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[Monsanto's Dirty Dozen: The 12 Most Awful Products Made By Monsanto](#)

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When you take a moment to reflect on the history of product development at Monsanto, what do you find? Here are twelve products that Monsanto has brought to market. See if you can spot the pattern...

#1 – Saccharin

Did you know Monsanto got started because of an artificial sweetener? John Francisco Queeny founded Monsanto Chemical Works in St. Louis, Missouri with the goal of producing saccharin[1] for Coca-Cola. In stark contrast to its sweet beginnings, studies performed during the early 1970s[2],* including a study by the National Cancer Institute in 1980[3], showed that saccharin caused cancer in test rats[4] and mice.

After mounting pressure from consumers, the Calorie Control Council[5], and manufacturers of artificial sweeteners and diet sodas, along with additional studies[6] (several conducted by the sugar and sweetener industry) that reported flaws in the 1970s studies, saccharin was delisted from the NIH's Carcinogen List. A variety of letters from scientists advised against delisting[7]; the official document includes the following wording[8] to this day: "although it is impossible to absolutely conclude that it poses no threat to human health, sodium saccharin is not reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen under conditions of general usage as an artificial sweetener." (*Read the Chemical Heritage Foundation's History of Saccharin[9] here.)

#2 – PCBs

During the early 1920s, Monsanto began expanding their chemical production into polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) to produce coolant fluids for electrical transformers, capacitors, and electric motors. Fifty years later, toxicity tests[10] began reporting serious health effects[11] from PCBs in laboratory rats exposed to the chemical.

After another decade of studies, the truth could no longer be contained: the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a report[12] citing PCBs as the cause of cancer in animals, with additional evidence that they can cause cancer in humans. Additional peer-reviewed health studies showed a causal link between exposure to PCBs and non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, a frequently fatal form of cancer.

In 1979, the United States Congress recognized PCBs as a significant environmental toxin and persistent organic pollutant, and banned its production in the U.S. By then Monsanto already

had manufacturing plants abroad, so they weren't entirely stopped until the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants banned PCBs globally in 2001.

And that's when Monsanto's duplicity was uncovered: internal company memos[13] from 1956 surfaced, proving that Monsanto had known about dangers of PCBs from early on.

In 2003, Monsanto paid out over \$600 million to residents of Anniston, Alabama, who experienced severe health problems including liver disease, neurological disorders and cancer [14] after being exposed to PCBs — more than double the payoff that was awarded in the case against Pacific Gas & Electric made famous by the movie “Erin Brockovich.”

And yet the damage persists: nearly 30 years after PCBs have been banned from the U.S., they are still showing up in the blood of pregnant women, as reported in a 2011 study[15] by the University of California San Francisco.

#3 – Polystyrene

In 1941, Monsanto began focusing on plastics and synthetic polystyrene, which is still widely used in food packaging and ranked 5th in the EPA's 1980s listing of chemicals[16] whose production generates the most total hazardous waste.

#4 – Atom bomb and nuclear weapons

Shortly after acquiring Thomas and Hochwalt Laboratories, Monsanto turned this division into their Central Research Department[17]. Between 1943 to 1945, this department coordinated key production efforts of the Manhattan Project[18]—including plutonium purification and production and, as part of the Manhattan Project's Dayton Project[19], techniques to refine chemicals used as triggers for atomic weapons (an era of U.S. history that sadly included the deadliest industrial accident[20]).

#5 – DDT

In 1944, Monsanto became one of the first manufacturers of the insecticide DDT to combat malaria-transmitting mosquitoes. Despite decades of Monsanto propaganda insisting that DDT was safe, the true effects of DDT's toxicity were at last confirmed through outside research and in 1972, DDT was banned throughout the U.S.

#6 – Dioxin

In 1945, Monsanto began promoting the use of chemical pesticides in agriculture with the manufacture of the herbicide 2,4,5-T (one of the precursors to Agent Orange), containing dioxin. Dioxins are a group of chemically-related compounds that since become known as one of the “Dirty Dozen[21]” — persistent environmental pollutants that accumulate in the food chain, mainly in the fatty tissue of animals. In the decades since it was first developed, Monsanto has been accused of covering up or failing to report dioxin contamination in a wide

range of its products.

#7 – Agent Orange

During the early 1960s, Monsanto was one of the two primary manufacturers of Agent Orange, an herbicide / defoliant used for chemical warfare during the Vietnam War. Except Monsanto's formula had dioxin levels many times higher than the Agent Orange produced by Dow Chemicals, the other manufacturer (which is why Monsanto was the key defendant in the lawsuit brought by Vietnam War veterans in the United States).

(Pictured at left, Anh and Trang Nhan, with their father, when they first arrived at the Hoi An Orphanage; below are the same brothers shortly before Trang's death. Source: Kianh Foundation Newsletter, Dec. 2011[22])

As a result of the use of Agent Orange, Vietnam estimates that over 400,000 people were killed or maimed, 500,000 children were born with birth defects, and up to 1 million people were disabled or suffered from health problems—not to mention the far-reaching impact it had on the health of over 3 million American troops and their offspring.

Internal Monsanto memos show that Monsanto knew of the problems of dioxin contamination of Agent Orange when it sold it to the U.S. government for use in Vietnam. Despite the widespread health impact, Monsanto and Dow were allowed to appeal for and receive financial protection from the U.S. government against veterans seeking compensation for their exposure to Agent Orange.

In 2012, a long 50 years after Agent Orange was deployed, the clean-up effort has finally begun [23]. Yet the legacy of Agent Orange, and successive generations of body deformities[24], will remain in orphanages[25] throughout VietNam for decades to come.

(Think that can't happen here? Two crops were recently genetically engineered[26] to withstand a weedkiller made with one of the major components of Agent Orange, 2,4-D[27], in order to combat "super weeds" that evolved due to the excessive use of RoundUp.)

8 – Petroleum-Based Fertilizer

In 1955, Monsanto began manufacturing petroleum-based fertilizer after purchasing a major oil refinery. Petroleum-based fertilizers can kill beneficial soil micro-organisms[28], sterilizing the soil and creating a dependence, like an addiction, to the synthetic replacements. Not the best addiction to have, considering the rising cost and dwindling supply of oil...

#9 – RoundUp

During the early 1970s, Monsanto founded their Agricultural Chemicals division with a focus on herbicides, and one herbicide in particular: RoundUp (glyphosate). Because of its ability to eradicate weeds literally overnight, RoundUp was quickly adopted by farmers. Its use increased even more when Monsanto introduced "RoundUp Ready" (glyphosate-resistant)

crops, enabling farmers to saturate the entire field with weedkiller without killing the crops.

While glyphosate has been approved by regulatory bodies worldwide and is widely used, concerns about its effects on humans and the environment persist. RoundUp has been found in samples of groundwater[29], as well as soil[30], and even in streams and air[31] throughout the Midwest U.S., and increasingly in food. It has been linked to butterfly[32] mortality, and the proliferation of superweeds[33]. Studies in rats have shown consistently negative health impacts ranging from tumors, altered organ function, and infertility, to cancer and premature death. Reference the above "GMO Risks[34]" page which includes countless references to support these statements.

#10 – Aspartame (NutraSweet / Equal)

An accidental discovery during research on gastrointestinal hormones resulted in a uniquely sweet chemical: aspartame. During the clinical trials conducted on 7 infant monkeys as part of aspartame's application for FDA approval, 1 monkey died and 5 other monkeys had grand mal seizures—yet somehow aspartame was still approved by the FDA in 1974. In 1985, Monsanto acquired the company responsible for aspartame's manufacture (G.D. Searle) and began marketing the product as NutraSweet. Twenty years later, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released a report listing 94 health issues[35] caused by aspartame.

#11 – Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH)

This genetically modified hormone was developed by Monsanto to be injected into dairy cows to produce more milk. Cows subjected to rBGH suffer excruciating pain due to swollen udders and mastitis[36], and the pus[37] from the resulting infection enters the milk supply[38] requiring the use of additional antibiotics. rBGH milk has been linked to breast cancer[39], colon cancer[40], and prostate cancer[41] in humans.

#12 – Genetically Modified Crops / GMOs

In the early 1990s, Monsanto began gene-splicing corn, cotton, soy, and canola with DNA from a foreign source to achieve one of two traits: an internally-generated pesticide, or an internal resistance to Monsanto's weedkiller RoundUp. Despite decades of promises that genetically engineered crops would feed the world with more nutrients, drought resistance, or yield, the majority of Monsanto's profits[42] are from seeds that are engineered to tolerate Monsanto's RoundUp—an ever-rising, dual income stream as weeds continue to evolve resistance to RoundUp[43].

Most sobering however, is that the world is once again buying into Monsanto's "safe" claims.

Just like the early days of PCBs, DDT, Agent Orange, Monsanto has successfully fooled the general public and regulatory agencies into believing that RoundUp, and the genetically modified crops that help sell RoundUp, are "safe."

Except Monsanto has learned a thing or two in the past 100+ years of defending its dirty

fruit and vegetables are next: genetically engineered sweet corn[48] is already being sold at your local grocer, with apples and a host of other “natural” produce currently in field trials.

How is it that Monsanto is allowed to manipulate our food after such a dark product history? How is it they are allowed to cause such detrimental impact to our environment and our health?

According to the Organic Consumers Association[49], “There is a direct correlation between our genetically engineered food supply and the \$2 trillion the U.S. spends annually on medical care, namely an epidemic of diet-related chronic diseases.

Instead of healthy fruits, vegetables, grains, and grass-fed animal products, U.S. factory farms and food processors produce a glut of genetically engineered junk foods that generate heart disease, stroke, diabetes and cancer—backed by farm subsidies[50]—while organic farmers receive no such subsidies.

Monsanto's history reflects a consistent pattern of toxic chemicals, lawsuits, and manipulated science. Is this the kind of company we want controlling our world's food supply?

P.S. Monsanto's not alone. Other companies in the “Big Six” include Pioneer Hi-Bred International[51] (a subsidiary of DuPont), Syngenta AG[52], Dow Agrosciences[53] (a subsidiary of Dow Chemical, BASF[54] (which is primarily a chemical company that is rapidly expanding their biotechnology division, and Bayer Cropscience[55] (a subsidiary of Bayer).



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Jim

Posted May 29, 2013 at 11:10 AM

Michael, Made a great post on this, This hate going out to these large corporations is led with many untruth's. We'd all be living in caves if some people had there way.

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Bea Yen

Posted May 28, 2013 at 4:06 PM

Where are your cites to? I don't see any citations.

3.

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Ryan

Posted May 28, 2013 at 3:15 PM

It's your problem, you all are the fat asses, it's called exercise try it, those who are having problems I eat all this and am healthy by any doctors standard don't blame a capitalist company for making money, you're all just stupid

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Sharon

Posted May 28, 2013 at 2:14 PM

Scary. I try to eat well and feed my family healthy foods, but now I question my options. Are organic products affected as well?

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Joshua

Posted May 29, 2013 at 9:02 AM

Well, not all, but considering that most of America's crop is either GMO or is living near and can possibly reproduce with or get replaced by GMO, you might as well get products from all-organic companies like these: <http://www.nongmoproject.org/find-non-gmo/search-participating-products/browse-products-by-brand/>

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Monica

Posted May 27, 2013 at 1:36 PM

I want justice for all that monsanto is doing to all but I feel the only way is to be extreme like Hungary, but that would burn a good portion of our earth, so what can we do about this?

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Wampy

Posted May 29, 2013 at 12:38 AM

farmers burn a good deal of their land after a crop anyway, so just the one crop wouldn't make such a difference, this only what it does to the soil that concerns me, because it does not just stop with destroying a crop. Don't think there is much research done about that yet.

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Tom

Posted May 27, 2013 at 1:04 AM

For the record, and in the interests of valid research...

Monsanto had nothing to do with the invention of aspartame and saccharine, and it has nothing to do with their current manufacture. Although early testing of saccharine showed problems in rats and early testing of aspartame had technical flaws, modern research has verified that in realistic doses saccharine is harmless and aspartame is much, much safer than gaining weight. The list of "94 health issues caused by aspartame" the article mentioned is actually a list of -reported- symptoms, as in "reported by an individual without even a doctor's verification". This is a serious misrepresentation. If we follow the link supplied in the references (<http://www.dorway.com/badnews.html#symptoms>), we see that among these symptoms are "can't think straight", "confusion", "feel unreal", "inability to concentrate", and "like thinking in a fog", each counted separately. Virtually everything on the list is extremely general, and the only one that I see any possible biochemical mechanism for is headaches. It's worth noting that the attached list "Aspartame Disease Mimics Symptoms or Worsens the Following Diseases" somehow omits phenylketonurea, which is in fact the only disease worsened by aspartame. Garbage research.

A good deal of the land currently fertilized with petrochemical fertilizers has never been arable on its own. Producing enough organic fertilizers to fully replace them is not possible with resources currently available, and we presumably do not want to encourage starvation.

The "deadliest industrial accident" mentioned in the nuclear weapons section had nothing to do with nuclear weapons. Monsanto's involvement is that one of their plants was destroyed by a French ship exploding—hardly a valid criticism of the company.

The negative effects of DDT use should be weighed against the reality that malaria kills a million people every year. It was instrumental in eradicating the disease from the US. Agricultural use was simply a negligent misapplication of a vital tool.

Intentional genetic modification of foods has been going on for ten thousand years. Even if we give the naysayers the benefit of the doubt and assume they mean to say transgenesis, there is nothing inherently "bad" about that technology—on the contrary, it is a profoundly important achievement. If people want to talk about specific instances of it being applied carelessly or maliciously, they should delineate these rather than make wild and ignorant generalizations, as the writer of this article does.

And lastly, doxins make delicious smoothies.

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Aaron

Posted May 27, 2013 at 5:16 AM

Tom, I respect what you wrote, but the fact is, you are dead wrong with regard to aspartame. Our family is close to two very educated, and once healthy individuals who were drinking aspartame daily in soda, and became debilitated to the point they could no longer perform their duties; One a prominent surgeon who was ingesting 3 diet cokes a day. 3. Not 300. They developed tremendous tremors, blurred vision, confusion and other severe medical problems. After a battery of tests, and much suffering, their doctor had them quit the soda, and they gained almost all of their health back....This has been seen over and over again....REAL PEOPLE, REAL ISSUES. So they can shove their "tests" up their a## because when you see people you love, hurt badly, testing doesn't matter much....not too mention, the "controls" on these tests can be played with in a number of ways to make them seem anyway the good ole dollar wants to make them look....

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Brenda Louise

Posted May 28, 2013 at 4:13 AM

Hello Aaron, Sorry to hear of those you wrote about. A dear friend sent me email about Aspartame back in 2001; an article that warned about it's effect on people who suffer from autoimmune conditions like Fibromyalgia, Diabetes, and MS sufferers. I've been careful to check labels; so far so good. But I know a lot of people who truly don't care what they eat or drink! Maybe they will one day wake up! Thank you for posting your comment!

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Casey

Posted May 28, 2013 at 5:14 PM

My best friend's sister's boyfriend's brother's girlfriend heard from this guy who knows this kid who's going with the girl who saw a guy drinking an aspartame drink pass out at 31 Flavors last night. I guess it's pretty serious.

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frank

Posted May 29, 2013 at 2:53 AM

you r a rock star..thank

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Jennifer

Posted May 27, 2013 at 11:34 PM

To add to Aaron's story, I know a lady who was diagnosed with MS, and was wheelchair bound- until my dad convinced her to stop drinking her aspartame-laden diet beverages every day. Guess who is no longer in a wheelchair, and who's doctors are backpedalling from their inaccurate diagnosis? Same lady! Studies lose their powerful punch when you see real-life evidence! Seeing is believing!!

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Steve

Posted May 28, 2013 at 5:30 AM

Hello Monsanto exec. Spread your filthy lies elsewhere.

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Carl Johnson

Posted May 28, 2013 at 1:36 PM

Weak Strawman rebuttal.

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Mark

Posted May 28, 2013 at 6:53 AM

Gee Tom, do you by chance work for Monsanto or their public relations? Pfffffft!

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Denise Downey

Posted May 28, 2013 at 2:50 PM

I think Tom most certainly does ...

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[Ron Dorazio](#)

Posted May 28, 2013 at 9:31 AM

Come on, either you're a comedian or a spokesman for Monsanto. Which is it?

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Michael

Posted May 28, 2013 at 1:41 PM

Tom,

Thanks for your response. It's nice to know that at least one person who read this article has the balls to question the contents of the article instead of taking it blindly as fact.

Just be clear, I am not a fan of Monsanto, never worked for them, and don't own any stock. I find a lot of what they have done to be disgusting, but if you think they are any different than any other giant company out there, you're mistaken and should educate yourself. They are simply a target that generates outrage due to the nature of their business.

The simple truth is that you can make a list of 12 (or 13) bad/dangerous products that almost any major company has made. Do some research on any of the following and you'll find a list of products/issues that have resulted in public health concerns:

GE

Apple

Dell

Intel

Dow
Dupont
Union Carbide
GM
Ford
IBM
Tesla
Mobile
Exxon
JNJ
Pfizer
Merck
BASF
Potash
Proctor & Gamble

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The list could be hundreds more longer if I chose to continue.

Let's not leave out the EPA and the FDA. The EPA made DDT illegal because there is some miniscule chance it could cause cancer in a rat. Yet it saved millions of lives around the world. It also almost wiped out the bed bug problem in the US. Now that it's banned, they are back. The FDA is the brilliant organization that told everyone to give up butter and use margarine. Oops. Both the EPA and the FDA are horribly run, bloated, corrupt bureaucracies. Anything that comes out of either agency should be questioned.

Just to briefly touch on the Genetic Modification debate. Talk about a topic that has been completely blown out of proportion, this is it. Genetic modification has been done for 1000s of years thru selective breeding. Gregor Mendel made this famous with his pea plants back in the mid-1800s. The only difference is that Monsanto did it in a lab, instead of in the field. Virtually every fruit/vegetable you eat today (even the organic ones as there is ZERO correlation between genetic modification and something being organic) have gone thru genetic modification thru selective breeding for taste, color, shape, size, growing conditions, blooming season, ripening times, and resistance to drought, fungus, heat, cold, and bugs.

The fact is Monsanto is one of the thought leaders of a very important and somewhat disturbing topic that most people choose not to even think about. That topic is, how can we feed an ever growing population as the resources of the earth become more and more constrained (mainly clean water and farm land)? Will we be able to feed the world population 50 or 100 years from now if we used farming techniques from 200 years ago while maintaining our current lifestyles and standard of living? The answer is 'no' of course. This is a question that most people with small children don't like to think about, especially if they are hoping to be a grandparent someday.

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Antoine

Posted May 29, 2013 at 6:14 AM

Monsanto works for money and have the US government in his back pocket. Therefore, pressuring European Union for exemple through the american ambassador (cf wikileaks) to widespread the use of GMO's through Europe. Or using US Aid, to train farmers to the use of pesticides and GM seeds in Nepal.

I have no problem with company making money, but I have a problem when they use nasty tricks to make More. Especially when it involves possible contamination to the environnement, and they are high in the food chain supply, therefore we cannot choose to not use their products.

Michael, saying "The only difference is that Monsanto did it in a lab, instead of in the field." when you talk about GMos, show a profound lack of knowledge of genetics !

A mutation selected through breeding as nothing to do with inserting foreign genes in a new organisme. Basically if you cross two tomatoes you have an hybrid, if you pick a gene from another specie to put in a tomato, you have a GM. The difference is enormous.

Foreign genes spreading through a plant is uncontrollable, and liking it or not, you will get cross pollination and one day we could possibly not find anymore genetic without GM (except Monsanto who is stocking up non GM seeds). Well, maybe this gene is infact not dangerous. But as a scientist, I tend to be cautious, and introducing lab made genetic modification in a non controlled environnement is a disaster waiting to happen. They can test in Lab, no worries. But no letting the people that developped agent orange have their modified plants cross pollinate local genetics, nope thanks.

As said someone else here we already feed the world. Enough for 12 millions people.

I would suggest you review your views on agriculture based on lack of information. GMO's did never helped with famine. Right now all the ones available are resistant to an herbicide, with the sole purposes of less work on the soil, and selling an herbicide. Not more yield or whatever.

The actual agriculture is just plain bullshit, nobody even understand what the soil is, we just play, adding "chemical nutrients" cause nothink grows without'em. Well learn about agroecology, solutions exist. Ever heard about growing trees in the desert ?

Morevoer GM ready crops are dependant directly on petrol (we use about 40 calories of energy to produce 1 calorie of food) which is not gonna last for long, and when it's getting rare all this model will fall to the ground anyway. No petrol, no chemical nutrients, no pesticides herbicides, no heavy machinery. Switching to Monsanto model would

create widespread famine in case of petrol going high.

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Carl Johnson

Posted May 28, 2013 at 1:53 PM

Very well written rebuttal. I was waiting for a bullet point that blamed Monsanto for the Holocaust or Global Warming.

Look, I'm not a huge fan of the company, especially since they sued non-GMO farmers for having crops fertilized by GMO pollen from neighboring fields, but I think they have been made out to be the boogeyman.

While the bullet points are amusing in and of themselves, the conclusions represent horrific journalism at best. Let's take a look:

“According to the Organic Consumers Association[49], “There is a direct correlation between our genetically engineered food supply and the \$2 trillion the U.S. spends annually on medical care, namely an epidemic of diet-related chronic diseases.”

Correlation does not equal causation. It is a well known fact at this point that access to cheap calories in the form of refined sugar, specifically HFCS (Though HFCS is no more or less unhealthy than regular sugar, just cheaper), has a direct correlation and causation with obesity. This is hard science. Yes, some of the corn comes from GMO crops but HFCS would exist with or without GMO.

“How is it that Monsanto is allowed to manipulate our food after such a dark product history?”

Again, not a big fan of their practices but without a doubt, GMO foods are the most widely tested and scrutinized of any food product in history. At least the claims of the benefits of GMO foods are accurate, unlike the “Detoxification” claims of so-called “Superfoods”, or the supposed benefits of organic foods.

“Instead of healthy fruits, vegetables, grains, and grass-fed animal products, U.S. factory farms and food processors produce a glut of genetically engineered junk foods that generate heart disease, stroke, diabetes and cancer—backed by farm subsidies[50]—while organic farmers receive no such subsidies.”

So, GMO's generate heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and cancer??? Wow, that's a stretch. Again, if you are referencing strictly HFCS, ok, I agree. But the difference in HFCS between GMO and non-GMO crops is nil. Personally I am against farm subsidies themselves. I think it's a way of reducing food prices, but

on the backs of taxpayers and politicians get the kick backs. Bad practice. I'm not against organic farmers getting subsidies, I'm against them in general.

Most of these bullet points are blown out of proportion and/or bunk. Nuclear weapons? Really? In the 1940's, that would have been considered patriotic!

Saccarine and Asaprtime, regardless of no actual scientific proof of their dangers, were not developed by Monstanto.

I also think its laughable so many people are giving a private corporation crap for actually wanting to make a profit. Of COURSE they engineered crops to be resistant to its herbicide. That makes sense. Of COURSE they have contracts with farmers regarding seeds. They are in the money making business. If a farmer does not believe this arrangement is suitable, they can, you know, NOT buy their products.

This entire article is hyperbole and bunk. Yeah, they have done bad things, No question. I do not agree with subsidies that benefit them. But really, the blame that goes towards this corporation takes fear mongering to the "We didn't land on the moon" level of bad science.

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Posted May 28, 2013 at 2:29 PM

Tom, clearly you can't think clearly. To be clear, I'm speaking generally.

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Michael

Posted May 28, 2013 at 3:04 PM

I love all the folks that accuse Tom of working for Monsanto, but have absolutely no argument/rebuttal of his comments or claims.

Truly an informed bunch of sheep. Just keep following and don't take the time to think for yourself.

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[vikki](#)

Posted May 29, 2013 at 12:57 AM

Aspartame and all the other sweetener like it make my migraines flare up in about 30 min. of eating it if I happen to eat or drink something that has it in it

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[Fran Racin](#)

Posted May 26, 2013 at 7:44 PM

This all has to be more than just Greed and money. All these people are poisoning there own families and future generations to come. Unless they have a separate food supply or some vaccine that keeps them safe. I suppose that saying they may be aliens may not be such a crazy idea. Something else to ponder.

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Posted May 26, 2013 at 7:49 PM

I've heard it reported that Monsanto won't even serve Monsanto's food in their own cafeterias, although I'll have to look that up to verify one way or the other. I would be completely not surprised to learn it's true though.

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[marie jacqueline clement](#)

Posted May 27, 2013 at 6:18 AM

Well..would you eat your own food knowing the dangers it causes..of course not..

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Carl Johnson

Posted May 28, 2013 at 1:53 PM

Please post a link to any source. Conjecture and "I've heard it reported" do not serve as facts.

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Posted May 28, 2013 at 2:07 PM

It was not presented as fact. It was presented as a rumor requiring confirmation.



Carl Johnson

Posted May 28, 2013 at 3:29 PM

Then don't present it. Confirm it. In fact it took me all of 15 seconds to google search. Once I got past the "Alex Jones" type articles I found the source.

Monsanto did NOT "Ban" GMO foods from its cafeterias. A catering company that provided food to A (Note: Singular, "A") Monsanto cafeteria in the United Kingdom way back in 1999. The ban was a blanket one by the caterer because of customer concerns (GMO was very new) and wasn't something Monsanto supported.

Ergo, your conjecture earlier was erroneous.



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Posted May 28, 2013 at 5:37 PM

We both got the answer then. 😊 Facts are great for proving or disproving, as you just did, and conjecture is great for getting people talking, thinking, looking. We welcome both. That's the purpose of this site, to get people THINKING again. If encouraging that by

sometimes being wrong, by posting comments off the hip is not your cup of tea, please excuse yourself from here on out. Thanks. 😊

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Michael

Posted May 28, 2013 at 2:38 PM

Sounds like a great rumor to start to support your position.

Here's what I heard, but I can't confirm it. Monsanto employees eat only Monsanto food and they are the healthiest company in America. I'll have to check on this though.

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Monica

Posted May 27, 2013 at 1:16 PM

Fran, in the lunch room of Monsanto they only serve organic foods is what I heard. But research it to be sure.

8.

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Claudia Gale

Posted May 26, 2013 at 3:22 PM

Am starting to think that Monsanto, many (if not all) in the government and the Big Media Boys (such as Time/Warner, Disney, etc.) are actually aliens who want to (and are already doing so, rather successfully) inducing sicknesses to see which of us will survive and perhaps develop new genes to combat the poisons with which they are glutting us. I have eaten as "clean" as I have been able to for over 30 years....but...how does one overcome the tremendous use of Roundup that my Father used in his vegetable garden and all around the house....and my Mother using Accent on virtually EVERYTHING we ate? I have neurological problems of an idiopathic nature....hmmm. Perhaps I just had too much RoundUp and Accent in my diet as a child. I don't eat ANY processed foods or frequent ANY fast food establishments....but this isn't possible for all people. And many of the uneducated are still eating these poisons, without even having a chance to choose. Clearly these Monsanto "people" do not care about themselves or their loved

ones....they are killing their own children and grandchildren, with no compunction. Is that humane? or HUMAN? Money is money....and power is power....but this goes far beyond what I believe anyone who is truly a human being would do for their own greed or aggrandizement. We need more whistleblowers and more people to spread this information. Educate the masses and revolt. What else is left us?

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[Dain Alexander Williams](#)

Posted May 27, 2013 at 5:53 AM

I completely agree with you.

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[marie jacqueline clement](#)

Posted May 27, 2013 at 6:19 AM

trust me they are not eating their own food!

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[Michael James](#)

Posted May 27, 2013 at 1:42 PM

Different races, different agendas. Some want to save us but not for altruistic reasons, others don't care, we are a means to an end, the real worry are the native terrans as they call themselves, the cave dwelling reptilian who are possible dinosaur descendants who survived their apocalypse. Concept of kings came from greedy power hungry humans whose first contact with these critters gave them sovereignty over the rest of humanity, they were the priests, the kings and leaders put into place for their allegiance to the "gods" who do not care for mankind and have been harassing us since pre-Biblical times. Angels (helpers) and demons (alien haters) have been at war since the dawn of time. Good vs evil is not only human traits. 😊 We will get thru this though, keep calm, do not fear anything you see or hear. GOD created ALL life, and is above even the most advanced alien race, Karma is His tool to set things in balance. Good will win, but evil is setting up to put up a hell of a fight. Dig in. 😊

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[Daniela Gioseffi](#)

Posted May 26, 2013 at 10:52 AM

Monsanto is the worst, most devilish, filthiest murderous company of our time. We must all boycott its toxic, rotten products, and protest it. The biggest disappointment so far of the Obama administration is the "Monsanto protection act" and we all know that Barack Obama has taken big campaign contributions from Monsanto and put that horrible Vilsack of rotten "Agribiz" in charge as Secretary of Agriculture in his first administration. This is a betrayal of all that is decent. We must make an extra effort to protest all the toxic filth foisted upon us and the Earth by this Hitleresque company, the filthiest most lethal miserable rotten company of our time. Monsanto might as well be called a "Death Camp." I am so angry for the sake of my grandchildren and children that all of these carcinogens are foisted upon us. GMO's cause cancer just as aspartame and saccharine do and did, just as Agent Orange and all these other filthy products of Monsanto of murdered people or shortened their lives are caused horrible suffering. All of the CEO's of Monsanto should be in prison.

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[George Overfield](#)

Posted May 26, 2013 at 11:22 PM

I agree with everything you say. Hate the evil that Monsanto represents.

10.

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[Keith](#)

Posted May 26, 2013 at 8:47 AM

Put this in perspective. When early cro magnons were barbequing meat on the newly discovered technology: fire, they were consuming huge quantities of heterocyclic amines (HCAs), or chemicals produced during the grilling of meat, human carcinogens. The only difference? No lawyers or activists around in those days...

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Selenie

Posted May 27, 2013 at 1:30 AM

That doesn't justify what Monsanto has been doing. That doesn't make what Monsanto is doing (breaking honest farmers, spraying chemicals) right...aren't we on a different level than cro magnon man? Did cro magnon man take those HCAs and make everyone in the tribe eat a concentrated amount? Your analogy is really ridiculous.

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Carl Johnson

Posted May 28, 2013 at 3:31 PM

Not everything they do is right, no question, but that doesn't mean everything they do is wrong either.

11.

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liv

Posted May 26, 2013 at 4:17 AM

Unfortunately, they will carry on, as the need to feed the worlds population in the future will require genetically modified foods to increase food supply etc. Demand will drive it on at the cost of peoples health and the deterioration of the planet. Man, to smart for his own good.

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C.J.

Posted May 26, 2013 at 11:32 AM

The argument that "Genetic engineering of edibles is necessary to allow the good people of Monsanto and others like them to feed the starving world, and you anti-GMO people are crazies who have no heart" is pole-parroted a lot by many people who have internalized the clever rhetoric of those companies.

But if you look at
- the fact that we ALREADY produce enough food worldwide to feed everyone and yet don't

- the lawsuit happiness of Monsanto against small farmers who do NOT want to grow that crap but get put out of business by legal fees when patented GMO seeds contaminate their fields
- the fact that many countries have banned GMOs and several dozen more require labeling
- the documented history of Monsanto suppressing known information on the safety risks of their "creations"
- the current research on the disastrous environmental side-effects of Frankenstien agriculture
- the fact that Monsanto does virtually NOTHING in practical terms to actively help the starving world
- the fact that instead, the core of Monsanto's efforts goes toward developing Roundup resistant crops that allow for increased use of Roundup, which is owned by... Monsanto
- and finally the ceaseless efforts made by those companies to place people with direct or indirect ties to them at key positions of certain government agencies and to infiltrate the legislative process to pass laws that restrict more and more anyone's ability to keep them from doing as they please, then it becomes obvious that the SOLE driving force behind GMOs is profit, profit, profit, at the expense of any consequences—not some purported selfless humanitarian effort that will save the hungry children of Ethiopia or other BS talking point that they force-feed the public along with their unlabeled products.

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Jason Sheppard

Posted May 28, 2013 at 11:02 AM

Actually, if you consider bio diverse cropping systems like what is achieved in Permaculture, where multiple crops help protect each other and regulate soil conditions and all the rest, well then feeding the world will not be a problem. It is only another form of control governments use to keep their own populations under control. Big business, political posturing and greed are driving our planet into the ground, we need to grow it local and gain back our lost sense of community, in this we can be strong again and protect our children against the likes of Monsanto.

12.

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Peggy

Posted May 26, 2013 at 3:05 AM

In Brussels and saw a HUGE protest organized against Monsanto....1000's marching throughout the city yesterday...the world is watching...

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Monica

Posted May 27, 2013 at 1:22 PM

The world is watching but we need to spread the word more, there are millions of people who still have no clue and going through life blindly, unfortunately 😞

13.

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oneeggcream

Posted May 25, 2013 at 3:28 PM

SO America, what are WE going to do about this?
Just sit by and let Monsanto poison us forever?
Wake the F up!!!!!!

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liv

Posted May 26, 2013 at 4:21 AM

Obviously, we don't live in a democracy, our voice doesn't seem to make a difference to the big issues. It seems there are other hidden powers that will override and control this world, despite untold protests and campaigns against destructive products and projects. I have to wonder whether the peoples vote and what the general public wants is just merely a nice sentiment that is gained to calm people and make them feel like they have some control, ultimately the powers that be do what they intend anyway.

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Known

Posted May 28, 2013 at 9:33 AM

Actually, we DO live in a nominal democracy, but not enough people know or care.

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John Doe

Posted May 28, 2013 at 4:09 PM

Key word in that sentence is “nominal,” meaning “existing in name only.” From the Latin, nominalis.

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peter foreman

Posted May 26, 2013 at 8:57 AM

you have no idea, idiot!

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[Claudia Gale](#)

Posted May 26, 2013 at 3:37 PM

why be nasty? we're all in this TOGETHER....

14.

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Curtis

Posted May 8, 2013 at 11:14 PM

Monsanta will be the Legacy of Infertility, Illness and Death.

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nj

Posted May 9, 2013 at 11:21 AM

You forgot Kraft macaroni and cheese.
Yellow food dye is made from petroleum
Europe banned it long ago.

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Posted May 9, 2013 at 2:41 PM

That's true – that's some nasty stuff. I shudder when I think about the mass quantities of that stuff I ate when I was little.

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[Gardener Don](#)

Posted May 29, 2013 at 9:32 AM

And you're still alive & kicking I see!

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[Aaron Leman](#)

Posted May 25, 2013 at 7:15 PM

your on glue

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[Carl Johnson](#)

Posted May 28, 2013 at 1:39 PM

He's on glue? His feet must be sticky.

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[Olga Trenholm Bateman](#)

Posted May 25, 2013 at 9:05 PM

I wonder just what the cheese is ...what's it made of?

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[Linda](#)

Posted May 27, 2013 at 7:18 AM

Heard Dr Phil say once that anything with the name Cheez in it is most definitely Not Cheese. Does that mean that any cheese 'flavoured' crisps (and of course orange in colour) contains this yellow food dye? Is there Anything safe to eat.

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[Monica](#)

Posted May 27, 2013 at 1:27 PM

Natural foods are colored with things such as beet juice and turmeric, etc. Not that food needs coloring but there is absolutely no need to use theses yellow, red, etc. dyes that cause cancer and ADHD, etc. it's all do crazy and scary

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[mary](#)

Posted May 11, 2013 at 6:46 AM

my husband died may 3, 2013 from agent orange induced lung, bone, adrenal, brain, and adrenal cancer. he was in Vietnam while the spraying was going on

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[Olga Trenholm Bateman](#)

Posted May 25, 2013 at 9:02 PM

so sorry Mary for your loss. Greed is an evil deed, and that's just what this is all about....money

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Piks

Posted May 27, 2013 at 1:50 PM

You have touched upon perhaps the only weapon to fight this demonic juggernaut : multiple and repeated millions of lawsuits, and " cease and desist " "show cause orders"..... Sue them into oblivion, because their far reaching tentacles already strangle us unto death and destruction !!!

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Claudia Gale

Posted May 26, 2013 at 3:39 PM

very sorry for your loss....and all of the sickness the both of you had to endure....for a war that was fought for ? what? god bless you....

[Reply](#)



Michele

Posted May 29, 2013 at 9:03 AM

So sorry Mary! My Uncle also passed away from cancer caused by agent orange. He served in Vietnam 😞

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A Man Called Da-da

Posted April 15, 2013 at 10:33 PM

Anyone recall Paul Newman's (David-Mamet-written) final summation in, "The Verdict"?

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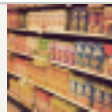
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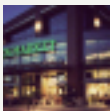
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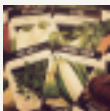
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