

## Food Wizardry

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It will go down in history as the greatest economic scam ever. Bayer paid \$66 billion for Monsanto and everyone's wondering why.

Some 13,400 lawsuits have been filed against Monsanto after its leading herbicide Roundup (glyphosate) was deemed a probable carcinogen. A jury awarded a plaintiff \$289 million in the first case, reduced upon appeal to \$78.5 million. But before anyone at Monsanto could celebrate, the next jury ordered them to pay \$2 billion (yes, that's a "b"). With another 13,398 cases to go (and growing), Bayer was nonetheless happy to pay \$66 billion for Monsanto, knowing full-well these lawsuits could make the tobacco settlements of the 1990's look like chump change.

What would you have done if you were the Scottish CEO of Monsanto? That's easy. You'd have done the EXACT same thing our hapless Scottish president did when things started to unravel for him back in January of '17. Turn to the Jews for help. Zionist Jews that is.

The other theory, stupidity on the part of Bayer's Jewish CEO Werner Baumann, does not hold water. This was anything but a mistake. He knew exactly what he was doing, as did Hugh Grant, the CEO of Monsanto, when he took the deal, and just as Trump did when he bombed Syria twice, dropped a \$314 million MOAB on a handful of terrorists in the middle of nowhere, scrapped the Iran deal, and moved the American embassy to Jerusalem. And guess who Baumann plans to make pay the entire bill? You and me, that's who... and then some.

How you ask?

Everyone who eats meat needs to hear the story of Upton Sinclair and his 1906 bestselling book, *The Jungle*, an exposé on the corrupt American meat industry. Sinclair went undercover and revealed how unsafe industrial meat was, and how deplorable working conditions were contrasted with ma-&-pa butchers who'd been feeding us safely without any exploitation of labor for centuries. When President Teddy "trust buster" Roosevelt picked up a copy of his book, Sinclair thought the worst actors in the industry would be shut down. But before you could say "campaign donation," the big meat packers had travelled to Washington to "help" the Roosevelt Administration write up new regulations that failed to solve any of the problems, and which drove countless ma-&-pa butchers who were unable to comply with the new regime, onerous and completely useless as it was, right out of business. It's what's known as over-regulation, leading Sinclair to lament, "I aimed at the public's heart, and by accident I hit it in the stomach."

With this as our backdrop, here's what's really happening today: Roundup has been OFF patent for many years. It is, as such, an afterthought for investors, with many chemical companies making off-brand or generic versions of glyphosate. And with all those lawsuits pending, you

might think someone would have to be crazy to even remotely involve himself with anything associated with this probable carcinogen.

Unless...

What happens when something is deemed dangerous? Is it banned? Were cigarettes banned? Nope.

Glyphosate is going to be OVER-REGULATED, just like cigarettes (just like the American meat industry after Sinclair's book), alongside alcohol, marijuana, opioids, gasoline and uranium, making it valuable once again by chasing away all those off-brand chemical companies who won't be able to afford complying with the new regulations that are sure to come, effectively returning glyphosate to the full-commercial purview of its new "owner," the new "boss," Bayer.

Ta-da!

This will afford Bayer more than enough revenue to cover all the lawsuits, even if they exceed the trillion-dollar mark, a carbon copy of what happened when consumers, not any cigarette company, were forced to pick up the tab from all the cancer lawsuits back in the 1990s, a bill that has yet to be paid off, and perhaps never will... by design.

It was all part of the equation, right from the start. It always is.

For your first clue, ask yourself... why have none of the settlements to-date been for farmers? The first was a groundskeeper, the second was a couple who used Roundup for urban landscaping. What? Wouldn't farmers be the first to succumb to illness if glyphosate was a carcinogen, and hence be the first to win a settlement? Yes, some farmers are involved, but it's impossible to say how many because it does not suit EITHER SIDE to reveal this important statistic. Alas, both sides in this battle already agree that farmers will NEVER stop using glyphosate, not here in America, nor over in enviro-conscious Europe. Never. Modern farming is literally addicted to it, and both sides are banking on that fact. Why... it's enough to make you think both sides in this titanic struggle for justice might even be in cahoots. (Hold that thought.)

Your second clue. While Baumann couldn't very well have shared this plan with his shareholders and is facing a backlash for buying Monsanto, driving Bayer's share price down by over 40%, he had a gaggle of lawyers, scientists and investment brokers by his side who understood exactly what he was getting his company into. It wasn't like the magnitude of the Roundup lawsuits was being withheld. Right? And yet, he paid fair market value for Monsanto. If Monsanto's brand was already in the proverbial dung heap due to these lawsuits, why didn't he strike a better deal?

For your third clue, more telling than the first two, ask yourself who lent Bayer this money? International bankers do their due diligence. Right? They were perfectly fine with Bayer taking full ownership of this huge liability, as were Bayer's and the lenders' insurers.

You might also ask yourself, in passing... why is Monsanto (now Bayer) being sued over Roundup, and not Agent Orange or Aspartame? The answer is so devilishly simple it need not be overstressed: this whole event has nothing to do with safety, illness or untimely death, and certainly has nothing to do with taking anything off the market that makes money for the globalists, Big Banking and Big Government. You know... the people we don't get to vote for.

Big Tobacco now acts as the collection agency for Big Government, retaining a healthy commission for its troubles. With the lion's share of the \$246 billion settlement now having been paid into state coffers, they show no signs of reducing the cost of tobacco. Mike Moore, the state attorney general for Mississippi who filed the first lawsuit against "Big Tobacco" and now runs the The American Legacy Foundation that oversees this 25-year payment scheme, did a huge favor for his opponents when he rendered Big Tobacco immune from future lawsuits, while at the same time doing a huge favor for Big Government when he somehow failed to stipulate how the states were to spend their shares from the settlement. With Tobacco and Government henceforth conjoined, business partners in reality, they jacked up the price of smokes, with no money whatsoever going to the actual victims of tobacco for pain and suffering, only their healthcare costs being covered, in part.

*The Wall Street Journal* reports that it's "a great time to be a cigarette company again"<sup>i</sup> as tobacco profits soar. And it's all because tobacco execs finally admitted they were selling a lethal product. Ah yes... the rewards of honesty. And Upton Sinclair is rolling over in his grave.

Besides the stupidity theory mentioned above, there is of course the theory that Baumann is hoping the rest of the Roundup lawsuits will be dismissed. But this would've been a huge gamble on his part. Witness what happened to Dow Corning, the makers of silicone breast implants, when they were wrongly accused of causing breast cancer in the 1990s and were driven into bankruptcy. Even a baseless lawsuit can ruin you. And, in any case, he would not have been able to make such a wreckless bet without full buy-in from his board of directors and his company's and the lenders' insurance firms.

Even if Bayer had a spare \$66 billion lying around, Baumann would never have gambled it on a single deal without borrowing. The first rule of business, as Trump can attest, is to always use other people's money. And, again, even if Bayer had not borrowed a cent, Baumann's board and Bayer's insurance company would have had to approve of the deal. There are just too many variables for this to have been a gamble, like convincing your neighbors to let you put their life savings next to yours on red-23 at the roulette table after the casino gave you free drinks all night. No... Baumann already knows EXACTLY how this is going to play out, as do all his partners in this crime, and he likely already has his people in negotiations with Bayer's "regulators" on both sides of the Atlantic.

Which brings us to the rest of the explanation, the people on the government-side of that big revolving, public-private door in Washington DC. Instead of obediently parroting the claims of safety from an evil global corporation like Monsanto, federal regulators are going to do a "180,"

and deem Roundup UN-safe, without banning it, exactly as they did with tobacco, just as they always do with dangerous, moneymaking substances, pretending to protect us while slowly poisoning us, all while bringing in more money than ever before with which to hire more regulators and pay for a few public-service warning adverts. A match made in hell.

This could never have occurred with Monsanto in the picture; the hypocrisy would have been too much, even for Washington. Monsanto had to be sold for this to work so that when the USDA, EPA and FDA reverse their decades-long assurances that Roundup is perfectly safe, they'll be able to claim with a straight face that "new information has come to light which forces a reappraisal of the benefit/risk analysis associated with this product," or something to that effect. Don't worry, it'll sound convincing. Bayer's lawyers will make sure of it.

Of course Bayer will play its role as the innocent new owners of this dangerous chemical cocktail that they had nothing to do with inventing, dutifully adhering to the new thicket of red tape which their own scientists and lawyers will in fact help write, creating a new-and-improved (i.e. absurdly lengthy) Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for Roundup, warning of it being a possible carcinogen the exact-same way cigarettes came to be labelled, the more frightening the better, advising the use of a breathing apparatus when applying, warning to avoid contact with the skin, and warning against the use of Roundup anywhere near a school, old-folks home or pet shelter, all the while driving up the price... just like what happened with cigarettes, forcing the main users of Roundup, farmers, to pick up the tab for all the lawsuits, a cost that will then be passed on to consumers in the form of higher food prices.

Unless you know how Washington works, you might not begin to imagine how much this red tape will cost, and how none of it will impact Bayer's bottom line. By way of example, it now costs anywhere between \$150 and \$200 million dollars to bring a new genetically modified organism (GMO) to market, something with which both Monsanto and Bayer are well-familiar. This does not include the astronomical costs of R&D, field trials, dead-ends, seed production or marketing; it's only the cost of maneuvering the regulatory apparatus in Washington, all without a single safety test.

Contrary to popular belief, this regulatory thicket was NOT foisted upon the makers of GMO crops. Rather, it was devised with their help, and stands as the single most-effective means of keeping upstart competitors out of the GMO biz, while forcing the nation's brightest biotechnology majors graduating from college to work only for a major GMO corporation, of which there is now one less. So it's dead easy to see how a new regulatory framework allowing for the continued use, and overuse, of Roundup will play directly into Bayer's hands, sweeping away all the generic manufacturers of glyphosate, effectively leaving Baumann and co. as the new, sole-proprietors of this horribly-dangerous compound that farmers can't live without.

It will, as promised, be the greatest economic scam ever, not merely in terms of dollars and cents, but also in terms of impact on every man, woman and child currently living on the planet. In short, no one has to smoke. But as my Baba used to say, "We all have to eat!" a fact Baumann and his backers are quite literally banking on.

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<sup>i</sup> Jennifer Maloney and Saabira Chaudhuri, "Against All Odds, the U.S. Tobacco Industry Is Rolling in Money; Profits are booming, despite government regulation, huge legal settlements and fewer smokers" *WSJ.com*, April 23, 2017.