependencies, the pressure of improved yields, and higher profits are made apparent. (Source: Official Press Kit)

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- Transgenic Wars (Film Profile)
<https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/transgenic-wars>

Websites linked in this text:

- <http://www.carsoncenter.uni-muenchen.de/index.html>

- <https://www.environmentandsociety.org/multimedia/collection/environmental-films-project>