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While the growth hormone, rBST, developed by Monsanto, was given a blessing by “the United States” Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the *Health Protection Branch of Health Canada* came to a different conclusion. Canada’s health institution determined that Monsanto’s growth hormone did not comply with safety requirements because it was found that the artificially created growth hormone rBST could be absorbed into the body of those people who drink milk from cows treated with this growth hormone.

In a 1991 report, *Rural Vermont*, who is a non-profit farm advocacy organization, revealed that there are serious health problems with rBGH (another name for rBST) treated cows. The cows cited were part of a Monsanto-financed-study at the University of Vermont. Among the issues observed was a considerable increase in the number of deformed calves born to mothers treated with the artificial growth hormone.

There was also a significant increase in mastitis cases, which is a bacterial infection of the cow’s udder. This, in turn, causes inflammation and swelling. Accompanying the inflammation, of course, is infective pus and blood secretions which find their way into the milk. To treat the numerous mastitis outbreaks of the treated cows, the corporate farmers rely on antibiotics. The increased and repeated use of antibiotics contributes to the growing problem of antibiotic resistant bacteria. The FDA relies on pasteurization to kill off bacteria, hormones and antibiotics in milk.

Milk producers have taken advantage of the law that allows them to tell the consumer that their milk or dairy products come from cows NOT TREATED with the growth hormone rBST. However, the law evidently requires that they also include this message: “The FDA has stated that no significant difference has been shown between milk from rBST-treated and untreated cows.” I have noted that Crystal Dairy milk has a message that it is not from cows treated with rBST. However, I also noted that the same message did not appear on their “heavy whipping cream.” So I phoned the corporation and they informed me that no Crystal dairy products come from cows treated with rBST. I also noted that Knudsen sour cream informed the consumer that this product does not come from cows treated with rBST. On the other hand, Wal-Mart milk, whose brand name is, I believe, “Great Value”, did not state that it comes from cows not treated with rBST.

Fox News told their investigative journalists to dig up the bones, to ask the hard ball questions, to get answers, to inform the Fox News listeners and viewers. Journalists for Fox News investigated the rBST artificial growth hormone issue and planned to run a story on the dangers to human health posed by this growth hormone.

As the journalists were putting the story together, there came a time when Fox was threatened with litigation by Monsanto. Monsanto is one of the behemoth corporations in the world today.

Fox administration became intimidated and resisted airing the story their journalists had prepared. When the journalists would not budge, Fox wanted the journalists to alter their story. The honorable journalists refused to knowingly tell lies to the American public or alter their story in a way which would mislead the American people. When the *strong-arm-tactics* of FOX did not dissuade the journalists, FOX fired them.

The journalists filed a whistle-blower civil case. Their position was that it was an illegal act to use the public air waves and television media to knowingly give the public false and misleading information that is presented as factual and which could well be harmful to the health of those viewing the news presentation.

While the initial case decision was in favor of the journalists, FOX NEWS appealed. Five other major news organizations filed briefs with the court, supporting the position of FOX NEWS against their former journalists. What we call “circling the wagons.” In effect, the five other major news organizations were rallying for the freedom to lie to the American public and present lies as truth within their news broadcasts. Three years later, the appeals court found that intentionally giving the public false, misleading, and distorted news was not against the law nor a licensing requirement of FOX NEWS, and reversed the lower court’s finding. Therefore, the courts of the United States have determined that intentionally falsifying news and lying to the American people is not an illegal act.

The human health implication that the FOX NEWS journalists were blocked from presenting to the American public was a link to CANCER posed by rBST.

In a New York luncheon celebrating *the free and independent press*, John Swinton was asked to give a toast. This is his toast:

“There is no such thing, at this date of the world's history, in America, as an independent press. You know it and I know it.

There is not one of you who dares to write your honest opinions, and if you did, you know beforehand that it would never appear in print. I am paid weekly for keeping my honest opinion out of the paper I am connected with. Others of you are paid similar salaries for similar things, and any of you who would be so foolish as to write honest opinions would be out on the streets looking for another job. If I allowed my honest opinions to appear in one issue of my paper, before twenty-four hours my occupation would be gone.

The business of the journalists is to destroy the truth, to lie outright, to pervert, to vilify, to fawn at the feet of mammon, and to sell his country and his race for his daily bread. You know it and I know it, and what folly is this toasting an independent press?

We are the tools and vassals of rich men behind the scenes. We are the jumping jacks, they pull the strings and we dance. Our talents, our possibilities and our lives are all the property of other men. We are intellectual prostitutes.” – John Swinton, Chief of Staff, New York Times