

The End of Monsanto

By [Julie Lévesque](#)

Global Research, May 30, 2015

Theme: [Biotechnology and GMO](#),
[Environment](#)

An increasing number of countries are banning Monsanto's cancer-linked Roundup herbicide, a.k.a. glyphosate. Others are banning Monsanto's GMOs. Meanwhile, Monsanto-funded U.S. presidential candidate Hillary Clinton thinks "(t)here is a big gap between what the facts are, and what the perceptions are." Actually the facts are established: Monsanto's herbicides and GMOs are harmful to humans and animals. Several studies have demonstrated it and even led the [World Health Organization to issue a warning against glyphosate's links to cancer](#).

In fact, Monsanto knew 35 years ago that its glyphosate was linked to cancer and other health issues. GM-Free Cymru discovered this while looking into the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) archives from the early 80's:

There were many animal experiments (using rats, mice and dogs) designed to test the acute and chronic toxicity of glyphosate in the period 1978-1986, conducted by laboratories such as Bio/dynamics Inc for Monsanto and submitted for EPA consideration... but like all the other older studies they were and still are treated as Trade Secrets and cannot be freely accessed for independent scrutiny. That in itself is suggestive that the studies contain data which Monsanto still does not wish to be examined by experts in the toxicology field. It is also deeply worrying that EPA acceded to the routine Monsanto requests for secrecy on the flimsiest of pretexts.

However, archived and accessible EPA Memos from the early 1980's do give some indications as to what the rat studies contain (9). Although the studies predate the adoption of international test guidelines and GLP standards **they suggest that there was significant damage to the kidneys of the rats in the 3-generational study...** In the rat study results, the changes in the bladder mucosa are significant because **metabolites, concentrated by the kidneys, have led to hyperplasia that could be considered as a very early and necessary step in tumour initiation.** (GM-Free Cymru, [Monsanto Knew of Glyphosate / Cancer Link 35 Years Ago](#), April 19, 2015)

Genetically modified foods are also linked to health issues including gluten disorders:

The Executive Director of the Institute for Responsible Technology (IRT) Jeffrey M. Smith has discovered a link between gluten disorders and GM foods in a study he conducted last year. **Gluten disorders have sharply risen over the past 2 decades, which correlates with GM foods being introduced into the food supply.** Smith asserts that GM foods - including soy and corn - are the possible "environmental triggers" that have contributed to the rapid increase of gluten disorders that effect close to 20 million American's today. ([Steven MacMillan, Monsanto's GMO Food and its Dark Connections to the "Military Industrial Complex", The Analyst Report](#), July 03, 2014)

Ironically, Hillary praises GMOs but during their stay at the White house, the Clintons, just like the Obamas, were fed organic food:

The Clinton and Bush II families ate organic foods. Walter Scheib was White House executive chef from 1994 - 2005.

He had “the professional challenge of fulfilling **Hillary Clinton’s mandate of bringing contemporary American cuisine and nutritionally responsible food to the White House,**” he said.

Nearly all foods used were gotten from local growers and suppliers. A small White House roof garden was used for **produce grown without pesticides and fertilizers. Organic foods were prioritized.**

First families continue getting wholesome pesticide/GMO-free foods while promoting Frankenfoods hazardous to human health for Monsanto and other biotech giants. (Stephen Lendman, [Hillary Clinton Endorses GMOs. White House Meals are Organic](#), Global Research, May 25, 2015)

As Mike Adams [reports](#), Hillary Clinton has hired former Monsanto lobbyist to run her campaign and her law firm used to have Monsanto as a client. It is no surprise that she strongly advocates GMOs.

If GMOs are as good as Hillary pretends they are, however, why are the first families not eating any and why are so many countries banning them?

The reasons for the bans recall the allegedly fraudulent 2012 Seralini study:

In response to a 2004 study declaring Monsanto’s NK603 GMO maize safe:

“...a predominantly French team led by Prof Gilles-Eric Seralini undertook a two-year (over 700 days), feeding trial [2], which was otherwise similar. Their work was published in September 2012, also in *Food and Chemical Toxicology*. **The early warnings that had been dismissed in the Monsanto paper developed into serious illnesses, including damage to liver, kidneys, pituitary gland and, most notably, early deaths and development of large tumours in females.** In addition, the study included trials of minute amounts of Monsanto’s Roundup, the herbicide to which tolerance has been genetically engineered into NK603, in the rats’ drinking water.” (Christina Sarich [Former Monsanto Employee Fired from Major Scientific Journal’s Editor Position](#), Natural Society, March 30, 2015)

The study was labeled fraudulent soon after its publication and was retracted from the *Journal of Food and Chemical Toxicology*. Shortly before the study was retracted, ex-Monsanto employee Richard Goodman had been appointed Associate Editor. He has since been removed from the Editorial Board of the scientific journal along with Editor-in-Chief, A. Wallace Hayes:

After the Seralini study was retracted, hundreds of scientists contacted the journal to ask them why they were doing so, claiming that they were giving in to pressure from the biotech industry. (Ibid.)

The WHO's recent warning seems to have triggered a domino effect, inciting countries to ban Monsanto products and which could lead to its demise.

Here is a list of bans which are either in effect or on their way all around the world, as well as studies showing the damages caused by Monsanto's products:

Glyphosate ban

Sri Lanka

[Sri Lanka's Newly Elected President Bans Glyphosate \(Monsanto Roundup\) - Deadly Chronic Kidney Disease Increased 5-Fold](#)

Sri Lanka's newly elected president, Maithripala Sirisena, has announced that the import of Monsanto's favorite killing-tool, glyphosate, will no longer be allowed in the country.

Sirisena is a farmer and ex health minister, and blames glyphosate for rising rates of chronic kidney disease (CKD) throughout the Sri Lankan farming community.

The Netherlands

[Netherlands Bans Monsanto's Roundup to Protect Citizens from Carcinogenic Glyphosate](#)

Late last year, the Dutch parliament voted to ban the sale of glyphosate-based herbicides to private parties. The ban, under which agricultural use is excluded, was initially proposed several years ago. However, it is thought that Monsanto influence prevented it from taking place at the time.

Brazil

[Brazil's Public Prosecutor Wants to Ban Monsanto's Chemicals Following Recent Glyphosate-Cancer Link](#)

While some agencies in Brazil have been [busy giving 3 new GMO crops](#) green lights, the country's public prosecutor has [written](#) the Brazil's National Health Surveillance Agency (ANVISA) asking it to urgently re-evaluate their stance on the 'likely carcinogenic' herbicide ingredient, glyphosate. The letter was written with an expectation that the agency will ban the main ingredient in Monsanto's best selling herbicide.

Germany (European Union)

[German Ministers Call for EU-Wide Ban on Monsanto's Deadly Glyphosate Herbicide \(Roundup\)](#)

State consumer protection ministers in Germany are advocating an EU-wide ban on glyphosate herbicides in response to the World Health Organization's (WHO) categorization of the chemical as "probably carcinogenic."

Argentina

[30,000 Doctors in Argentina Demand that Glyphosate \(Monsanto Roundup\) Be Banned](#)

The doctors are part of FESPROSA, Argentina's Union of medical professionals. Citing the

World Health Organization's [recent declaration](#) that the glyphosate chemicals used in Monsanto's best-selling herbicide Round Up (formulated to use on Round Up Ready crops) are "likely carcinogenic," they add an [additional disclaimer](#):

Glyphosate is also associated with:

- Spontaneous abortions
- Birth defects
- Skin disease
- Respiratory illness
- Neurological disease

Bermuda

[Bermuda Suspends Glyphosate-Ridden Monsanto Roundup Indefinitely](#)

Following a recent study on Monsanto's best-selling herbicide Roundup and its main chemical ingredient glyphosate, Bermuda has decided to suspend any importation of glyphosate/Roundup until further research give reason to lift the suspension.

GMOs ban

France

[French Parliament Moves Beyond Monsanto, Bans GMO Corn](#)

France's lower house of Parliament banned GM corn in a sweeping fashion, [Reuters](#) reported. Now, no variety of GM corn can be cultivated because of its toxic threats to the soil, insects and human health.

U.S.

[The Maui GMO Ban and the Monsanto-Dow Criminal Human Experimentation](#)

In the last election, the voters of Maui, in a ballot measure, decided to place a temporary ban on further Dow/Monsanto GMO/pesticide experiments in Maui County.

Immediately, Monsanto, Dow, and yes, even the County government of Maui (betraying their own voters), lined up against the results of the vote.

Hungary

[Hungary Destroys All Monsanto GMO Corn Fields](#)

Hungary has taken a bold stand against biotech [giant Monsanto](#) and genetic modification by

destroying 1000 acres of maize found to have been grown with genetically modified seeds, according to Hungary deputy state secretary of the Ministry of Rural Development Lajos Bogнар.

Unlike many European Union countries, Hungary is a nation where genetically modified (GM) seeds are banned.

Peru

[Peru Passes Monumental Ten-Year Ban on Genetically Modified Foods](#)

In an act of defiance against bloated biotech companies like [Monsanto](#), Peru has officially passed a law banning genetically modified ingredients within the nation for a period of 10 years...

While the ban will stop the flow of GM foods within the nation's borders, a recent test conducted by the Peruvian Association of Consumers and Users (ASPEC) found that 77 percent of supermarket products tested contained GM contaminants.

Russia

[Why Is Russia Banning GMOs While the US Keeps Approving Them?](#)

The VP of Russia's National Association for Genetic Safety, Irina Ermakova, [has said](#):

“It is necessary to ban GMOs, to impose moratorium (on) it for 10 years... It has been proven that not only in Russia, but also in many other countries in the world, GMOs are dangerous. Methods of obtaining the GMOs are not perfect, therefore, at this stage, all GMOs are dangerous. Consumption and use of GMOs obtained in such way can lead to tumors, cancers and obesity among animals.

China

[Geopolitics of Organic Food: Russia, China and France Ban GMOs](#)

Russia's stance against GMO is mirrored elsewhere, [including in France where just recently Monsanto's GM corn was banned](#) and [in China where the importing of US GM corn has been outlawed](#). The backlash against GMO has widespread appeal due to well-placed health and environmental concerns among increasingly informed populations. But the drive to push back against GMO in nations like Russia and China also has a geopolitical dimension.

Studies

[Monsanto Double Standards and the Crumbling “Scientific Myths” of the GMO Biotech Sector](#)

[Monsanto Roundup: The Impacts of Glyphosate Herbicide on Human Health. Pathways to Modern Diseases](#)

[Study Shows Monsanto Roundup Herbicide Link to Birth Defects](#)

[Cancer of Corruption, Seeds of Destruction: The Monsanto GMO Whitewash](#)

[Former Pro-GMO Biotech Scientist Admits GMOs Aren't Safe, Refutes Claims by Monsanto](#)

[The Toxic Impacts of GMO Maize: Scientific Journal Bows to Monsanto, Retracts anti-Monsanto Study](#)

[More Evidence that Herbicide Glyphosate \(Monsanto Roundup\) Causes Cancer](#)

[Chronic Kidney Failure 5 Times Higher in Glyphosate-Ridden \(Monsanto Roundup\) Areas, Study Confirms](#)

The original source of this article is Global Research
Copyright © [Julie Lévesque](#), Global Research, 2015

[Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page](#)

[Become a Member of Global Research](#)

Articles by: [Julie Lévesque](#)

About the author:

Julie Lévesque is a journalist and researcher with the Centre for Research on Globalization (CRG), Montreal. She was among the first independent journalists to visit Haiti in the wake of the January 2010 earthquake. In 2011, she was on board "The Spirit of Rachel Corrie", the only humanitarian vessel which penetrated Gaza territorial waters before being shot at by the Israeli Navy.

Disclaimer: The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca

www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca