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Surviving the Middle Class Crash

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The Multiple Ways Monsanto is Putting Normal Seeds Out of Reach

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By Linn Cohen-Cole

People say if farmers don't want problems from Monsanto, just don't buy their GMO seeds.

Not so simple. Where are farmers supposed to get normal seed these days? How are they supposed to avoid contamination of their fields from GM-crops? How are they supposed to stop Monsanto detectives from trespassing or Monsanto from using helicopters to fly over spying on them?

Monsanto contaminates the fields, trespasses onto the land taking samples and if they find any GMO plants growing there (or say they have), they then sue, saying they own the crop. It's a way to make money since farmers can't fight back and court and they settle because they have no choice.

And they have done and are doing a bucket load of things to keep farmers and everyone else from having any access at all to buying, collecting, and saving of NORMAL seeds.

1. They've bought up the seed companies across the Midwest.
2. They've written [Monsanto seed laws](#) and gotten legislators to put them through, that make cleaning, collecting and storing of seeds so onerous in terms of fees and paperwork and testing and tracking every variety and being subject to fines, that having normal seed becomes almost impossible (an NAIS approach to wiping out normal seeds). Does your state have such a seed law? Before they existed, farmers just collected the seeds and put them in sacks in the shed and used them the next year, sharing whatever they wished with friends and neighbors, selling some if they wanted. That's been killed.

In Illinois, which has such a seed law, Madigan, the Speaker of the House, his staff is Monsanto lobbyists.

3. Monsanto is pushing anti-democracy laws (Vilsack's brainchild, actually) that remove community' control over their own counties so farmers and citizens can't block the planting of GMO crops even if they can contaminate other crops. So if you don't want a GM-crop that grows industrial chemicals or drugs or a rice growing with human DNA in it, in your area and mixing with your crops, tough luck.

Check the [map](#) of just where the Monsanto/Vilsack laws are and see if your state is still a democracy or is Monsanto's. A farmer in Illinois told me he heard that Bush had pushed through some regulation that made this true in every state. People need to check on that.

4. For sure there are Monsanto regulations buried in the FDA right now that make a farmer's seed cleaning equipment illegal (another way to leave nothing but GM-seeds) because it's now considered a "source of seed contamination." Farmer can still seed clean but the equipment now has to be certified and a farmer said it would require a million to a million and half dollar building and equipment ... for EACH line of seed. Seed storage facilities are also listed (another million?) and harvesting and transport equipment. And manure. Something that can contaminate seed. Notice that chemical fertilizers and pesticides are not mentioned.

You could eat manure and be okay (a little grossed out but okay). Try that with pesticides and fertilizers. Indian farmers have. Their top choice for how to commit [suicide](#) to escape the debt they have been left in is to drink Monsanto pesticides.

5. Monsanto is picking off seed cleaners across the Midwest. In [Pilot Grove, Missouri](#), in Indiana ([Maurice Parr](#)), and now in southern Illinois ([Steve Hixon](#)). And they are using [US marshals and state troopers and county police](#) to show up in three cars to serve the poor farmers who had used Hixon as their seed cleaner, telling them that he or their neighbors turned them in, so across that 6 county areas, no one talking to neighbors and people are living in fear and those farming communities are falling apart from the suspicion Monsanto sowed. Hixon's office got broken into and he thinks someone put a GPS tracking device on his equipment and that's how Monsanto found between 200-400 customers in very scattered and remote areas, and threatened them all and destroyed his business within 2 days.

So, after demanding that seed cleaners somehow be able to tell one seed from another (or be sued to kingdom come) or corrupting legislatures to put in laws about labeling of seeds that are so onerous no one can cope with them, what is Monsanto's attitude about labeling their own stuff? You guessed it - they're out there pushing [laws against ANY labeling of their own GM-food and animals](#) and of any exports to other countries. Why?

We know and they know why.

As Norman Braksick, the president of Asgrow Seed Co. (now owned by Monsanto) predicted in the Kansas City Star (3/7/94) seven years ago, ["If you put a label on a genetically engineered food, you might as well put a skull and crossbones on it."](#)

And [they've sued dairy farmers for telling the truth](#) about their milk being rBGH-free, though rBGH is associated with an increased risk of breast, colon and prostate cancers.

I just heard that some seed dealers urge farmers to buy the seed under the seed dealer's name, telling the farmers it helps the dealer get a discount on seed to buy a lot under their own name. Then Monsanto sues the poor farmer for buying their seed without a contract and extorts huge sums from them.

Here's a [youtube video](#) that is worth your time. Vandana Shiva is one of the leading anti-Monsanto people in the world. In this video, she says (and this video is old), [Monsanto had sued](#) 1500 farmers whose fields had simply been contaminated by GM-crops. Listen to all the ways Monsanto goes after farmers.

Do you know the story of Gandhi in India and how the British had salt laws that taxed salt? The British claimed it as theirs. Gandhi had what was called a Salt Satyagraha, in which people were asked to break the laws and [march to the sea](#) and collect the salt without paying the British. A kind of Boston tea party, I guess.

Thousands of people marched 240 miles to the ocean where the British were waiting. As people moved forward to collect the salt, the [British soldiers clubbed them but the people kept coming](#). The non-violent protest exposed the British behavior, which was so revolting to the world that it helped end British control in India.

Vandana Shiva has started a [Seed Satyagraha](#) - nonviolent non-cooperation around seed laws - has gotten millions of farmers to sign a pledge to break those laws.

American farmers and cattlemen might appreciate what Gandhi fought for and what Shiva is bringing back and how much it is about what we are all so angry about - loss of basic freedoms. [The highlighting is mine.]

The Seed Satyagraha is the name for the nonviolent, noncooperative movement that Dr. Shiva has organized to stand against seed monopolies. According to Dr. Shiva, the name was inspired by Gandhi's famous walk to the Dandi Beach, where he picked up salt and said, "You can't monopolize this which we need for life." But it's not just the noncooperation aspect of the movement that is influenced by Gandhi. The creative side saving seeds, trading seeds, farming without corporate dependence—without their chemicals, without their seed.

" All this is talked about in the language that Gandhi left us as a legacy. We work with three key concepts."

" (One) **Swadeshi**...which means the capacity to do your own thing—produce your own food, produce your own goods...."

"(Two) **Swaraj**—to govern yourself. And we fight on three fronts—**water, food, and seed**. JalSwaraj is water independence—water freedom and water sovereignty. Anna Swaraj is food freedom, food sovereignty. And Bija Swaraj is seed freedom and seed sovereignty. Swa means self—that which rises from the self and is very, very much a deep notion of freedom.

"I believe that these concepts, which are deep, deep, deep in Indian civilization, Gandhi resurrected them to fight for freedom. They are very important for today's world because so far what we've had is centralized state rule, giving way now to centralized corporate control, and we need a third alternate. That third alternate is, in part, citizens being able to tell their state, 'This is what your function is. This is what your obligations are,' and being able to have their states act on corporations to say, 'This is something you cannot do.'"

" (Three) Satyagraha, non-cooperation, basically saying, 'We will do our thing and any law that tries to say that (our freedom) is illegal... we will have to not cooperate with it. We will defend our freedoms to have access to **water**, access to **seed**, access to **food**, access to **medicine**.'"

29 Responses to "The Multiple Ways Monsanto is Putting Normal Seeds Out of Reach"

1.  [rich](#) Says:

[February 6, 2009 at 5:44 pm](#)

i guess monsanto's next step is to make folks take a microchip implant in their right hand or forehead in order to buy food grown with monasanto seed !

youtube.com/goldieshome
goldieshouse.piczo.com

2.  [Not On My Watch](#) Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 2:08 am](#)

An open letter to Monsanto.

I will buy seed from whoever I want when I want. I have nothing for you to sue me over but you are welcome to spend millions trying. In fact I encourage you to spend as much money as you want suing me. Everyone of you that is threatened by this company, make them take you to court. Force the state to pay for your defense seeing as your the victim here and Monsanto has to prove their case beyond a reasonable doubt.

Considering that cross pollination can cause their plant's genes to show up in your crops without your consent perhaps you should threaten to counter sue them for contaminating an organic crop. The reasonable action by Monsanto would be to make their crops unable to reproduce so as to prevent them from invading other species.

Its high time you farmers quit acting like victims and start seeing the court rooms as your friends and not your enemies. There are plenty of ways to bring a corporation to its knees, you just have to be a little creative and not wither like a weed from every threat.

We Americans have grown soft thinking that the government will take care of us, not realizing all along that WE are the government and its our responsibility to take care of ourselves. If your government is not protecting you, travel the paths of politics and throw them out and replace them with people who do understand the meanings between right and wrong.

If you choose not to do this you are willingly allowing yourselves to be victimized and deserve what you get. Remember a corporation is legally a citizen and therefore can be held accountable to the same laws that we as humans can. No one has been holding them to that standard and they are not going to like it when we do. Without a court order, any of the evidence that Monsanto gathers on your land is not legally able to be used in a court of law, and yet you people fear to go to court against them. You must be willing to go to court and know your basic law well enough to know if the courts themselves are following the law and if they are not you must learn how to file effective complaints and have these criminals removed from their jobs. Freedom has to be defended in a forceful manner or control freaks like Monsanto will run over you if you let them.

3.




rrrr Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 2:09 am](#)

Look up the word 'sociopathic.' Another good word is 'psychotic.'

4. [Is this really The Greatest Depression? - Page 2](#) Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 2:19 am](#)

[...] very scattered and remote areas, and threatened them all and destroyed his business within 2 days. The Multiple Ways Monsanto is Putting Normal Seeds Out of Reach  Surviving the Middle Class Crash Continues [...]

5.



Geanne Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 2:27 am](#)

The devil himself couldn't have come up with a more fiendish scam. Having poisoned the food chain with DDT, PCB and Roundup, Monsanto now has its sights set on a monopoly of produce. May the executives of this ruthless outfit rot in hell forever.

6.



Travis Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 3:09 am](#)

My father and I were turned in to Monsanto for saving seed eventhough we were not planting Roundup Ready Gmo Soybeans. We figure it was a neighbor who we had confrontations with over drainage rights to a farm. We were investigate by Pinkerintong thugs who made my father sign a paper giving them access to all our buildings, farms, farm records, gov records etc.. They acted like they had concealed weapons, as if they were cops, and said, "You will sign these papers or Monsanto will sue you, you will lose and Monsanto takes pride in How Many farmers they have Bankrupted!!" Then they laughed. Monsanto found that we were doing nothing wrong, but never sent us a specific letter saying they were sorry, But instead said, "We must make sure all farmers are playing on a level playing field and we would appreciate you business in the future." We tried to get the names of the person or persons who falsley accused us of this misdeed so that we could sue them for defamation of character, but Monsanto refused and said that they don't keep track of that. You cant imagine how much stress this caused us over a six month period eventhough we knew we were innocent. We were so scared that the next year we bought all Gmo seed, so that we weren't risking losing everything. By the way we grain farmed 1800 acres. Monsanto has ruined farming and put the control in the hands of the corporations. This took place 4yrs ago. I thought I lived in a free country until this happened. Now I feel like it is Nazi Germany. I bet the person who turned us in got a free jacket or some seed. How pathetic. If you want to get your neighbors farmland or ruin his reputation, just turn him in to Monsanto. One, last thing, Monsanto has built spy facilities in every farm comunity took keep records about farmers purchases, but they disguise them as research facilities. Don't be fooled.

7.



Rev Reggie Jackson Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 3:20 am](#)

Monsanto's corporate heads are undoubtedly luciferic and very evil in nature. They were put here by the luciferians to starve the world into submission and to bring devastation to the planet by having everyone accepting the ONE

WORLD GOVERNMENT and the coming MARK OF THE BEAST CHIP that is spoken of in the Holy Bible book of Revelation 13th and 14th chapters.

They are starving the worlds farmers and the nations of the Earth and their punishments by Gods Great Plagues will be very severe as their globalist antichrist owners will also face the Great Judgments of God Almighty for killing and martyring His Children that would not take their zombie making and autonotomic making Mark of the Beast Chip!!

When Jesus and His Mighty Angels return from heaven and overthrow the antichrist globalist in hours; they will then be thrown into the great lake of fire and brimstone where they will be screaming in the greatest agonies imaginable along with their lord lucifer and his fallen and defeated angels!!

While we that were martyred throughout the Earth for not taking the beast chip will inherit the renovated and beautified Earth along with our other fellow Christians who served and worshipped Jesus Christ!!!

8.  *ED* Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 3:25 am](#)

I wish the Monsantos would go back to Italy and there former roots before that being the middle east without being specific if you get it. The right to free seed is a gift from God as is the air you breath along with freedom itself. If the government doesnt care then thats because they are all lawyers ie lobbyists and money comes first like the Rothschild Banksters who own the Federal Reserve since 1913. They win you loose and your just a looser.

9.  *geoff* Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 3:57 am](#)

The political solution is here:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/whoru>

<http://www.ericwhoru.bravehost.com>

<http://www.talkshoe.com> show ID# 27767 M-F 8 pm Central

geoff

10.  *Dean Wilding* Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 4:08 am](#)

I am in 100% support of fighting Mansanto. They are a disgrace to society.

11.  *the Great Illuminati* Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 4:32 am](#)

This is a very serious concern and the time has come to fight back. Trespassing is an illegal invasion with the right to defend ones property. Most farmers are well armed, when the public fights back maybe the tide will turn. Genetically altered organisms are a threat to the web and fiber of nature. Monsanto has broken the chains of life itself with its greed and mockery and therefore humanity must defend itself against this dark evil. The sword must finally be taken up and all good citizens must band together, support each other in the destruction of this evil.

12.  *Beau Lerclerque* Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 4:34 am](#)

For a huge variety of reasons, modern insulated and controlled greenhouses are almost a must when we want to feed the evergrowing hmanity. Now I have one more reason to add to the list: Monsatan... err, Monsanto.

You can build greenhouses in such a way that nothing unwanted gets inside, polens included. And it pays back! With or without Monsatan, you can get more than 100 lbs per sqft a year, if you apply the latest technology. Monsatan can only dream of that.

13.  [sunset](#) Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 4:35 am](#)

everyone needs to declare themself a soveriegn citizen which is common law- as opposed to statutory law. study it. you might be surprised.

14.  [heidilore](#) Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 5:22 am](#)

These people are insane. Soon, YOU will be a patent. Pending...sigh.

15.  [art](#) Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 10:37 am](#)

Everyone needs to purchase as many seeds as possible now and store it for yourself. then use those seeds for your own personal use. build a garden on your property so you can feed your own family. this way those idiots from monsanto can do what ever they want and it wont affect you . if everyone had their own gardens then monsanto could play with themselves all day on these open fields and no one will listen to them . you can buy natural seeds outside of this country as well. do it now before these idiots pick block the market . .

16.  [Peoples Court](#) Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 11:33 am](#)

We the People make these people responsible.

See the link below and these are some of the high level players. Names with faces are the start of accountability. Click on the link below and the names of some of the execs.

http://www.monsanto.com/who_we_are/leadership.asp

17.  [Tyrell Cummins](#) Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 12:47 pm](#)

They are 'tares' who God will burn up in the near future.

18.  [Watchman](#) Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 1:32 pm](#)

heidilore you are absolutely right. There is a move afoot to patent DNA (individual) without permission of the person. It has been floated to collect a sample at birth. The cops and worthless federals are already doing it via felony arrests.

19.  [MALTHUSIAN](#) Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 1:41 pm](#)

mass murder scheme

20.



mike Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 2:44 pm](#)

Well, I guess if I caught a monsanto detective on MY farm, and if it was clearly marked “no trespassing”, then I guess I’d be using monsanto “detectives” for target practice; I guess that’s what the “ranch” mini-14 is for, huh?

21.



Cowardly Lion Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 3:42 pm](#)

in my opinion,

monsanto is a terroristic company bent on enslaving the american people though food.

with goverenment sympathizers on the side of this terroristic company, what do you expect?

money money money.

the government does not have your interest at heart.

do not kid yourself.

its all about money \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

22.



Joe Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 3:55 pm](#)

I read an article where in India Monsanto is playing a similar but much more devastating game. They are bankrupting farmers with their seed monopoly and taking farms. Remember that this is the same company that made agent orange! Write your Congressman now!

23.



FatNSassy Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 4:03 pm](#)

We should all start to boycott Monsanto’s products. This company is pure evil. Period. There is no excuse for this type of behavior. May everyone involved reap their karma!

24.



hANOVER fIST Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 4:26 pm](#)

If Monsanto isn’t stopped, our food chain will be in absolute danger.

Their pesticides are killing the bees...humans will follow in four years.

25.



Willow Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 5:59 pm](#)

Stop buying corn and any corn products. Stop buying soybeans and all soybean products. Do not buy any Monsanto products. Find out what products are GMO. Stop buying any and all products that could even be remotely GMO. Buy

heirloom seeds, join a seed savers group, buy as many and as much organic seeds as you can. Stop buying meat and poultry feed with this crap. Boycott, boycott!

Congress is corrupt to the bone. You need to protest with the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health.

The biggest problem with the Mid West is their mindset. Why are you people still planting corn? Why are you still planting soybeans? Why haven't you gone organic? There are seed companies ALL over the world you can buy from. What's wrong with you people? Are you that programmed you can't change the way you farm? There's loads of information out there on how to farm better.

Monsanto needs fields to raise their shit...why are you volunteering to do that? Stop using chemicals. Rethink and make a change.

26.



[D. L.](#) Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 6:07 pm](#)

This is why you need to grow your own food and raise your own livestock on your small to medium plot of land in a rural/remote community with liberal or no covenants that allow you to do so. In the mountains/hills is preferable because it is less likely Monsanto's seeds can "float" there. Then, save every seed you can. Clean and dry them and store them in your house using dessicant. Do not buy Roundup Ready seeds, period, Buy from organic growers and grow organic yourself. And stop being dependent on government for anything, including welfare, social security and the like. Depend on God.

27.



[Daniel](#) Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 7:25 pm](#)

Daniel Says:

We the People need to take over our lives quit being followers and become leaders, the govt. and big business are not are friends but enemies, listen and believe nothing from them. Educate yourself and others around you get active don't let them control your life. They are destroying our food, animals, our nation under God, your savings and investments, what kind of world are we going to leave our kids? WAKE UP AMERICANS!

28.



[Steve](#) Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 7:30 pm](#)

"He who controls the food, controls the world."

–Rob Horsch

Monsanto Vice-Presiden and Board Member of The Bill Gates Foundation

29.



[Doug Thomas](#) Says:

[February 11, 2009 at 7:35 pm](#)

How long will heathen swine Monsanto & their conspirators last when the good honest American farmers have had enough of this bullshit? They wont be safe anywhere in this world.

I'd bet my last dollar that this family would have caused devastation over the many generations of its existence?

Besides coming from hell...just who are they, where do they come from & what religion (if any) do they belong?

It's about time we all said enough to these dancing monkeys...!!!

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