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General Comment

The cancer-research arm of the World Health Organization last week announced that glyphosate, the world's most widely used herbicide, is probably carcinogenic to humans.

The EPA and the USDA are supposed to be protecting the American people from dangerous substances and yet these agencies repeatedly continue to side with corporations. The main reasons for this is that they let the corporations that are unleashing these chemicals on us, to carry out their own studies to determine their safety. On BBC there was this TV program called Yes Minister which highlighted the absurdities of government policy. Letting the foxes guard the hen houses (via their own flawed studies). While i'm on this issue ALL on Monsantos and other GMO counties have never had a single PEER REVIEW STUDIES on any of their safety studies and have used threat of suits and destroying scientist reputations if they publish any adverse studies. The other Yes Minister issue is the REVOLVING DOOR POLICY, where we have corporate hacks of industry becoming the head honchos of the FDA eg Michael R. Taylor, a lawyer who is currently deputy commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration for Foods and Veterinary Medicine. The same Taylor who wrote the policy proclaiming GMO food was no different than non GMO foods! The book all of the review panel should be reading to understand how the FDA 'cooked the books' when their own scientist said GMO FOODS pose a great risk! (see Altered Genes, Twisted Thruths by Steven M Druker 2015

It's important to realize that glyphosate is not "just" a herbicide. As explained by Dr. Huber, it was first patented as a mineral chelator. It immobilizes nutrients, so they're not physiologically available for your body.

"You may have the mineral [in the plant], but if it's chelated with glyphosate, it's not going to be available physiologically for you to use, so you're just eating a piece of gravel," Dr. Huber says.

"Lactobacillus, Bifidobacterium, Enterococcus faecalisthese are organisms that keep you healthy either by providing accessibility to the minerals in your food or producing many of the vitamins that you need for life. They're also the natural biological defenses to keep Clostridium, Salmonella, and E.coli from developing in your system," Dr. Huber explains.

"When you take the good bacteria out, then the bad bacteria fill that void, because there aren't any voids in nature. We have all of these gut-related problems, whether it's autism, leaky gut, C. difficile diarrhea, gluten intolerance, or any of the other problems. All of these diseases are an expression of disruption of that intestinal microflora that keeps you healthy."

"We have about a five-fold increase in glyphosate usage on many of our GMO crops. With the Roundup Ready-resistant weeds, we see that rate going up exponentially," he says.

I don't know why I am really writing this submission because too often we have the EPA, the FDA and the USDA continually siding with corporations instead of 'we the people'. An example

of this is where the EPA an Just Increased Allowable Limits of Glyphosate in Your Food! Glyphosate is found in our mothers milk, cows milk, our hair, our urine etc and so what does EPA do they raise the allowable levels!? Yes Minister...

Glyphosate is an insidiously harmful chemical, so do the right thing and must be denied to protect life on earth!

I a part of Moms (& Dads) Across America and would urge you to read the linked files.
http://www.momsacrossamerica.com/epa_meeting_on_glyphosate
or here: https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0385-0001

thank you Tlaloc Tokuda