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## How Much Of A Role Does Corruption And Greed Have On Our Health And Our Life Expectancy?

According to Robert F. Kennedy Jr., corporate corruption and greed is the root cause of declining health and declining longevity in both the United States and Canada. Given the correlation between the rise of Big Pharma and Big Agriculture (or Big Ag as it is known) and the rise in obesity and chronic health conditions he seems to have a point.

Very few politicians dare to take on this extremely well financed and influential monolith, and those that do have their careers and reputations destroyed quickly and completely.

However Trump, Musk and RFK Jr. himself are not conventional politicians who are only focused on winning the next election. Instead this fortuitous and unlikely group consider their mission to 'drain the swamp' and bring the mega rich corporations back into check as part of their life mission is more of a religious crusade than a

means to political power.

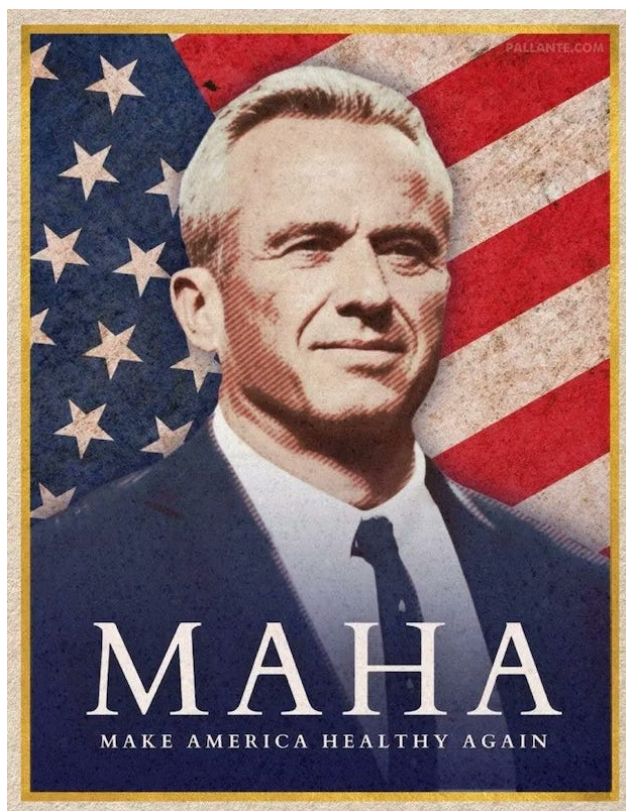
This gives us, as the citizenry who live by the consequences of their decisions, a rare, perhaps once in a life-time opportunity to see and make real change for the better, and for the better of our health and the health of our children.

Healthy Life Expectancy (years)							
Country	2010	2015	2019	Country	2010	2015	2019
Japan	73.0	↗73.6	↗74.1	Australia	70.2	↗70.6	↗70.9
Switzerland	71.4	↗71.8	↗72.5	Germany	70.0	↗70.1	↗70.9
Cyprus	70.8	↗71.6	↗72.4	Greece	70.0	↗70.4	↗70.9
Spain	71.0	↗71.6	↗72.1	Slovenia	69.2	↗70.0	↗70.7
France	71.2	↗71.7	↗72.1	Belgium	69.2	↗70.0	↗70.6
Iceland	71.4	↗71.9	↗72.0	New Zealand	69.8	↗69.9	↗70.2
Italy	71.1	↗71.6	↗71.9	United Kingdom	69.4	↗69.7	↗70.1
Sweden	71.2	↗71.4	↗71.9	Chile	68.5	↗69.4	↗70.1
Luxembourg	70.5	↗71.5	↗71.6	Estonia	66.9	↗68.3	↗69.2
Malta	70.4	↗71.3	↗71.5	Czechia	67.7	↗68.3	↗68.8
Netherlands	70.9	↗71.1	↗71.4	Poland	67.1	↗68.0	↗68.7
Norway	70.2	↗71.2	↗71.4	Croatia	67.3	↗67.9	↗68.6
Canada	70.8	↗71.2	↗71.3	Slovakia	66.5	↗67.6	↗68.5
Ireland	70.1	↗70.7	↗71.1	Hungary	65.8	↗66.7	↗67.2
Denmark	69.4	↗70.5	↗71.0	Romania	65.4	↗66.3	↗66.9
Finland	69.6	↗70.7	↗71.0	Lithuania	64.3	↗65.3	↗66.7
Portugal	69.3	↗70.5	↗71.0	Latvia	64.3	↗65.8	↗66.3
Austria	69.9	↗70.4	↗70.9	USA	66.7	↘66.6	↘66.1

Source: World Health Organization (WHO) 12-04-2020

Decline in each of the last  
2 measurement periods

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Although this threat from greedy, self-centred corporations has now reached a point of absolute crisis, especially after the great reveal of the disastrous Covid-era, it is in fact nothing new. Back in 1787 someone asked Benjamin Franklin what form of government the Founding Fathers were establishing. “A republic,” he replied, “if you can keep it.” In his reply Franklin highlighted the importance of maintaining the integrity of the Republic, which was threatened by various factors, including the growing power of corporations.

This threat by the corporations mainly revolves around the concern about money in politics, lobbying, and the concentration of economic power in the hands of a few powerful, unelected CEO’s. Inevitably these business moguls have the finances to ensure their own political agenda and goal, which inevitably serves their shareholders and their bottomline to the exclusion of all else.

As Franklin's statement suggests, the survival of the Republic depends on the ability of its citizens to maintain control over their government and institutions, and ensures that they do not become usurped and dominated by corporate interests that are not in the best interests of ‘We the People.’

Sadly today, some 230 years after Franklin’s warning, here we are with a Republic in tatters right at the mercy of the greedy corporations who do indeed dominate everything, including our politics, our food and our health, all to our detriment.

It is the outrageous level of corporate corruption, manipulation and leverage that has led to this slow creeping dominance that RFK Jr. and Elon Musk are attempting to expose and bring back under control to try and save the health and well-being of all North Americans.

The level of manipulation and leverage is astonishing. Even before Musk set up the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) we knew it was massive. In 2024, pharmaceutical companies admitted to spending \$294 million on lobbying, while agribusinesses spent at least \$32.7 million, with Bayer alone spending \$8.47 million in the U.S.

Bayer is one of the ‘Big Four’ corporate giants that dominate the global agricultural market. They have control of more than 18% of the whole world’s agrochemicals and, together with Corteva, control over half of U.S. retail seed sales for almost all major crops. This concentration of power and influence is not healthy because modern industrial agriculture mimics pharmaceutical business models by creating dependency cycles. Farmers must repeatedly purchase synthetic inputs while patients require ongoing medication rather than cure-focused treatments.

And there is much to cure...

Chronic disease rates in America have increased dramatically, from 7.5% of the population in the 1930s to 60% today, representing a 700% surge, while obesity now affects 40% of Americans. Much of this impact on our health can be traced back to our food supply and all the industrial and commercial additives, the genetic modification and, of course, the liberal use of poisonous weed-killers such as glyphosate (another Bayer product that makes them huge annual profits).

The end result of this erosion of our health is that now the United States is the ONLY developed nation where both healthy life expectancy and total life expectancy are in decline, and this trend began years before Covid, so the pandemic was not the cause.

So what is the cause? One answer lies in the disturbing parallels between Big Pharma and Big Ag — two industries that wield enormous

power over our health. The relationship between our food systems and our healthcare systems is no coincidence. Food is being produced in ways that undermine our health to keep us dependent on pharmaceuticals. The business models of both the pharmaceutical and agriculture industries thrive on treating symptoms rather than addressing root causes, ensuring a continuous cycle of profitable dependency.

As Ashley Armstrong, the co-founder of both the Nourish Food Club and the Angel Acres Egg Club writes, *"The current systems in both healthcare and agriculture are designed to ensure that corporations profit at the expense of public health and sustainability. These industries prioritize efficiency, profit, and corporate control, rather than the long-term well-being of people or the planet."*

*Just as access to non-GMO or heirloom seeds becomes more limited and expensive in agriculture, alternative healthcare treatments often face similar barriers. Natural remedies or integrative approaches are often excluded from insurance coverage or priced out of reach, much like organic or heirloom crops are more expensive than their conventional counterparts.*

*Now don't get me wrong — Technology and efficiency improvements are important, and pharmaceutical and chemical interventions do have their place! However, it's clear that our current approach involving heavy reliance isn't working. We rely on these solutions for short-term relief, but they often come with long-term consequences.*

*In agriculture, the focus is on high-yield, chemicals that sacrifices biodiversity & soil health. In healthcare, the emphasis is on symptom management through drugs, rather than addressing the root cause of illness.*

*Both industries are becoming dangerously consolidated, limiting choice, increasing costs, and deepening a cycle of dependency on corporate-controlled solutions.*

*Real change won't come from the top down, as entrenched corporate interests hold too much power. It will come from the bottom up — through consumers, patients, and farmers making conscious decisions to support a healthier, more sustainable future."*

And right now, we as concerned consumers who are subject to the whims of both Big Pharma and Big Ag have powerful, brave allies in the Trump, RFK Jr and Musk posse that appears to have come to our rescue right at the

last minute. These new 'non-politician' politicians are trying to take on the huge global corporations such as Bayer, Monsanto, Pfizer, Merck, GSK and Eli Lilly to not just protect our health and wellbeing, but perhaps even, as Franklin warned, to save the very Republic.

The main source for this article has been the excellent and detailed article by Ashley Armstrong which was recently posted by Dr. Joseph Mercola on his substack. You can read the entire article at: <https://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2025/02/11/consolidation-of-big-ag-and-big-pharma.aspx>

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