

# ACSH in the Media: Fighting Junk Science Since 1978

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Summer is just around the corner. But we aren't going on vacation. There is far too much junk science out there for us to take a break. Here's where we were cited in recent days:

**1) The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) [2] cited our article on how the Environmental Working Group (EWG) uses scaremongering and chemophobic tactics to spread junk science.** The thoroughly unscientific EWG, which [encourages people to not eat fruits and vegetables](#) [3] because of pesticides, now wants you to believe that cereal is killing you because of trace amounts of glyphosate. It's total nonsense, and the Atlanta-based newspaper cited our skepticism:

*The American Council on Science and Health, a nonprofit consumer advocacy organization founded by scientists, has [criticized EWG for overstating its findings](#) [4], particularly when it comes to the risks of some chemicals.*

[WSOC TV](#) [5], a news station based in Charlotte, also picked up the story.

**2) In his latest monthly column for the [Puget Sound Business Journal](#) [6], Dr. Alex Berezow explains how the State of Washington is going backward on education policy.** Despite the United States spending more on K-12 education than most peer countries, the results are decidedly mediocre. Bad policies that do not incentivize academic excellence are largely to blame.

**3) ACSH once again received some international recognition!** This time, we were cited by the [Jamaica Observer](#) [7] in an article debunking the "blood type diet." The paper [quoted](#) [8] one of our

former interns, Jailen Johnson: "Your blood type cannot impact your diet any more than your astrological sign can."

**4) Our article on the doxxing of plant biotech scientist Kevin Folta was cited by [Mind Matters](#) [9], a website dedicated to discussing artificial intelligence.** The article called the episode a "nightmare" and noted that "many of us seem to be nixing Twitter from a role in our social lives."

**5) Dr. Josh Bloom's work on opioids was cited in a letter to the editor of Indiana's [KPC News](#) [10].** The reader also sent his letter to lawmakers in the state.

**6) Dr. Berezow continues to do his twice weekly radio segment, "Real Science with Dr. B," on Seattle's Kirby Wilbur Show.** In his latest [segment](#) [11] (beginning at 20:36), he discussed the medical oddities he saw at Philadelphia's Mütter Museum, such as the "Soap Lady," slices of Einstein's brain, the tumor removed from President Grover Cleveland's face, and a post-mortem plaster body cast of the conjoined twins Chang and Eng Bunker.

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