

Viewpoint: Anti-pesticide Environmental Working Group spreads chemophobia at taxpayer expense

.... It may sound crazy, but the federal government funds a network of activists that spew tons of needlessly alarming information about chemical risks to children. Not only is this year-round fear fest no fun, it pushes a slew of harmful—and even dangerous—advice.

This brew of menacing blather stems from grants supposedly intended to fund academic research related to children's environmental health. The grants should expand scientific understanding and educate the public about real health concerns, but they have become instead vehicles for political advocacy, instilling fear about chemical risks to build support for unwarranted bans and regulations.

Green groups lobby for these grant programs, from which funds are distributed to children's environmental health centers operated by their allies at universities around the nation. Under the guise of academic objectivity, the university researchers then partner with those same left-of-center environmental advocacy groups to spread misinformation about products they don't like

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Many centers focus on advocating "organically grown" fruits and vegetables and make alarmist claims about food grown using pesticides. A center housed at Emory University in Atlanta, for example, distributes a flier via its website that highlights the Environmental Working Group's "[dirty dozen](#)" list of conventionally grown fruits and vegetables.

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