

Is Big Pharma Throwing Big Booze Under the Bus?

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Last August, I wrote [an article](#) asking why we expect the government to insist on informed consent for vaccines when they don't do the same for alcohol:

When someone goes into a pub, the bartender doesn't hand them a consent form before pouring him a pint. He doesn't say, "Hey Bob, just want to make sure you know that a [Johns Hopkins University study](#) of 1,909 men and women found a link between low to moderate alcohol consumption and a decrease in the brain size of middle-aged adults leading to impaired cognition and motor functions."

Or when someone drops by the liquor store for a bottle of red wine, the clerk doesn't say, "Hey, Maria, remember that the [Italian Association for Cancer Research](#) (of all places) showed that even moderate consumption of *vino tinto* will increase your risk of cancer by 30%."

Well, I stand corrected. A [feature article, published yesterday by the CBC](#), states,

"The pressure on the government to put cancer warning labels on alcohol containers is growing, as experts say the majority of Canadians don't know the risks that come with consuming even moderate amounts."

From cancer to heart disease, the suppressed truth by Big Booze is coming out. The Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction reviewed over 6,000 studies (mainly conducted in the last decade), concluding that "no amount of alcohol is safe and that consuming any more than two drinks a week is risky."

I couldn't agree more, *but...*

Is this some kind of red herring to distract from the rise in cancer and heart disease resulting from those "safe and effective" COVID-19 injections? More than two 34 ml shots of whisky, each week, over the course of 30-40 years certainly appears to put you at greater risk for a host of horrible ways to die. But just one 0.3 ml shot of the Pfizer vaccine can do

the same in 30-40 days.

There's no comparison about the risks involved.

At least with alcohol people are getting some "benefits" in the way of (albeit fleeting) euphoria, reduced anxiety and increased sociability. I don't drink and am not recommending the stinky stuff, but am just pointing out that there's an opportunity with alcohol for some semblance of a risk-benefit analysis.

With the vaccine there's nothing. No benefit, big risk.

Anyway, I hope Health Canada doesn't start putting cancer warnings on alcohol. They've lost the trust of most thinking people that such a warning might only increase consumption.

Maybe government needs to stop trying to protect people from disease, and focus on the hard enough job of protecting individual freedom and the right to personal autonomy.

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