

JAMA Spotlights Conflicts of Interest With 'Anti-Meat' Advocates. Are We Surprised?



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A controversial article on red meat had an unintended consequence: it unmasked the ties between science and industry. Not the meat industry, but the "anti-meat" health-advocacy industry, which reaches into academia and commercial interests. JAMA takes a stance. Good for them, which is good for us.



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I wrote an article several months ago about a controversial study suggesting that red meat wasn't all that bad. You can find it [here](#) [2]. Calling it controversial is really an understatement, several days before its release, special interests wanted the report retracted and the accusations of conflict of interest by Big Meat followed shortly. The greater truth is discussed in an article in JAMA. I am not going to summarize it. This article is worth the time it takes to read because it shows the conflicts of interest are far more than monetary and that they are alive and well. [Backlash Over Meat Dietary Recommendations Raises Questions About Corporate Ties to Nutrition Scientists](#) [3]

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