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## Monsanto, Operation Paperclip

# Monsanto, Operation Paperclip, the A-Bomb and Human Radiation Experiments

Monsanto was an essential part of the top-secret Manhattan Project and ran the U.S. government's Mound Laboratory nuclear plant until 1988.

You'd think Monsanto was in it to defeat the Nazis, but in 1954, it merged with Bayer, a company that had spent the war making money off the Nazi death camps, including Auschwitz and Buchenwald, selling Zyklon B and using people who were not sent straight to the gas chambers as slave labor or human subjects.

Not only did Monsanto merge with Bayer, run by convicted Nazi war criminals, but it offered jobs to Nazi scientists through the CIA's Operation Paperclip.

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# **Groundbreaking' Legal Action Demands EPA Finally Ban Glyphosate**

Julia Conley writes for Common Dreams:

"Citing research from the U.S. government's own National Institutes of Health, a coalition of environmental and farmworkers groups said Wednesday that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is out of excuses for continuing to allow the use of the herbicide glyphosate, which has been linked to cancer in people who are exposed to it. The Center for Food Safety (CFS) filed a petition with the EPA on health of Revented Postsicides and four farmworkers groups, including

behalf of Beyond Pesticides and four farmworkers groups, including Alianza Nacional de Campesinas, saying glyphosate's registration in the U.S. is illegal.

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# Scientists Call for Clear Restraints on Conflicts of Interest by Agencies That Regulate and Register Chemicals

**Beyond Pesticides reports:** 

"A group of 34 scientists published a call for much stricter scrutiny of researchers' conflicts of interest by agencies that regulate and register chemicals, with recommendations for the newly formed Intergovernmental Science Policy Panel. Writing in Environmental Science & Technology, the authors, led by Andreas Schäffer of Aachen University in Germany and Martin Scheringer of Masaryk University in the Czech Republic, cite an abundance of examples of chemical companies and their trade associations manufacturing doubt via an array of techniques, resulting in agencies such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) dropping certain provisions from rulemaking, ignoring scientific consensus, and keeping chemicals on the market—and in the environment—that many scientists say should be entirely banned. The authors produced the article in response to this webinar to discuss how to ensure that U.N. panels dealing with global crises get the most sound scientific advice conducted by the International Panel on Chemical Pollution."

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#### If You Want It

By Kaare Melby, Organic Consumers Association:

When I was a teenager in the early 2000's my family went to a music festival in a rural northern Wisconsin farm field. The festival was called "War Is Over (If You Want It)", referencing the 1971 John Lennon song "Happy Xmas (War Is Over)". The festival was wild, featuring talented regional hippy bands. There was no corporate sponsorship, just people coming together, sharing food, enjoying music, and spreading positivity.

Later that year my family participated in an event that has been called "the largest protest event in human history." On Sat, Feb 15, 2003, six to ten million people took to the streets in more than 600 cities around the globe in opposition to the coming Iraq War. My family went out to San Francisco, California, to join the protest. I loaded up on a coach bus with my then-girlfriend, and we went to join the protest in Washington, DC.

Remembering all of this, it strikes me that there was a very active anti-war movement 20 years ago. Where did it go?

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## The Underappreciated Role of Carbon Dioxide in Health

Analysis by Dr. Joseph Mercola:

CO2 is typically thought of as nothing more than a harmful waste product of respiration, but it's actually a driver of mitochondrial energy production, and it improves the delivery of oxygen into your cells. One of the simplest ways to optimize your CO2 is by breathing properly. Most people tend to over-breathe, which causes you to expel too much CO2. Proper breathing involves breathing less and breathing slower. Both of these allow CO2 to build up, and that appears to be part of why breathwork has such wide-ranging benefits. To have sufficient CO2 production, you need healthy mitochondria because CO2 is produced exclusively in the Krebs cycle in the mitochondria. If you have mitochondrial dysfunction, if you're hypothyroid or have high levels of inflammation, then you will not be producing enough CO2

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## Why There Still Aren't Limits on Lead in Baby Food

Berkeley Lovelace Jr. writes for NBC News:

"Despite strong efforts to limit lead exposure from sources like paint and gasoline, the U.S. government doesn't broadly limit lead levels in food, a blind spot that's become all the more glaring, experts say, as cases of lead poisonings in young children linked to contaminated cinnamon applesauce continue to mount.

As of Tuesday, lead poisoning had been reported in at least 65 children, all younger than 6, who ate pouches of now-recalled cinnamon apple puree and cinnamon applesauce, up from 57 cases two weeks ago, according to the Food and Drug Administration."

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