

## Re: Blatant CDC lie (pharma shill)

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In article <Xns958714537B382ebohlmanomsdevcom@130.133.1.4>, Eric Bohlman <ebohlman@omsdev.com> wrote:

- > *"Byron Canfield" <barnNOSPAM@NOSPAMbyronc.com> wrote in*
- > *news:3A%cd.151162\$He1.31864@attbi\_s01:*
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- > > *The AMA is now lobbying with others to make over-the-counter vitamin*
- > > *supplements illegal. If that isn't suppression, the word "suppression"*
- > > *doesn't exist.*
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- > *I first remember hearing that claim 32 years ago, and before then I was too*
- > *young to pay much attention to such things. Even if the allegation is*
- > *true, what makes you think the AMA would have any chance of succeeding now*
- > *if they've failed to do it in more than three decades' worth of effort?*

It is symptomatic of the all-too-often nutty alternative medicine community to believe that real doctors don't want any of us ever to be healthy, but that otherwise unemployable check-out tellers at the Health Food Store are a great source of medical advice. And that an authentic medical degree qualifies practioners for nothing but membership in a cabal of evil-doers who want to perpetuate cancer, but complete fruitcakes who can't even get their folklore right know all the secrets of the good health, possess magic cancer cures the "real" doctors are suppressing, & of coruse the pseudo-therapists would never never ever rip anyone off by recommending sawdust & crumbled leaves for what ails ya the way real doctors rip us for prescription meds (& never mind that the doctors don't profit off prescribing meds, but alternative practioners sell you as much as you're dumb enough to want & feel no conflict of interest).

Once you've gone down the road where anyone with a degree in medicine is up to something sinister but smell therapists & homeopaths are the real deal who could cure people of everything, then it becomes very easy to believe there is a medical conspiracy to get rid of even vitamins.

Pisses me off too that a bunch of loons taking ephedra for the "alternative" benzedrine effects, as addicted as any other tweeking speedfreak, getting it banned because those dolts were killing themselves with Safe Natural Drugs. Now I have a harder time getting it to use as a

mild tea for rare bouts of congestion. The problem with the rare alternative remedy that really works is it will also have side-effects, & it should be regulated given the public's willingness to misuse dangerous drugs pretending "natural" means "safe." There is no such thing as an herbal drug that is simultaneously potently efficacious & totally safe -- but the more worthless the remedy the fewer its side-effects. So take your Taheebo which is literally sawdust from a lumber mill, that's safe & legal & medicinally worthless, but ban ma-huang/ephedra which actually works. And it wasn't banned because doctors don't want us to be healthy, it was banned because stupid people misused when greedy vendors encouraged them to use it for things it should never have been used for.

There's a lot of wacky stuff goes on in a hospital too, but nothing compared to what herb promoters are about; their scam relies on 90% fraud & 10% confusion, so that even the few things that are actually medicinally valid get recommended for the wrong things & no one watchdogging those cretins to keep them from lying their asses off while endangering public health.

-paghat the ratgirl

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"Of what are you afraid, my child?" inquired the kindly teacher.  
"Oh, sir! The flowers, they are wild," replied the timid creature.

-from Peter Newell's "Wild Flowers"

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