Viewpoint: Organic Consumers Association promotes conspiracy theory blaming farm pesticides for school shootings

A crackpot named E. G. Vallianatos has written a <u>blog post</u> that links pesticides to school shootings. He says, "[Pesticides] may have something to do with the mass-shootings [sic] in schools all over America because some of them are neurotoxins." He claims that the chemical industry's pesticides make children stupid and violent, and the government acts as an accomplice. His solution, of course, is to eat only organic food.

This nonsense probably would have remained in total obscurity were it not for the fact that it was reprinted, in part, by the Organic Consumers Association (OCA) — a group of conspiracy theorists that has been cited as a source by outlets such as the New York Times.

What does the OCA believe? In addition to being vehemently anti-GMO, the OCA also <u>publishes anti-vaccine propaganda</u>, <u>promotes alternative medicine</u>, <u>lies about nuclear power</u>, and peddles all sorts of conspiracy theories, including <u>9/11 trutherism</u>, <u>chemtrails</u>, and <u>FEMA's secret plan to implement martial <u>law</u>. The head of the OCA is Ronnie Cummins, a man who has no moral qualms about doing interviews on the <u>Russian propaganda network</u>, <u>RT</u>.</u>

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