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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets.
How this ever happened in the first place is a trail of unconscionable acts by both corporation and government through several administrations. Big money has bought out the integrity America once had!

The health hazards for all have been going on for 10 years and more. Plenty of doctors and scientists have reported this, but corporations and governments officials turn a blind eye. (and make sure the informers are fired from their jobs and silenced.) I have no idea why so much time is spent talking about a health plan, when government is subsidizing BIG, the source of so much illness and disease ----- industrial farming and corporation contamination on every level.

Regarding global warming: if healthy sustainable natural ways of farming were subsidized and supported, factory farms and corporate meddling shut down, and stop the ridiculous shipping of foods thousands a miles, when you could buy the same things locally, it would immediately take care of a large percentage of our global problem!!!

The usual story about factory farms and Monsanto "feeding the world" is simply NOT TRUE. If you will follow up on the studies revealing that ,perhaps we could begin to inject some truth back into our food system again. What is happening is that greater and greater sums of money are being made by factory farms and corporations (Monsanto) while greater and greater climate changes are happening, greater and greater environmental polution is happening, greater and greater decline in health everywhere is happening. The is NO interest in feeding the world.

The lack of political intelligence in handling these corporations is unbelievable to me!!!! Politicians are paid off for joining in this crime against the peoples of the world!

The "revolving door" of personnel beween corporate lobbyists, lawyers, and governmnent officials in the food regulatory agencies,FDA, USDA, Department of Justice etc. is the most devastating criminal act, hard to believe it has happened in America!!!!!!!!!!! Yet it has and fully supported by our government!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

How could it happen that no labels are required?????? And that regulatory agencies have capitulated to the demands and whims of the corporations. The whole field of food labeling is being compromised everywhere.

Why do so many people say, "Our government is OWNED by the corporations?. It is not OUR gov't anymore. They only need us for our votes and higher and higher taxes., while we are fed lies, bad food, bad science, bad environmental conditions and deterioration of our earth. "

The extreme cruelty to animals in the factory farms and the extremely bad quality of nutrition plus contamination with ecolli etc etc. happens only on the factory farms, in industrial farming.

I eat NOTHING that comes from any factory farm or Monsanto's genetically manipulated crops. And it is very very difficult to find any foods anywhere that is not contaminated . And I am extremely angry as are thousands of others that this has been imposed upon us without our knowledge, without our permission and is destroying the wolrd we all live in.

I have references for everything I've said here and more if you're interested.

Please bring some honest investigation into these food matters,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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