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 nixxing 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.