

## Viewpoint: Federal government doles out millions of dollars to ‘children’s health centers’ that promote junk science

For more than two decades, the federal government has doled out millions of dollars to fund university-based “children’s environmental health centers.” ...They are ... part of a web of left-leaning environmental activist organizations that have long misused taxpayer funds to peddle junk science, leading to unwarranted government bans and activist-inspired regulations.

[I]n May ... the Environmental Protection Agency announced it was eliminating its half of their funding. That was a good start. However, the other half of center funding comes from the National Institutes for Environmental Health Science, a division of the National Institutes of Health, and officials there are working to [continue and possibly expand](#) such programs.

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Another one of these centers is the Center for Children’s Health, the Environment, the Microbiome and Metabolomics (C-CHEM<sup>2</sup>), which is part of the nursing school at Emory University in Atlanta. ...

Yet much of what C-CHEM<sup>2</sup> does simply involves disseminating loads of anti-chemical propaganda unrelated to its stated research mission. For example, the center hosts a flier on its website highlighting the Environmental Working Group’s “[dirty dozen](#)” list of conventionally grown fruits and vegetables, which is part of the green group’s [annual misinformation campaign](#) to vilify pesticides and lobby for bans and regulations.

These “dirty” conventionally grown fruits and vegetables — strawberries, spinach, nectarines, apples, grapes, peaches, cherries, pears, tomatoes, celery, potatoes and peppers — are allegedly dangerous because they might contain tiny traces of pesticides. EWG and C-CHEM<sup>2</sup> urge people to buy organic food instead. Never mind the fact that organic farmers use [pesticides too](#). And never mind the fact that there’s no compelling evidence organic food is actually safer or that the tiny traces pesticide residues conventional produce poses any significant risks.

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It’s time to end this federally funded junk science and political activism.

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