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Is too much red meat bad for your health? The fate of a trillion dollar industry depends on the answer.

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.](#)"

Even if the science was good, it's now much harder to believe the authors' claims.

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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