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I assume that you are living in Canada, and want to become rich and as famous or as infamous as Shiva Vandana?

If you are sending petitions, send out the true facts from both sides of the debate.

That the WHO-FAO on 16 May 2016 absolved the claim made by the IARC-WHO in earlier that glyphosate causes cancer.

It is a hazard, but not a health risk category II, while sunlight, cellphone radiation, red meat, bacon, sausages, sugar, petroleum (gas) and diesel fumes, are CATEGORY I risks. So how about first banning category I?

see also the TV Ontario debate:

[The Last Roundup Debate](#)



The Last Roundup Debate

The Agenda looks at the latest information on the pesticide, Roundup.

As probably you have noticed, every time when we get a medicine from a pharmacy in Canada, New Zealand or in Australia or in England etc., they issue us with a technical details of the medicine listing out all possible side effects. The list of side effects will not deter you from taking the medicine.

Similarly every commercial chemical has its technical data sheets and they have to provide you with toxicity threshold levels for consumers information.

I know some people who freshly arrived from India, Pakistan or Bangladesh even hesitate to take medicine after reading the list of possible side effects that they have never come across in their home countries where even the soil is polluted by human excreta, Most of the time they do not even tell you the name of the medicine you receive, or what is in the concoction that they get from a Western or Ayurvedic doctor.

It is merely a legal requirement in advanced countries to warn the end users and also that

prevents possible legal actions that may arise after use of these chemical and medicines. RoundUP and Glyphosate are legal here in the Western world as in India and other Asian countries, China and Russia, New Zealand etc. In these countries those who want to use chemicals for their agriculture they are free to do so. But there is another option also available for them. The Bio products that are produced without using chemical but if you are willing to pay about 50% of extra price.

But it is full of toxins as the organic fertilizers have large amounts of Cd, As, Mercury, lead and other toxins because plants bio-accumulate these toxins during their growth cycle.

Therefore, it is highly inappropriate and illogical to force producers and consumers to go for Bio product only. This will ruin our agriculture and lose our competitiveness in the world market. The bio fertilizers are made of animal dung or composted leaves. Leaves bio-accumulate minute traces of toxins found in the soil, and so a plant leaf may contain 100 times the amount of cadmium

If you are unhappy about Herbicides, pesticides, Roundup or Glyphosate don't use it, go for Bio products *if you suffer from the mistaken belief that organic products (bio) are free from toxins. But let others to have their freedom to access cheaper and safer products. Check your organic fertilizer (i.e., get it analyzed) and you will find Cd, Hg etc., far beyond the amount allowed, and found in chemical fertilizers. Organic fertilizers are as dangerous than chemical fertilizers because, even if the soil contains 5 mg per Kg of soil, the plant will make it 500 mg of toxin per kg of plant matter..*

Is glyphosate present in everyday foods?

Glyphosate is found in food infrequently. As part of the European Food Safety Authority's 2012 report on Pesticide Residues in Food, 635 samples were tested. Of these, none exceeded the EU's maximum residue level for glyphosate.

Although glyphosate residues are sometimes present in food, it has only been detected in very small proportions.* To put it in perspective, the rare findings of glyphosate residues in food are in such small quantities they are roughly equivalent to a few drops of water in an Olympic-size pool.

Any real danger from a potentially toxic substance depends on levels where it can actually be a problem. EU Member States have set this level for glyphosate at 0.5 parts per million in humans**.

Based on the tiny amounts in which glyphosate residues are sometimes found in food, including wheat, a person would have to consume an incredible amount to get anywhere close to enough of it in their system to be potentially hazardous.

You could eat 450 boxes of cereal every 24 hours for the rest of your life and still be at a level of glyphosate exposure considered safe by the EFSA.

Trace amounts of glyphosate can also be found in products such as bread and beer, but a recent study by the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) showed that an adult would need to drink 1,000 litres of beer in a single day*** to be exposed to health risks from residues.

Is glyphosate toxic to humans?

Glyphosate works on an enzyme path not found in humans or animals. It does not build up inside our systems and rapidly passes through the body****. It's one reason why glyphosate residue has such a low level of toxicity for animals and humans. In fact, glyphosate is about half as toxic as table salt and more than 10 times less toxic than caffeine.

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Based on one of the largest databases ever made on an agricultural product, the EU, the Joint WHO/FAO Meeting on Pesticide Residues and the US Environmental Protection Agency (US-EPA) have all concluded that glyphosate is not detrimental to the reproduction or development of animals or humans.

On Thursday, September 21, 2017, 8:34:33 AM EDT, Change.org <change@mail.change.org> wrote:

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Trending petition

Petitioning Lana Popham, Tony Mitra

Agriculture Minister Lana Popham: Ban Glyphosate in British Columbia



Petition by Tony Mitra
Delta, Canada

 **2,480**
Supporters

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There are increasing calls for a ban on popular herbicide glyphosate, with advocates citing alarming research into its impact on health and safety.

Tony from Delta, BC, is calling on new Agriculture Minister Lana Popham to step up and ban the use of glyphosate in BC agriculture. He believes that now is an important time to get this done, as Popham is supportive of efforts to put a limit on herbicides in produce.

This follows a growing petition calling for the same ban in Nova

Scotia, as well as moves already taken in California to label the weed killer as potentially cancerous.

If you want to see a glyphosate-free BC, please sign and share Tony's petition.

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