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The Monsanto Anschluss: Long Laid Plans to Undo the Rule of Law

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By William Clover

To begin to appreciate the scope of Monsanto's attack on the American people, one can look in three places, beginning with the USDA's ruling on genetically modified Kentucky Bluegrass, and the agricultural – that is to say, food – element involved.

Kentucky bluegrass is one of four primary [grasses](#) foraged by or fed to grass-fed animals, along with alfalfa (the [GM version](#) of which has also been approved).

It is inadequate to speak only of GM "lawns" (though the impact of its use for lawns is huge) when the entire organic meat and dairy industry is also threatened by GM bluegrass.

Jeffrey Smith of the Institute for Responsible Technology sums up the seriousness of the deregulation that is occurring:

USDA abdicates GMO oversight and welcomes Roundup Ready lawns

"The US Dept of Agriculture just dropped a bomb on GMO regulations in America. Their announcement, released on the Friday afternoon before the July 4th weekend to reduce the media coverage, eviscerated government oversight over a whole new class of GMOs. The USDA announced that Roundup Ready Kentucky bluegrass would be exempt from regulation. That means that a new variety GM grass, produced by Scotts Miracle-Gro, will hit US markets without any government review, not from the USDA, EPA, or FDA. The modified grass, destined for lawns, playgrounds, soccer fields, and golf courses, is designed to survive applications of the weed killer Roundup. This will dramatically increase the use of the toxic herbicide, which is linked to birth defects, cancer, and reproductive problems. Its overuse will also speed up the spread of Roundup-resistant superweeds, requiring a return to other acutely toxic herbicides scrapped decades ago.

"The approval also means that biotech companies can now exploit the same loophole used by the GM grass to put their crops on the market without anyone in government paying attention. The significance of this cannot be overstated. The USDA's loophole is based on the fact that they regulate GMOs using two "regulatory hooks": the GM crops must pose the threat of a "plant pest" or a "noxious weed." In the bluegrass decision, the USDA signalled that it won't apply those hooks to any GM crops that are not created with pest material (e.g. bacteria or viruses). The GM bluegrass was created with a gene gun, and

not from bacterial infection; the inserted gene was not from bacteria; and it did not have the normal “promoter” taken from a virus – which is used as the “on-switch” for most other GM crops on the market. Even without these materials, the GM grass still carries huge risks.

“In a letter to Scotts, for example, agriculture secretary Vilsack acknowledged concerns that GM bluegrass will contaminate non-GM bluegrass, destroying markets in the process. Vilsack’s suggestion? Scotts should talk to “stakeholders” and work out ways of minimizing cross-contamination. In other words, industry can regulate itself – but only if it wants to. See Mother Jones’ excellent two articles [here](#) and [here](#), [Wired](#), or the [New York Times](#).”

What is being missed by focusing on “lawns” is that between the recent USDA approval of GM-alfalfa and now the deregulating of GM-Kentucky Bluegrass, even animals living on grass who are not being fed GM-corn or GM-soy and are part of an organic food chain, would be left eating an all genetically engineered diet.

Given what such a diet is already doing to animals in terms of [sterility](#) and spontaneous abortions and plants in terms of an [AIDS-like disease](#), the threat spreads to every farm, even the ones insulated from GMOs and roundup by organic practices (or just non-GMO use).

And thus the USDA deregulation of GM-Kentucky bluegrass is an additional Monsanto assault on Americans’ lives as well for [GMOs are not food](#), even for animals, who recognize that and do what they can to avoid it.

Second, one can see numerous instances of Monsanto having prepared in great detail in advance for any resistance to these crops by introducing laws that prevent communities from banning GM-crops or even GM-trees. Called seed-preemption laws or democracy preemption laws, they were the [brainchild of Tom Vilsack](#), Obama’s head of the USDA and the person now releasing GMOs based on a clever loophole.

(Obama has done more than giving Monsanto absolute power over all farms and food in the US. [PEER reported](#) that in late 2010, the White House worked with the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO), a lobby group whose most prominent member is Monsanto, to legally pave the way for GM plantings on 75 wildlife refuges in 30 states. The White House formed the Agriculture Biotech Working Group, which includes more than 35 officials from ten agencies to promote GE agriculture.)

Monsanto, beside controlling the White House and creating interagency power to introduce GMOs everywhere, appears aware that what it is doing threatens others and has prepared for that as well.

In terms of lawsuits against it for damage, Monsanto recently [shifted all liability](#) to farmers for any harm done by its products (within weeks of the pharmaceutical industry getting all liability removed for its vaccines – including GMO vaccines). And in terms of any attempts to go after it (or other biotech/ agribusiness firms) by exposing criminal activity, Monsanto is the driving force behind laws being introduced in a number of states that would make whistleblowing (exposing malfeasance or crimes) [illegal](#), and even a felony for the person telling the truth.

Monsanto has used investigators for a number of years to threaten and even rough up farmers on their own land. They have hired [Blackwater](#) as well. Does this Monsanto criminalizing of whistleblowing, including taking photographs even from the road of farms, have anything to do with blocking evidence of Monsanto attacks on farmers and of the groups involved, and not just about hiding what is done in CAFOs?

The third element is the most disguised and most disturbing. For as unconstitutional and undemocratic as Monsanto’s pre-arrangements were and current efforts are, the preparation for these GM-crops, GM-trees, and GM-animals goes even further and is considerably more serious. In this additional aspect of what

Monsanto is doing to block all avenues of resistance to GMOs, one sees both its legal stealth and its absolute awareness of the extreme threat to life they are posing. Both are apparent in a court case going on right now.

The FDA is being sued for trying to stop raw milk transport across state lines. In response, the Food Safety Division of the FDA, run by Monsanto VP Michael Taylor and now with military power over all food and farms in the US via the Food Safety Modernization Act, is [asserting in court](#) removal of fundamental human rights.

Monsanto says Americans have no right to choose their own food, or to feed their children the food one decides is best for them. It is also asserting Americans have no right to contract (such as to contract with farmers to receive the food they want).

But Monsanto, thanks to Obama making it Czar of Food Safety at the FDA, is asserting something even more dire.

In an article at Huffington Post entitled "[Please Obama, Say It's Not So!](#)", Jeffrey Smith says that Taylor is "[t]he person who may be responsible for more food-related illness and death than anyone in history..." And it is around illness and death that Taylor/Monsanto makes one of the most horrific assertions ever made in law.

Because it is so surrounded by food language, and broken up itself within the sentence, [Dr Joseph Mercola](#) did not even highlight it, seeing only the issue of right to food. With Mercola's highlighting:

- "Plaintiffs' assertion of a 'fundamental right to their own bodily and physical health, which includes what foods they do and do not choose to consume for themselves and their families' is similarly unavailing because **plaintiffs do not have a fundamental right to obtain any food they wish.**"

Look again:

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Monsanto, via the FDA, is asserting that Americans do not have a fundamental right to their bodily and physical health. They have cannily tried to hide their attempted removal of the most profound human right of all.

Monsanto, via the FDA, is asserting Americans have no right to be well. On this basis, any case people might try to bring to say they have been injured by Monsanto or by the pharmaceutical industry (to which Monsanto is closely tied) would have no weight in court.

At the same time that Monsanto is getting its GMOs deregulated and is dangerously contaminating nature and threatening our health with them, the pharmaceutical industry is using the FDA and the [Durbini](#) bill, to try to criminalize all *natural* supplements, which bring [health](#) and got the FDA to ban the mass production of IV vitamin C after a New Zealand [man recovered](#) from the swine flu by using mass doses of it.

Under "food safety" in the EU, the pharmaceutical industry has gotten all herbal remedies [banned](#) and Australia is attempting to ban [thousands](#) of common garden plants.

Untampered nature, health itself, is under attack as the recent Monsanto/ FDA organized [SWAT team](#)

[raids](#) on an organic coop in LA makes clear. The people were arrested for selling raw milk - [the only safe milk in the country](#).

By looking at the fact that Monsanto removed communities' democratic rights in advance, removed its own liability, is working to criminalize whistleblowing (the right to free speech), and is working to remove the fundamental right to health, one can deduce facts about Monsanto:

- It knows their GM-crops and GM-trees are unwanted;
- It knows it is creating damage people would normally sue them for;
- It knows it is potentially involved in criminal activity; and
- It knows GMOs are a threat to people's bodily health and to the environment.

Monsanto has worked to remove all democratic means to stop their planned attack on America, and is aware that GMOs directly assault the bodies, health, and livelihoods of Americans.

All that Monsanto has done has been filed under business or corrupt business, but the nation is increasingly aware this is a war against the land, the plants, the animals and the people and of [who](#) is involved. And the insanity of GMOs become rational when one learns [what](#) they want.

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12 RESPONSES TO THE MONSANTO ANSCHLUSS: LONG LAID PLANS TO UNDO THE RULE OF LAW

[Judith A. Cartisano](#) | August 7, 2011 at 4:34 pm | [Reply](#)



Well that is truly frightening. I answered some poll recently that asked what was the worst corporation. They had companies like Halliburton, Wal-mart, the usual list of offenders, but they didn't list Monsanto, so I added it on and voted for it as the worst. I think this might reflect a singular lack of awareness about Monsanto and how far it has gone in its attempts to destroy our freedom. If these other corporations can be compared to minor devils, Monsanto can be considered Satan himself.

[Rady](#) | August 7, 2011 at 5:50 pm | [Reply](#)



I agree, Judith. All over the world, Monsanto has been called the most evil corporation on the planet. I suspect the poll you took was designed by Monsanto.

[Andrew](#) | August 7, 2011 at 5:33 pm | [Reply](#)



As the last link in the article shows, they are literal fascists, with literal Nazi ties. The article says

who they are and what they want in terms of a continuation of the world domination Hitler sought.

That includes a continuation of eugenics, or genocide. It's now called population reduction. And they are seeking it through GMOS and vaccines.

http://oilgeopolitics.net/Swine_Flu/Gates_Vaccines/gates_vaccines.html

If there is starvation and agricultural collapse, all the better and they are prepared to benefit from them <http://www.independent.co.uk/opinion/commentators/johann-hari/johann-hari-how-goldman-gambled-on-starvation-2016088.html>

as they benefit from diseases they cause.

http://www4.dr-rath-foundation.org/PHARMACEUTICAL_BUSINESS/laws_of_the_pharmaceutical_industry.htm

The more exposed for who they really are, the harder for them.

Goebbels

“If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it. The lie can be maintained only for such time as the State can shield the people from the political, economic and/or military consequences of the lie. It thus becomes vitally important for the State to use all of its powers to repress dissent, for the truth is the mortal enemy of the lie, and thus by extension, the truth is the greatest enemy of the State.”

Tony | August 7, 2011 at 11:37 pm | Reply



I love it : Jeffrey Smith of the Institute for Responsible Technology . who have him the right to say that he knows what is responsible technology –you know what I declare myself the supreme being on ethical standards president of the institute of know-it-all for food and agriculture and deem this a load of bullshxt. lets make it clear Monsanto is not threatening your health any more than you are – actually less so- it conducts safety testing on food – do you?It spends millions on safety testing on Gm food – does anyone else? No zipo. People sit on their butts complaining and this and that without any thread of evidence. even the detractors can't even spend their time doing their own testing – most of the time they just rewrite Monsanto's safety reports their way and say their stuff is bad. yet 99% of the government safety committee say its safe – strange that. even the EU committee say its safe – its only the politicians who can't tell the truth – surprised ? NOT.

The political babbles on this site only go to show that its politics that drives this not the logical science or facts.

Someone mentions FDA and Monsanto together and next the are the same – just because of the FDA guys used to work for Monsanto – now why did he leave Monsanto – ? Why would he take a lower paid job? Maybe he didn't fit in in Monsanto ? Maybe he was even laid off ? He should probably be more pissed off with Monsanto – unless he is getting kick backs and there is zipo evidence of that maybe he or she is just a person wanted to have a job and actually doing their job. Maybe because humans work at Monsanto and he is also human there is a connection ?

the posting says : “It knows their GM-crops and GM-trees are unwanted” – THAT ISN'T REALLY TRUE THEIR PRODUCTS ARE ON A BILLION ACRES OF LAND – NOT EXACTLY NOT WANTED;

It knows it is creating damage people would normally sue them for;: IF IT IS DAMAGING IT WILL

BE SUED AND IT IS NOT

It knows it is potentially involved in criminal activity; THERE IS NO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY – ANOTHER MADE U STORY and

It knows GMOs are a threat to people's bodily health and to the environment -AGAIN NO THREAT MANY REPORTS NO EVIDENCE OF HARM

THIS JOSEPH MERCOLA IS A SNALKE OIL SALESMAN- HE SELLS HERBAL REMEDIES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN SHOWED BY ETSTING TO BE SAFE OR EFFECTIVE

WILLIM CLOVER I DONT KNOW HAT LANET YOU ARE FROM BUT PLEASE START TAKING THE RATIONALITY PILLS THAT MERCOLA SELLS. YOU NEED THEM BADLY

Zac | [August 8, 2011 at 2:37 am](#) | Reply

It would be interesting to know what corporation paid you to write this comment since it is so clearly out of place here and out of character for those who care about food. But one can guess.



Pingback: [Usda 2010 Food](#)

Richard | [August 8, 2011 at 8:42 am](#) | Reply

I am done with being afraid of GMO's and agribusinesses and bad lawmaking. It is plain to see that meddlesome governments are in a state of irreversible collapse even as we speak. I will do as I please on my property and with my body, and not worry about interference, because the government simply cannot afford to police every inch of the planet, and Monsanto simply cannot afford to alter every plant that is edible.



Furthermore, laws that are worth upholding never change. The fact that Congress is constantly tinkering with the law and adding myriad new ones indicates that most of what they are doing is extra-legal, meaning outside the body of common sense law that all humanity recognizes as being from the Creator.

I am a law abiding citizen of the planet as long as those laws do not interfere with natural rights or common sense. We are growing healthy non-GMO perma-crops on our property that others are screaming are too invasive (a thousand miles from here down south). If you want a plant badly enough, someone somewhere will sell it to you. Better get them while you can. If it's a perennial, Monsanto won't try to alter it and you won't have to worry about finding seed. Learn to love food perennials instead of annual crops if you want to be permanently independent.

Even if they do try to micro-manage all of us, this will cost them a fortune to play out in the courts. It will be an un-fundable mandate to police, and the courts will throw these laws against gardening out due to conflict with common law.

Time to let go of fear and claim our power, because we are far more powerful beings than we have been encouraged to know. We are the true stewards of the earth, and we are the inheritors of it.

Steve | [August 8, 2011 at 8:47 am](#) | Reply

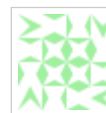
Well, this is war. War on us and war on animals and plants. In short, war on life. When the revolution comes, know who to target as the enemy. What do they call it in the army, oh yeah,



scorched earth policy.

Randy | [August 8, 2011 at 8:59 am](#) | [Reply](#)

I think TONY needs to crawl back into his hole! Either he's a corporate plant – or totally brain dead! No one in their right mind would think that genetically tampered with food; full of toxic chemicals, is better than naturally grown food! Anyone who's done more than an hours worth of research on Monsanto, knows that they are the epitome of evil!



Elika Hohne | [August 8, 2011 at 12:52 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

TONY is clearly a shill/troll sent here to undermine Dr. Mercola and foodfreedom.com and the information (see Goebbels quote above) and continue to shield Monsanto. If TONY doesn't like what is printed here why does he read it, why does he become so upset that Monsanto is being demonized, and type all in quotes to get noticed. So obvious it's laughable.

I'll believe what is printed **HERE**. Stay with nature, Monsanto is making a business out of destroying natural seed, some idiot in government decided GMO's were patentable and now we see the results when government and industry walk hand in hand. Scary!



Geoff | [August 8, 2011 at 1:34 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

That idiot that decided GMO's were patentable is none other than Clarence Thomas of the Supreme Court, who incidently was a lawyer for Monsanto in the 70's. Go figure.



Toni Reita ND | [August 8, 2011 at 2:39 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

The bigger they are, the harder they can fall. Not any corporation can survive without consumers demanding their goods.

If we are to expect any selection of real food in the years that come, isn't it worth the extra effort **NOW**, to utterly, completely and totally **REJECT ALL INDUSTRIAL FALSE FOOD?**

In 2008, 180 countries declared that their citizens have a fundamental right to food. Only one country voted against this rudimentary right. Can you guess which country that was?

How can the proclaimed land of the free and home of the brave justify such a mean spirited decision? And is it in the best interests of their citizens or in the best interests of someone else?

Instead the United States made it's intentions perfectly clear and voted against the right to food for it's citizens. There is no right to food in the USA, nor is there any right to food legislation pending. Pretty simple isn't it?

I'm wondering if the USA's refusal to participate in The Universal Declaration of Human Rights provoked the growing grassroots right to food movement and the real food revolution? Is the war on food just beginning to heat up?

It will take extra scrutiny of reading labels, or only buying fresh, raw food without labels. GMO is in virtually all packaged foods, including teas, chocolates etc, with the Soy Lecithin garbage.

If we don't vote with our dollars, very soon our choices will be to be criminal gardeners and illegal food smugglers or to suffer from lack of nutrition eating industrial junk.



Real people thrive on real food only.

<http://www.natural-health-home-remedies.com/food-wars.html>

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