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Please look into the way Monsanto has conducted itself in their effort to subjugate individual farmers to their will and to use the necessity for food to garner power to themselves for all time. I especially ask that you look into it's attempt to crush Canadian canola farmer Percy Schmeiser, and the harm the company did to his organic crop, and to his and his wife's farming business. The company actually flew helicopters over farmer's land and dumped pesticides on their fields to see whether or not they were using patented Monsanto seeds. Imagine that! They also made a concerted effort to break down the bonds of farming communities by offering leather jackets to farmers who 'ratted' on fellow farmers with innuendo of seed stealing.

Look also at the ingredients of our processed food supply... start with a simple Coca Cola. It's first ingredient is high fructose corn syrup. Just walk up and down any grocery aisle and look at the prevalence of trans fats, fake flavors, and processed ingredients. Then look at the health of the American populous. There IS a connection between the junk we eat and the prevalence of diabetes and heart disease.

Next look at the water supply and air quality surrounding high density feed lots. Never mind the horror our big business animal 'farms' are to the poor critters who live and die there... there IS a connection between the advance of bacterial infections, prion proliferation, and toxic water supplies and the use of hormones and antibiotics used in these operations.

The raising of food crops and animals is too important to be left to detached business operations whose only reason for living is to make their stock prices rise and spin their costs off onto the public space. Agribusiness MUST be knocked back into being responsible contributors to society. Please... do your job and see that that happens.

Thank you...

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