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> Is too much red meat bad for your health? The fate of a trillion dollar industry depends on the answer.
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> Last year, researchers published [controversial new findings](#) that [encouraged](#) people to continue eating as much red meat as they like. They didn't mention that the lead author was funded by the beef industry. The journal has now issued a correction, and today's Washington Post's headline reads, "[You'll never guess who helped to fund that controversial 'keep eating red meat' study](#)."
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> Even if the science was good, it's now much harder to believe the authors' claims.
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> Have we reached this point with the tech industry? How can researchers advance the public interest when a majority of Americans (and other societies too) [don't believe that tech companies can be trusted](#) to do the right thing most of the time?
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