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Fewer Bees Or Just More Bee-S?

July 15th, 2014

American Council On Science And Health (ACSH)

Rebuttal To Mark Winston And The New York Times

Selected And Adapted Excerpts

In the New York Times, Mark Winston (MW) writes a heart-wrenching column about a problem that will sooner or later come back to sting all of us in a big way — MASSIVE DIE-OFFS OF BEES.

There are (at least) three problems, though, with his piece $\,-\,$

- 1. Winston provides NO DATA to support his claim about the so-called « bee colony collapse » that we have been hearing about.
- 2. This is because THERE IS NO SUCH COLLAPSE.
- 3. This does not stop him from writing about it.

Here are a few of comments from Mark Winston (MW) and the rebuttal by American Council On Science And Health (ACSH) —
MW Problem Statement —
But, in the midst of crisis can come learning.
Honeybee collapse has much to teach us about how humans car avoid a similar fate.
ACSH Rebuttal —
The real lesson here is that SCIENTIFIC CLAIMS WITHOUT DATA ARE NOT WORTH A BALL OF WAX.
MW Problem Statement —
Honeybee collapse has been particularly vexing because there is no one cause, but rather a thousand little cuts.
ACSH Rebuttal —
So why is Winston FOCUSING ON PESTICIDES ?

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MW Problem Statement —

A typical honeybee colony contains residue from more than 120 pesticides.

Alone, each represents a BENIGN DOSE.

But together, they form a TOXIC SOUP [?!?!] of chemicals whose interplay can substantially reduce the effectiveness of bees' immune systems. [?!?!]

ACSH Rebuttal —

WHERE IS THE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THIS?

And why do Times' writers love the NONSENSE TERM « toxic soup of chemicals » ?

MW Problem Statement —

The only human equivalent is RESEARCH INTO PHARMACEUTICAL INTERACTIONS, with many prescription drugs showing harmful or fatal side effects when used together, particularly in patients who already are disease-compromised. [?!?!]

ACSH Rebuttal —

Yes — some drugs are dangerous when used together.

This is why there is a huge database on drug-drug interactions, which is based on REAL SCIENCE.

THIS ANALOGY STINKS.

MW Problem Statement —

We must demand that our regulatory authorities require studies on how exposure to low dosages of combined chemicals may affect human health before approving compounds.

ACSH Rebuttal —

NOW WE ARE ENTERING CUCKOO LAND.

There are SO MANY PROBLEMS with the statement, that it is difficult to know where to begin.

First, this statement is a THINLY DISGUISED VERSION of the « toxic soup » myth — that tiny amounts of chemicals in our bodies both persist (WRONG) and combine to do extra harm (ALSO WRONG) by (NOT) persisting in our bodies.

And Winston wants the U.S. Food And Drug Administration (FDA) to require all new drugs to be evaluated not only on their merits, but along with X thousand chemicals that « may » alter the safety of the new drug?

Here are some stats.

New drugs now - 14 years and \$1-2 billion to develop and bring a new drug to market.

New drugs using Winston's advice — NONE.

Ever again.

Since Winston presented NO EVIDENCE to support his claim, we figured that we should.

Myth One — Colony Collapse Syndrome in the U.S. [see card below].

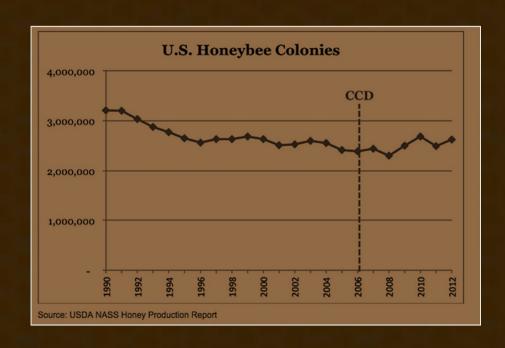
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Myth No 1:



America's Bee Population Is Threatened ??!!



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Guess what?

There isn't Colony Collapse Syndrome in the U.S.

That is unless you believe that the USDA's report on honeybee colonies is incorrect, in which case we would love to know about it. http://tinyurl.com/kx4thco

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In Canada, this would seem to be just as FALSE.

Myth Two	_	Canada's bee population is also threatened	[see	card belo	w
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Myth No 2:



Canada's Bee Population Is Threatened ??!!

Estimates	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Estimates	Year-to-date (averages)				
Beekeepers ³	7,028	7,403	7,713′	8,312	8,483
Colonies ²	592,120	620,291	637,920'	690,037	672,09
Production of honey, total (pounds x 1,000) ⁴	70,362	81,672'	79,824 ^r	90,759	75,48
Value of honey, total (dollars x 1,000) ⁵	126,253	144,197	150,691 ^r	176,206	176,15

Source: Statistics Canada

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Make no mistake — no one — here or otherwise — wants bees endangered.

They are hugely important in many ways, most notably by pollinating a good chunk of our agricultural output.

But, when people start SPOUTING UNSUPPORTED THEORIES, all this does is point research in the wrong direction, and this can do substantial harm on its own by CAUSING ILL-INFORMED POLICIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED.

The Conspiracy To Impose Reckless And Arbitrary Prohibition Against Neonicotinoid Insecticides Used In The Agriculture Industry Tobacco Ringspot Virus Is HARMING BEES, And NOT Neonicotinoid **Insecticides**

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Latest Buzz On Bee Colony Collapse Disorder

A Virus, NOT A Pesticide, Is The Problem

January 22nd, 2014

American Council On Science And Health (ACSH)

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Bees, honeybees in particular, are crucial for our agricultural production.

Pollination is basically a function of honeybees, and many fruits, vegetables and legumes are dependent upon these insects doing their job.

In the last decade, a massive decline in bee populations was detected.

« Bee Colony Collapse Disorder » (BCCD) was the name given to this mysterious phenomenon, whose cause was unknown but was intensively sought.

While THE PROBLEM SEEMED TO HAVE ABATED SOMEWHAT AFTER 2010, periodic declines continued, and fears of recurrent major extinctions persisted.

Some scientists, and especially Anti-Pesticide Organizations, became devotees of the « *pesticide theory* » of Bee Colony Collapse Disorder, and Neonicotinoid Insecticides were the prime suspect.

These newer chemicals, « neonics » to those familiar with them, have been of increasing utility among farmers world-wide — until their use was SEVERELY RESTRICTED in the European Union (EU) on the basis of SUSPECTED HARM TO BEES.

America's own regulatory and environmental agencies have been more circumspect, AWAITING MUCH BETTER EVIDENCE of Neonicotinoid Insecticides' involvement in BCCD.

Now, a new report issued by scientists affiliated with the Departments of Agriculture in America and in China, and reviewed in The Scientist, provides the first evidence that Bee Colony Collapse Disorder, in fact, STEMS FROM TOBACCO RINGSPOT VIRUS (TRSV), and not from Neonicotinoid Insecticides.

Investigators have determined that TOBACCO RINGSPOT VIRUS can be found in nearly all organs and tissues of infected bees, and also in mites that feed on the bees.

They suggest that the bees may pick up the virus from the pollen of plants that they feed upon, and that the virus may be spread to other bees by mites that feed on them.

Once it has gained a foothold in a bee, the researchers determined that TOBACCO RINGSPOT VIRUS can replicate itself in the bee's body.

This process of a virus moving from one species to another is called HOST SHIFTING, and its occurrence is a warning signal for farmers and others involved in agriculture.

The authors state —

PATHOGEN HOST SHIFTS represent a major source of new infectious diseases.

The findings from this study showcase the need for INCREASED SURVEILLANCE FOR POTENTIAL HOST-JUMPING EVENTS as an integrated part of insect pollinator management programs.

ACSH's Dr Josh Bloom, a former researcher in the infectious disease area says —

Whenever I hear about mass die offs — whether in bees, dolphins, cattle or trees — I automatically think « infectious disease ».

It isn't universally true, but very often turns out to be so.

Dr Bloom adds —

It is somewhat ironic that the proposed pathogen in this case comes from tobacco, since the FIRST VIRUS ever isolated and characterized (in the late 1800s) was Tobacco Mosaic Virus — which infects and kills not only tobacco, but other members of its family, including tomatoes and cucumbers.

IT IS EASY TO CONCLUDE THAT SOME ENVIRONMENTAL FACTOR CAUSED BY HUMANS IS TO BLAME, BUT THIS IS A BAD ASSUMPTION TO MAKE.

Dr Bloom is the Associate Director of the American Council on Science and Health (ACSH).

Dr Bloom is an Organic Chemist, and has worked in the Pharmaceutical Industry.

Dr Bloom is a 27-year veteran of Biomedical Research with expertise in toxicology and metabolism.

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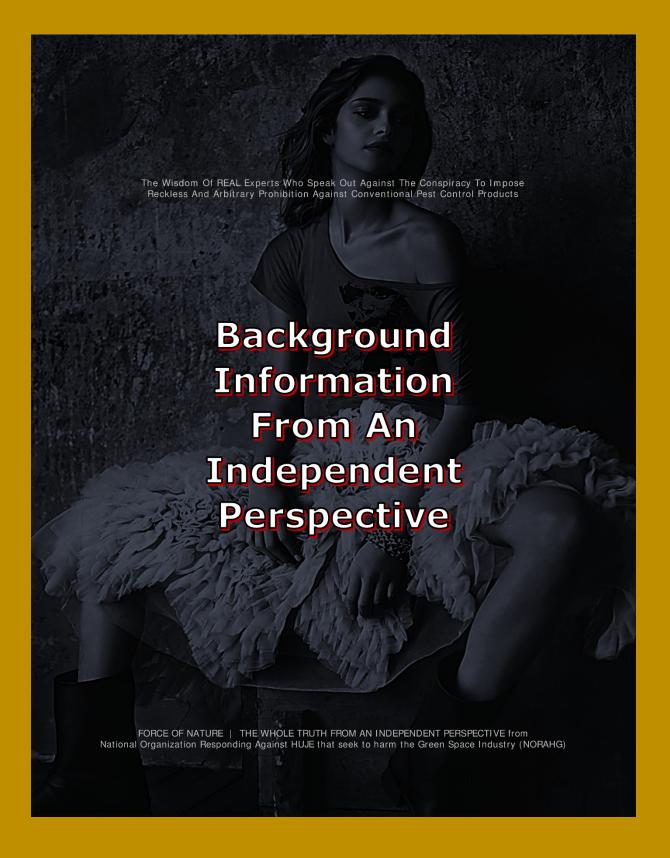
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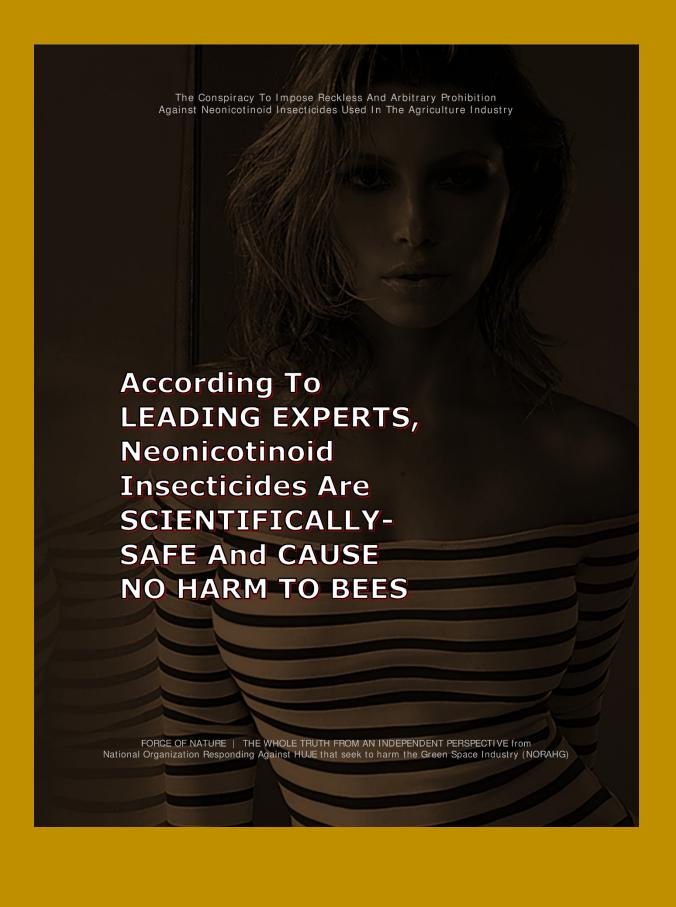
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Communities and businesses are being HARMED and DESTROYED and RAPED by LUNATICS who ARBITRARILY AND RECKLESSLY IMPOSE PROHIBITIONS against pest control products used in the Urban Landscape, and by other ACTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM.

We are living in the 9|11 Era of Anti Pesticide and Environmental Terrorism where at least ONE SUBVERSIVE ACT OF TERROR is perpetrated EVERY SINGLE DAY by LUNATICS.

A LUNATIC is a person whose actions and manner are marked by extreme recklessness.

The RECKLESS ACTS OF SUBVERSION by these LUNATICS has led to the ARBITRARY IMPOSITION of Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION in several jurisdictions throughout North America.

The result was CATASTROPHIC CARNAGE!

Because of Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION, provinces like Ontario now have a TRAIL OF ECONOMIC DESTRUCTION WITH HUNDREDS OF SMALL BUSINESSES DESTROYED and THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE OUT OF WORK, a MORE DANGEROUS OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT, and a BLACK MARKET IN PESTICIDES.

Only TRUE LUNATICS would wish to create a TRAIL OF ECONOMIC DESTRUCTION WITH HUNDREDS OF SMALL BUSINESSES DESTROYED and THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE OUT OF WORK.

Because of these LUNATICS, we are living in the DARK AGE OF ANTI PESTICIDE TERRORISM where sound science is trumped by FAKE SCIENTISTS, JUNK SCIENCE and UNVERIFIABLE SECRET EVIDENCE through FABRICATION, INNUENDO, and INTERNET RUMOR — scientific research PROVES that pest control products CAUSE NO HARM and can be USED SAFELY.

An informed public is better able to protect itself and its communities and businesses from so-called activists (a.k.a. LUNATICS) who are THE LEAST QUALIFIED TO PROVIDE ANY ADVICE about pest control products or the environment.

NORAHG is the \underline{N} ational \underline{O} rganization \underline{R} esponding Against \underline{H} UJE that seek to harm the \underline{G} reen space industry, and the well-being of our communities.

NORAHG morally represents the VAST SILENT MAJORITY of people associated with turf and ornamental plant maintenance who are OPPOSED to LUNATICS and their Anti Pesticide PROHIBITIONS, resulting in the CLOSURE or ABANDONMENT of green spaces under the RIDICULOUS PRETEXT CONCOCTED BY LUNATICS of somehow « saving » the environment.

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THE MYTHS ABOUT BANNING PESTICIDES

NORAHG responds on behalf of the VAST SILENT MAJORITY of the public that DOES NOT WANT PESTICIDE BANS, and SUPPORT those who work in the Professional Lawn Care Industry, the Golf Industry, and the Agriculture Industry.

THE PUBLIC DOES NOT WANT PESTICIDE BANS

NORAHG is opposed to PESTICIDE FREE jurisdictions where LUNATICS have DOOMED CHILDREN to SUFFER INJURIES since Anti-Pesticide PROHIBITION inevitably leads to public and residential green spaces that become DANGEROUS AND PEST-INFESTED GARBAGE DUMPS.

ANTI-PESTICIDE PROHIBITION DESTROYED GREEN SPACES

PESTICIDE BANS MADE OUR GREEN SPACES LOOK #@!!% UGLY - PHOTO GALLERY

EMERALD ASH BORER - SAFE & EFFECTIVE INSECTICIDES VERSUS CHAIN SAWS

NORAHG is concerned that, because of PESTICIDE FREE MAINTENANCE of parks and sports fields, CHILDREN ARE AT HIGHER RISK OF SUFFERING INJURIES with the creation of HAZARDOUS SLIPPING AND TRIPPING CONDITIONS.

DANGEROUS PLAYING SURFACES ARE CREATED BY #@!!% PESTICIDE BANS

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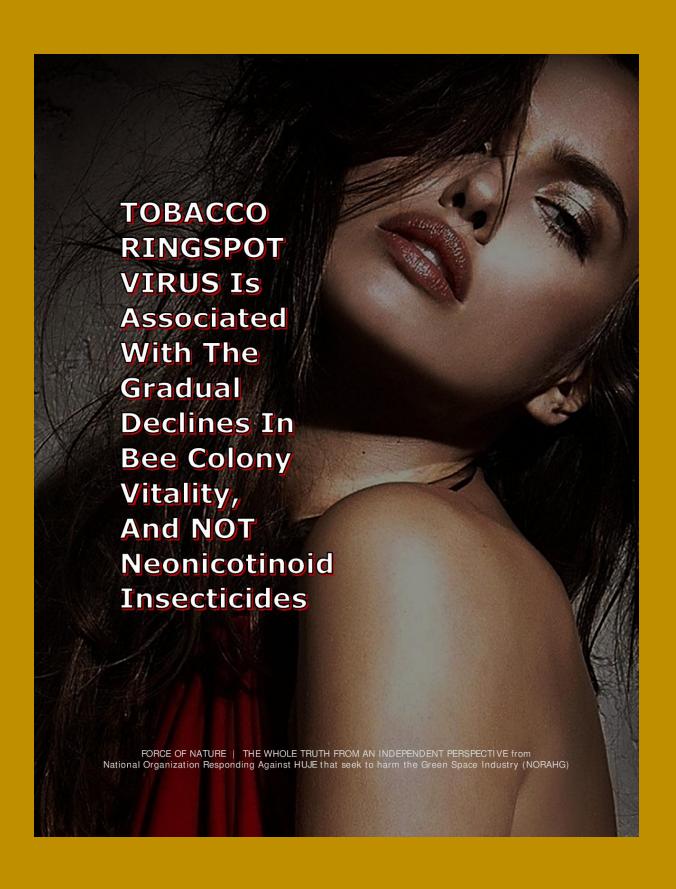
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