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Lobby Group Formed to Remove Alternative Medicine, Chiropractic Courses from Universities



Mike Barrett
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Who needs alternative or natural treatments when there is already a fantastic medical system put in place aiming to 'better' the world? At least that's what more than 400 doctors, medical researchers, and scientists who want to shut down all alternative medicine degrees seem to believe.

Alternative Medicine Attacked by Mainstream Medical Establishment

The mainstream medical practitioners in Australia seem to think that alternative medicine has no place, and chose to form a powerful lobby group to pressure universities to get rid of any alternative medicine degrees. The group, comically calling themselves 'Friends of Science in Medicine', have even openly denounced alternative medicine as 'quackery'. They specifically stated that universities offering these alternative degrees are ruining their reputation by giving "undeserved credibility to what in many cases would be better described as quackery" and by "failing to champion evidence-based science and medicine."

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saying enough is enough. Taxpayers' money should not be wasted on funding [these courses] ... nor should government health insurance rebates be wasted on this nonsense."

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This kind of attack on alternative medicine is not only occurring in Australia. European Union regulations have come into place [banning hundreds of traditional herbal remedies](#). Under the guise of "protecting" consumers from these "dangerous" supplements, the European Union has opened the flood gates to an onslaught of new legislation designed to cut off access to alternative

Nearly one in three Australian universities offer some kind of alternative therapy or complementary medicine, whether it be chiropractics, homeopathy, naturopathy, aromatherapy, or Chinese herbal medicine. But a co-founder of Friends of Science in Medicine, who is also a government adviser on consumer health fraud, says that universities like these are offering "degrees in pseudo science".

"It's deplorable, but we didn't realise how much concern there was out there for universities' reputations until we tapped into it," Professor Dwyer said. "We're

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health supplements worldwide, setting the precedent for the government to tell us what we can and cannot put in our own bodies.

Similarly, the Food and Drug Administration in the United States is seeking to outlaw the majority of supplements created after 1994 until they have been heavily proven to be 100% effective and free of any slight side effects. Meanwhile the organization allows for [harmful genetically modified ingredients](#) to fill the world's food supply. While the FDA's NDI (New Dietary Ingredient) regulations seek to remove your right to freely purchase powerful superfoods, they are simply not concerned over the fact that GMO food consumption has been linked with [severe organ disruption and other](#) health concerns.



It is concerning to see such opposition to alternative medicine while the mainstream medical establishment has failed so miserably. Over the past 27 years — the complete time frame that the data has been available — there have been 0 deaths as a result of vitamins and over 3 million deaths related to prescription drug use. While profit-driven drug companies push their products to 'treat' diseases like cancer, cancer rates are higher than ever, with the [drugs making cancer worse and killing patients more quickly](#).

Government agencies are so eager to completely transform the population into drug-ingesting, non-questioning individuals that they have even deemed [health-promoting foods like walnuts to be illegal drugs](#).

Is it possible to thrive without antipsychotics, high-powered painkillers, and [statin](#) drugs? More importantly, are natural alternatives really as 'dangerous' as mainstream health officials claim? While pharmaceuticals lead to more deaths than traffic fatalities in the U.S., natural and inexpensive supplements like [vitamin D](#) slash your risk of cancer, obesity, [and the flu](#). Similarly, [turmeric](#) is known to positively [affect over 573 diseases](#). Possessing anti-cancer properties and blocking cancer growth are just one of the many [benefits of turmeric](#).

So should we really trust and listen to the mainstream medical establishment, or is it time to throw the bums out? You are not meant to feel sick, broken down, and rely upon invasive surgeries and damaging pharmaceuticals to sustain your health. It's time to shift to a new health paradigm, where natural living is paramount.

Take Action Now.



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Waxing philosophical says:

February 27, 2012 at 8:24 am

I agree with Reductionists r US – the rigid, so-called EBM model is flawed. A good starting point for getting acquainted with its principles and downsides might be Steve Hickey & Hilary Robert 's book: "Tarnished Gold: The Sickness of Evidence-based Medicine."

These links further explore the concept of evidence based medicine and how it may (not) apply to the various modalities of natural medicine – e.g. how do you control for massage treatment?

Article: Circular instead of hierarchical: methodological principles for the evaluation of complex interventions by Wallach et al, BMC Medical Research Methodology 2006, 6:29

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2288/6/29>

Article: Deconstructing the evidence-based discourse in health sciences: truth, power and fascism, by Holmes D. et al

Int J Evid Based Healthc 2006; 4: 180–186

<http://dcscience.net/holmes-deconstruction-ebhc-06.pdf>

Evidence-based medicine and naturopathy:

http://epubs.scu.edu.au/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1092&context=hahs_pubs&sei-redir=1#search=%22copy+of+article+institutional+corruption+in+medicine+bmj%22

Article: Science for Sale....

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dr-mark-hyman/dangerous-spin-doctors-7-_b_747325.html

[REPLY](#)

Rachel says:

February 1, 2012 at 9:38 pm

Thanks for supporting our petition, it is much appreciated. Whether you believe in natural medicine (which I do) or not, you cannot believe that the best way to advance scientific knowledge is to ban study at university. It is simply counter-intuitive and dare I say, unscientific.

[REPLY](#)

CD says:

February 1, 2012 at 2:11 pm

I just watched a documentary that covered a lot of these things last night on Netflix. It's called Food Matters, very informative and eye opening.!!

[REPLY](#)

Waxing philosophical says:

February 1, 2012 at 1:58 am

Waking up from the trance of social and scientific orthodox propaganda – Static cultural reality models

(Excerpted texts and concepts from <http://www.trufax.org/>)

On the mystique of perceived authority. The maintenance of the "authority mystique" depends on:

- Limiting access to information
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Science Taboos:

Many of the social control taboos in society have been inherited from science – what's real, what's not real, what we can talk about intelligently and what is considered superstitious or 'pseudo-science'.

In general, the rule is, if you can measure something, manipulate it, predict its function and then replicate it (control the outcome of experiments on it), it is considered to be scientific and real. If not, it is illusion.

People are programmed to accept this approach because it reinforces the idea of control over the environment. This reduces knowledge down to a matter of control; we are led to believe that knowing something means being able to control it – the classic control paradigm on which our society is based.

We grant the scientific community this "authority" and are programmed not to question it, even if it flies in the face of observed (but not reproducible – i.e. "anecdotal") evidence.

As human beings, however, this paradigm does not make us happy, either individually or globally. The blueprint for our families, schools, businesses, governments is dysfunctional. It is causing our shared social systems to operate abusively and to make us sick as a result. Happy people do not become addicted. Healthy systems do not foster addiction. Healthy systems do not promote life-destroying substances into the biggest growth industry on the planet.

REPLY

Joe says:

February 1, 2012 at 12:32 am

They want no competition! Money and control is the objective. Most medical procedures are not tested nor scientific, and few improve the quality of life for patients (except removing a kidney stone, a burst appendix, broken bone, etc.). But Allopathic medicine offers designer drugs (profit based) as the treatment of choice! They hide behind the idea of 'scientific based evidence' to push their profit agenda of designer killer drugs, designer radiation therapy, etc. Fear is the number one reason why a patient consult with a doctor, and allopathic medicine are experts on the use of fear to promote their forms of treatment. To stay healthy you have to get informed and take responsibility of your own health. Don't delegate the responsibility of your own health to someone just because he/she graduated from a prestigious university! You should know by now why these universities are prestigious!!

"The game is rigged and nobody seems to notice. Nobody seems to care. Good honest hard-working people . . . white collar, blue collar it doesnt matter what color shirt you have on."

George Carlin: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwynM8m47mE&feature=related>

REPLY

amicus curiae says:

January 31, 2012 at 4:05 pm

we have a few vocal anti choice media players helping push the no choice but pharma line here. our ABC radio(govt) is right behind and in it.

Skeptical vegan..Bowen therapies combine methodology, ie iridology to help diagnose and a blend of chiro,reiki etc etc type depending on what ails you, its a seamless ransition and it works. unlike big med. the alternatives dont tend to kill you.

if it doesnt work normally no harm is done and you live to try another means. unlike mainstream. its about choice and freedom TO choose.

this is another codex and regulatory takeover, forced vaccines are next on their dirty agenda.

REPLY

JMissal says:

January 31, 2012 at 2:07 pm

It isn't about the "best" medicine, it is about Freedom of Choice.

If I believe that alternative medicine (which has been practiced for thousands of years) is better for me than modern medicine (which practices pumping you full of drugs and chemicals) then I

should have that right.

REPLY

robert says:

January 30, 2012 at 4:45 pm

Since the medical system is basically run for the benefit of organized crime namely the pharmaceutical industry then it is this virtual monopoly that should be banned. Big Pharma are fined billions of dollars for fraud, bribery and fixing studies yet because of the political contributions and mega funded lobby groups they pay the fines with a sly smile and carry on with their next crime since their price fixing earns them the highest profit if any industry in the world. They long ago gave up the pretence of health care and curing disease. They now call themselves, disease management organisations.

The fact that your doctor is allowed to be influenced by these common criminals is the crime of the millennium.

REPLY

robert says:

January 30, 2012 at 4:49 pm

Sorry about the spelling, it goes wrong when I am angry.

REPLY

SkepticalVegan says:

January 30, 2012 at 4:44 pm

This sounds like a good thing. University's shouldn't be giving legitimacy to quackery. Do you really think that ALL forms of alt med are legitimate? Homeopathy, chiropractic, iridology, osteopathy, etc all have for the most part mutually exclusive explanations for the root cause of disease and for how to diagnose and treat it. These different forms of alt med are not consistent with each other, perhaps one of them is right, but they can't all be right.

So how do we know which ones work and which don't? We experiment from which we get evidence-based medicine...which is what universities should teach.

REPLY

robert says:

January 30, 2012 at 4:48 pm

Always be skeptical. But remember, Authority is not truth, truth is authority.

Let us start a new healthcare model where we only pay when we are cured.

Bring it on.

REPLY

Angela says:

February 1, 2012 at 12:56 am

Hi Robert,

As a university trained naturopath on the threshold of beginning a law degree here in Australia, I am very looking forward to exploring in depth the issues you raise in your reply. You might like to check this link out <http://corporatecrimereporter.com/top100.html>

REPLY

sarah says:

January 31, 2012 at 12:13 pm

"We experiment from which we get evidence-based medicine" – if only that was the case. Unfortunately there is no major investment in alternative medicine research because alternative medicine does not offer the same commercialisation opportunities as 'disease-management' treatments, ie: pharmaceutical products. Only big bucks will buy you the real scientific research – straight from big pharma, who are ready to fund all the 'evidence' we need for expensive and ineffective cures. Fortunately people are waking up to the dodgy PR

and marketing behind mainstream medicine and its 'quackwatch' counterparts...Friends of Science in Medicine included...Read Sharon Beder's book, 'Global Spin' for a sample of tried and tested PR techniques which are used now by every industry, health care included...

[REPLY](#)

Reductionists r US says:

[January 31, 2012 at 1:53 pm](#)

There is an important distinction between healthy critical thinking and the type of reductionist pseudoskepticism at play here.

For a start, the entire 'evidence based' approach is treated as objective truth. It isn't – it is a means of investigation. It has some very poor aspects. There are many people who are very critical of its use in medicine and psychology.

Pseudoskeptics in actuality seek to impose orthodoxy – a kind of cognitive monoculture. Their response to this accusation is often hilarious – saying "Well, why not publish in journals" when the "journals" are run by pseudoskeptics themselves who exert enormous peer pressure on each other to dismiss the novel, the different. They play the game of claiming objectivity, when actually underlying that is quite the fascist little mindset.

Weasel words such as 'quackery' and "WOO" are used to close down debate.

The degree of self-righteous arrogance of many pseudoskeptics is on a parallel with religious fundamentalists. They see themselves as out to protect people from themselves and everything which lacks their imprimatur is heresy.

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TROLL SLAYER says:

[January 31, 2012 at 2:22 pm](#)

the big pharma monopoly is the biggest peddler of quackery and the 2nd leading cause of death in this country...rigged medical studies with bought and paid regulators have turned the american people into fleeced poison victims

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Waxing philosophical says:

[February 1, 2012 at 2:09 am](#)

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Anonymous says:

[February 1, 2012 at 5:06 pm](#)

Man are you Naive!!

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