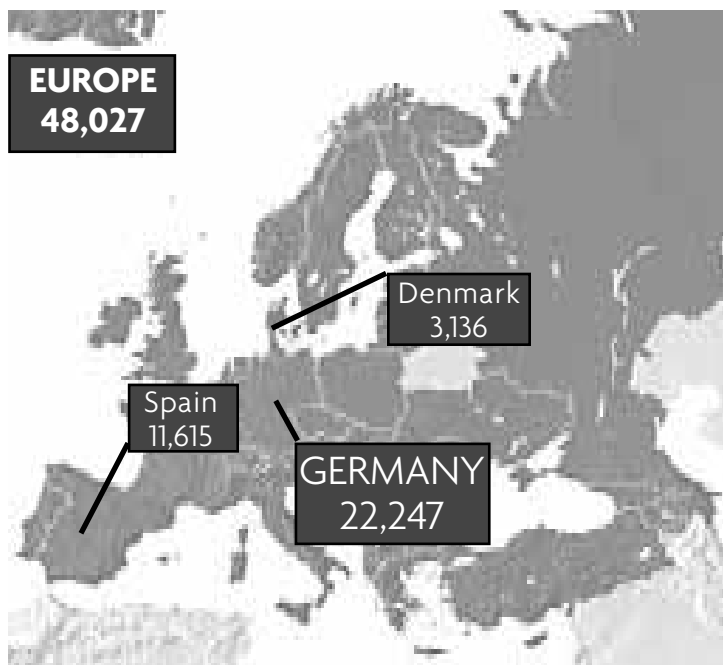

Introduction

Americans value their freedom and leadership in the world. But lately, according to a mid-2008 New York Times/CBS News poll, 81 % of us think we are heading “pretty seriously” on the wrong track.¹ There’s nothing like an economic crisis to shake our confidence in what we believe and what we think we know about today’s most important issues.

In this third edition of my book, I’ve supplied some different angles on these issues. Whether we actually have a liberal media or a right wing media that is questionably fair and balanced, much of what you will read in the following pages may not be exactly how you are hearing our nation and

The Most Important Issues Americans Think They Know Enough About



The European Union's total wind power capacity is 56,535 megawatts. Germany leads the way with 22,247 megawatts. The average nuclear plant generates 1000 megawatts.^A
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our world being portrayed. Remember that basically five huge corporations control 75% of what Americans see and hear.²

Are you perplexed about the latest claim that 'nuclear is green?' Are you aware that T. Boone Pickens is investing \$10 BILLION into what will be the biggest wind farm in the world, in Texas? That George Bush's home state now leads the USA in wind power megawattage? That the USA has been called 'The Persian Gulf of Wind?' That a prominent CalTech physicist tells us that we could provide all the USA's electricity with solar

power from an 80-mile square area in one of our deserts?

Do you know that Germany is phasing out nuclear power? That Germany leads the world in both wind and solar power technology development today? That Dr. Alexey Yablokov, president of the Center for Russian Environmental Policy, informs us in his 2007 book that 300,000 people died so far as a result of the Chernobyl nuclear plant explosion and fire³, not just the 31 people nuclear power proponents repeatedly claim in the media?

Though most Americans would eat organic food if given the choice, do we know enough about genetically modified patented crops to ensure their safety? Are you aware that you are probably in the majority in wanting genetically modified ingredients to be labelled? 87% of Americans polled want labelling⁴, as they are already doing in Europe, Japan, Australia, even China. Do you know about a study showing test rats fed genetically modified potatoes had smaller brains, livers and testicles as compared to control rats fed non-genetically modified potatoes?⁵ Have you heard that, if it is not stopped, sugar from genetically modified sugar beets will make up 50% of our non-organic sugar supply very shortly?⁶ Have you been informed about grocery shelves in England being practically devoid of all and any genetically modified foods, because the English are acutely aware of these foods' ill affects?⁷

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Are YOU Eating
Monsanto's
Genetically Engineered
Sugar?

CONSUMER WARNING

If you are concerned about genetically engineered sugar and other foods in your shopping cart, you better act now! Here are some things you should know before you buy any foods or beverages from your local grocery store.

Kellogg's, Coca Cola, Kraft, and other large US sugar buyers, ignoring consumer concerns, will be sourcing their sugar from Monsanto's genetically engineered (GE) sugar beets, in stores in 2008. Like GE corn, soy, and canola, products containing GE sugar will not be labeled as such. Independent laboratory tests and industry disclosures indicate that upwards of 75% of all non-organic supermarket foods now "test positive" for the presence of GE ingredients.

Despite growing public concern over the safety of GE crops, like corn, soy, canola, and cotton, the US government refuses to require safety-testing or labeling for GE foods. Monsanto's RoundUp Ready GE sugar beets are designed to withstand massive doses of weed killers. In the last ten years since GE crops have become mainstream, the use of toxic pesticides has increased dramatically.

SCIENTISTS WARN THAT GE FOODS MAY

- ▶ Set off Allergies
- ▶ Increase Cancer Risks
- ▶ Produce Antibiotic Resistant pathogens
- ▶ Damage food quality
- ▶ Produce Dangerous Toxins
- ▶ Increase use of toxic pesticides
- ▶ Damage soil fertility
- ▶ Pollute adjoining farmlands
- ▶ Harm Monarch butterflies and beneficial insects such as ladybugs
- ▶ Create superpests, superweeds, and virulent new plant viruses.

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**WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY TO
AVOID MONSANTO'S GE SUGAR**



TELL

your grocer to boycott any product that isn't GE-free and to offer a full-line selection of certified organic foods, which prohibit Genetic Engineering.

CALL

The major food processors and retailers and ask them if they commit to source GE-free sugar products. If they refuse tell them you will stop shopping at their store.

JOIN

the Organic Consumers Association and volunteer to help organize opposition to GE foods in your community. Keep informed on GE food and food safety issues at our web site: www.organicconsumers.org

BUY

certified organic foods from your local co-op, health food store, farmers market or through a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture program).

TAKE ACTION TODAY!

Call or E-mail (via their websites) the five companies listed below. Tell them you will not purchase their foods or beverages unless they can provide you with written assurance that their products will not contain genetically engineered sugar.

COMPANY	PHONE
KELLOGG'S · www.kelloggs.com	800-962-1413
MORNINGSTAR FARM www.seeveggiesdifferently.com	800-962-1413
KRAFT · www.kraftfoods.com	847-646-2000
M&M/MARS · www.mars.com	800-627-7852
COCA COLA · www.coca-cola.com	800-438-2653

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
ORGANIC CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION
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Half of the non-organic sugar supply in the USA is threatened to become genetically modified sometime in 2008. You can help stop this travesty by calling the corporations listed above. More on this story: 2 one-page letters to/from Kellogg's in the Appendix.

SPACE

...the Warfighters' Edge



Page 16 of the U.S. Air Force's 'Vision for 2020' showing four 'fields' of warfare: ground, water, air and space. Viewable at many internet sites including www.gsinsitute.org

What about so-called ‘missile defense?’ Are you aware that our Star Wars generals actually want to weaponize space, preferably including nuclear weaponry, in defiance of the Outer Space Treaty of 1967 that the USA primarily authored to *prevent* an arms race in the heavens above? That the whole Star Wars ‘missile defense/missile offense’ boondoggle will be the ‘largest industrial project in the history of the planet Earth?’⁸

Do you recall that there was no World Trade Organization (WTO) before the mid-1990’s threatening the sovereignty of U.S. laws? Has anyone told you that ‘free trade’ might really be ‘corporate managed trade?’ That NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) may soon lead to a North American Union (NAU), like the European Union (EU), being installed overshadowing our own USA democracy, and Canada’s and Mexico’s too? But no voting will be offered to our citizenry or state or federal governments to approve this, in contrast to each European nation and its citizens democratically voting to join or not become a member of the EU?⁹

What about large portions of our nuclear waste that we still do not know how to safely store, being deregulated to possibly end up de-monitored in our dumps, utensils and bra-clips? Do you know about EnergySolutions corporation wanting to import 20,000 tons of Italy’s nuclear waste? That this could be the first step in making the USA the world’s dumping ground for nuclear waste?¹⁰

As a physician, grandfather, naturalist, surfer and political observer, I am also very concerned about the course our nation is taking, and has been taking during the last few decades, to land us in the mess we find ourselves today. Whether the next President be Obama or McCain, the history of the most important issues Americans THINK we know enough about should assist us all in dealing with the past, present and future so we can better understand what to do next.

Hopefully, as you journey through the six chapters of this book, you will learn and be fascinated by the details behind what I have mentioned above. In addition I am sharing solutions with you for our problems, that you as an active citizen can help our nation implement with integrity and practicality.