GMOs cannot be contained, endanger bees

When you boil them down, fights over what we eat — whether it's the antibiotics in livestock, or taxes on soda — are fights over choice.

Avoid all of the antibiotics you want, but that's not going to <u>save you from the superbugs</u>. Stay away from every ounce of sugar in your beverages, but that won't keep you from having to spend money fighting the obesity epidemic.

In both cases, the lack of choice by those not consuming the products is what's being fought over. And that's the same way with the GMO fight.

If you're in the pro-GMO contingent, it's easy to simply say, "Well, if you don't like it, why not just buy items without GMOs?" The problem with that, as we're seeing more and more clearly, is that it's nearly impossible to do so.

This fact was illustrated once again in a recent case from Mexico. At stake was whether or not the Mexican state of Yucatan should allow Monsanto to plant their Roundup-ready soybeans there. ... If GMO crops are allowed to be planted, bees will begin pollinating those crops, and GMOs will thusly find their way into the honey. It's impossible to keep the two separate. Once GMOs are introduced, you can't stop their advancement.

The fact is, GMO crops are not something that can be contained. Until there's a way for GMO producers to guarantee their crops will not end up spreading their genetic modifications to other realms — which is something they can't guarantee, and *the* fact at the heart of most anti-GMO sentiment — their production puts us all at risk.

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