# Do I Like Blue Because of my Shampoo?

How Everyday Chemicals Affect our Health and Behavior

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### Objective

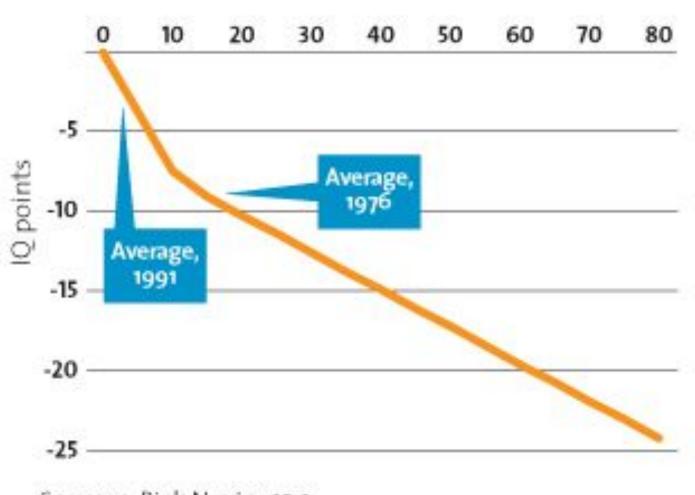
Convince you that chemicals not only are affecting your health, but who you are.

### Outline

- A chemicals that is definitely affecting us
  - Lead
- Chemicals capable of affecting us with low exposure
  - PFAS
  - Bisphenol-A family
  - Chlorpyrifos
- Chemicals that may affect us with low exposure
- Recent regulatory changes
- How can we reduce our exposure to chemicals?

# Lead – A Chemical that is Definitely Affecting Us

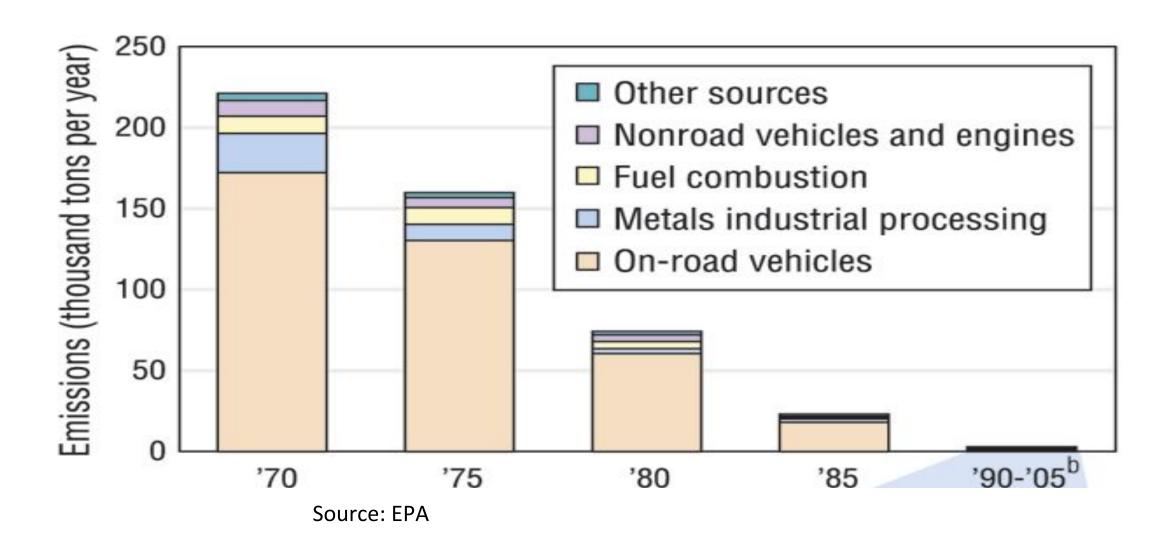
Blood lead level in µg/dL (children under 6)

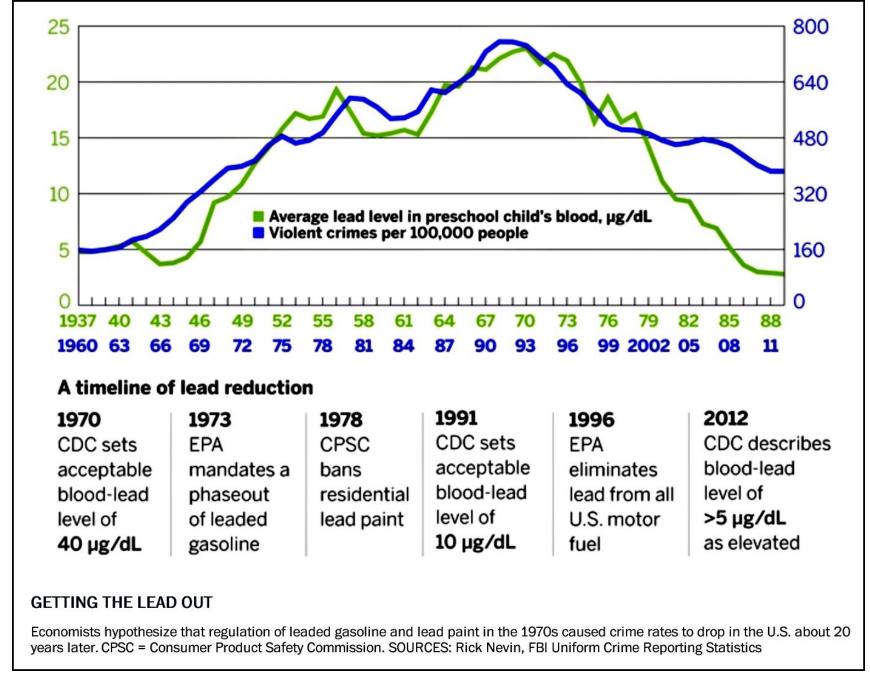


Six Point Increase

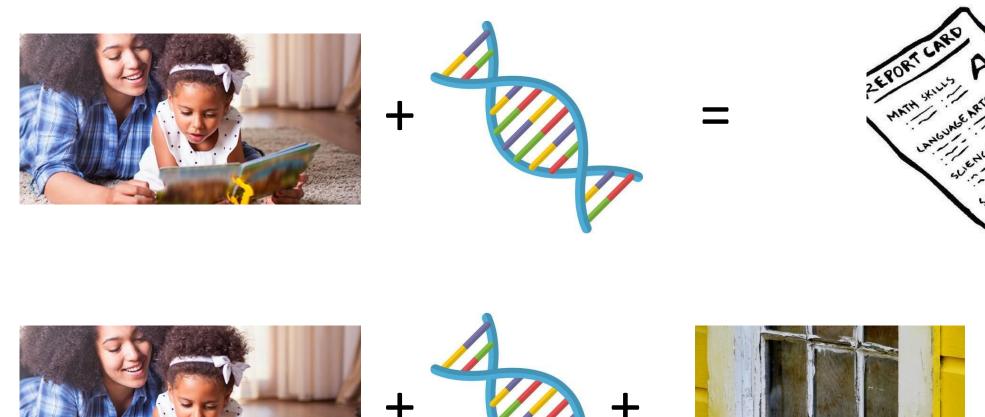
Sources: Rick Nevin, CDC

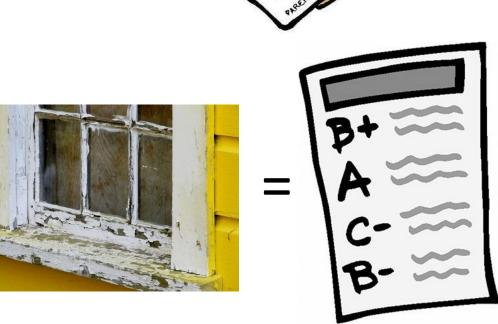
### Lead Emissions in USA





Source: Drum, K. 2018, Mother Jones



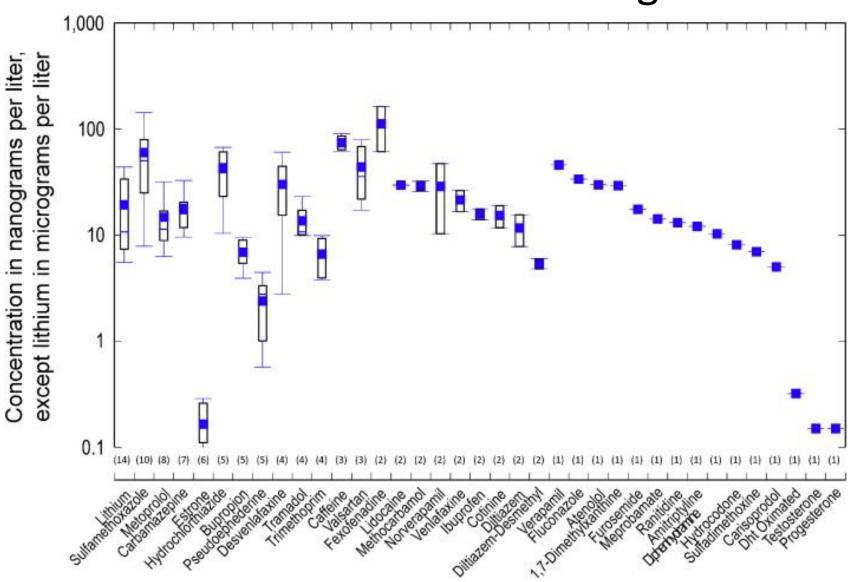


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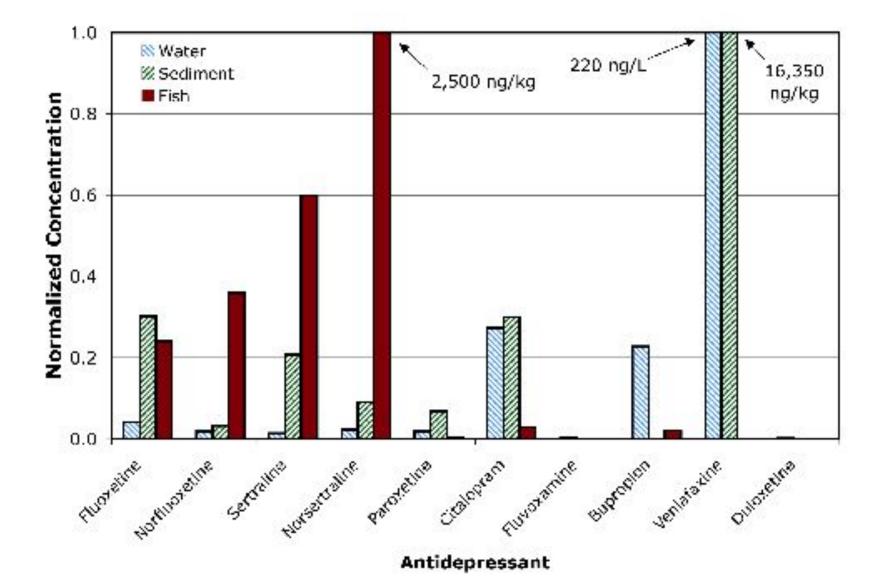
# Other Chemicals that we Know Chemicals Affect our Behavior

- Pharmaceuticals (antidepressants, dopamine agonists for movement disorders) Illicit drugs (Methamphetamine, Cocaine, LSD, etc.)
- Hormones such as estrogens
- Caffeine

### Pharmaceuticals in Drinking Water



Source: Furlong et al., 2016. Sci. Tot. Environ.



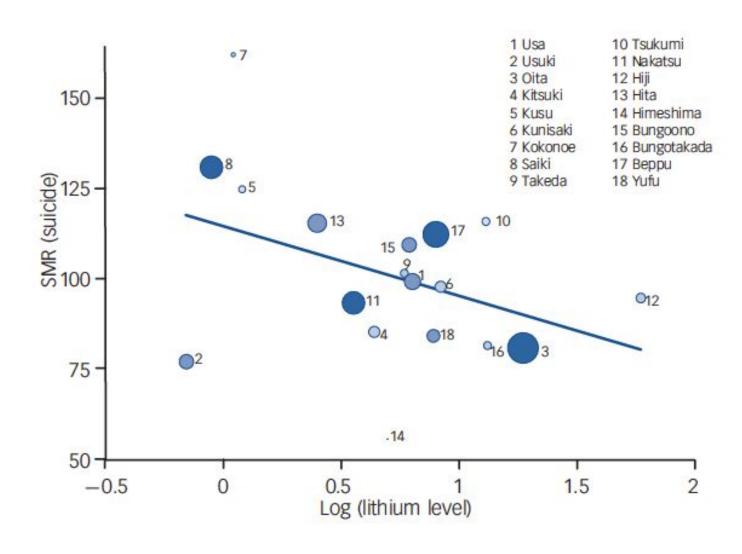
### Illicit Drugs in Tap Water

Non-controlled and illicit drugs in tap water from cities of other countries (n = 26). Sum 95th percentiles. All values are expressed in ng L<sup>-1</sup>.

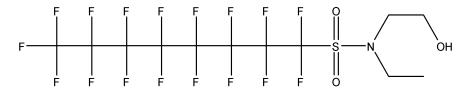
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Non-controlled	5000	50	50201		6000	0000
Caffeine	21	81	19	7.0	33	38
Nicotina	23	88	18	5.9	7.0	40
Cotinine	14	54	2.2	0.4	4.5	4.0
Cocainics						
Cocaine	12	46	0.3	0.1	<loq.< td=""><td>0.6</td></loq.<>	0.6
Cocaethylene	3	11	-	<loq.< td=""><td>-</td><td><loq.< td=""></loq.<></td></loq.<>	-	<loq.< td=""></loq.<>
Benzoylecgonine	9	35	1.8	0.2	_	4.5
Opiates						
Methadone	5	19	0.1	0.1	770	0.2
EDDP	15	58	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.4
Fentanyl	0	0	_	_	23	2
Amphetamines						
AMP	0	0	-	-	+	-
MDA	4	15	<loq.< td=""><td>-</td><td>-</td><td><loq< td=""></loq<></td></loq.<>	-	-	<loq< td=""></loq<>
METH	1	4	<loq.< td=""><td>-</td><td></td><td><loq< td=""></loq<></td></loq.<>	-		<loq< td=""></loq<>
MDMA (ecstasy)	4	15	<loq.< td=""><td>-</td><td>-</td><td><loq< td=""></loq<></td></loq.<>	-	-	<loq< td=""></loq<>
MDEA	2	8	<1.0Q	10 mil	+0	<loq.< td=""></loq.<>

Source: Boleda et al. 2011. Chemosphere.

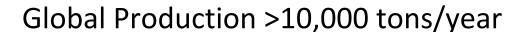
### Lithium can Decrease Violence and Suicide



### Chemicals That May be Affecting us at Low Doses - Perfluoroalkyl Compounds



- Surfactants
- Lubricants
- Coatings
- Fire-Fighting Foams
- Adhesives
- Stain Repellents
- Insecticides



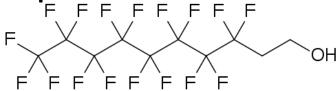






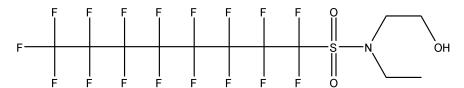


### Most common repellents:



8:2 Fluorotelomer Alcohol

N-EtFOSEN-ethyl perfluorooctane sulfonamido ethanol







N-MeFOSE
N-methyl perfluorooctane sulfonamido ethanol



### PFAS Human Health Effects

- Kidney cancer
- Increased time to pregnancy
- Low birth weight
- Pregnancy-induced hypertension
- Thyroid disease
- Later puberty onset
- High LDL Cholesterol and lipid metabolism
- ADHD

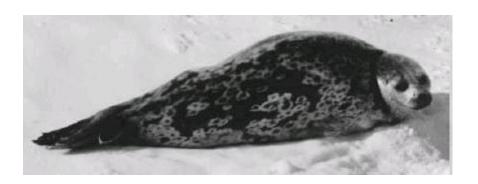
### PFOS in Wildlife



4000 ppb in liver

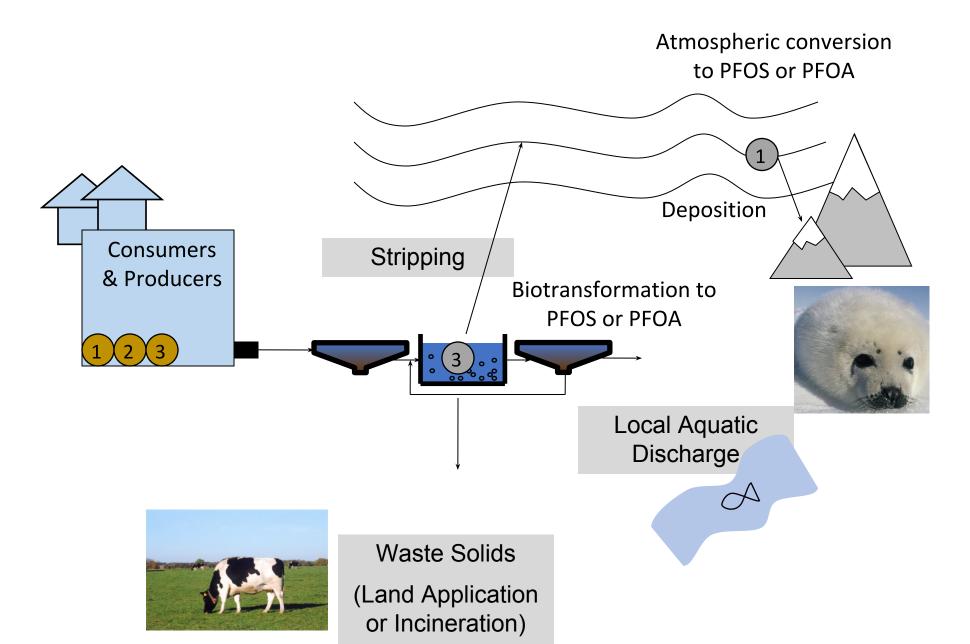


1 ppt in arctic snow

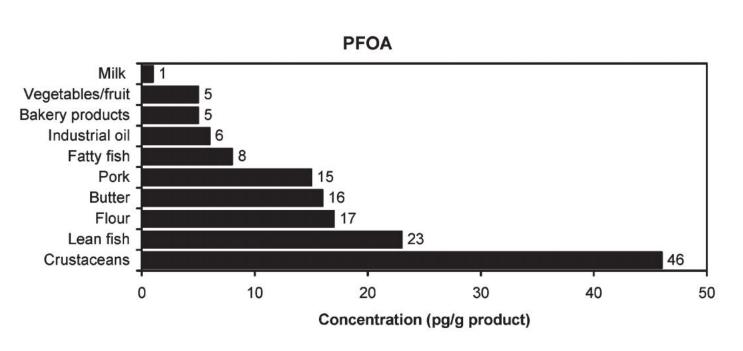


40 ppb in liver

#### Potential PFAS Fates



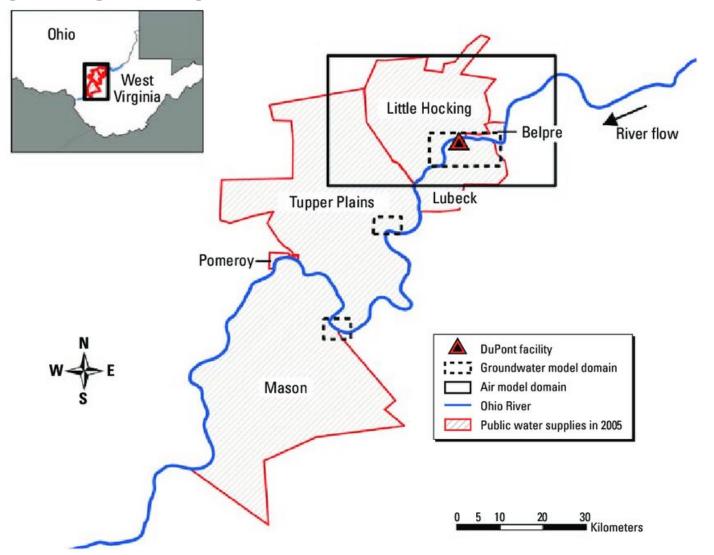
### How are we exposed to PFASs?



	PFOA						
food category	concentration (pg/g product)	intake (pg/kg bw/day)	percentage of individual daily intake				
fatty fish	8	0.4	0.2				
lean fish	23	2.2	0.9				
crustaceans	46	0.7	0.3				
butter	16	0.6	0.3				
cheese	0	0	0				
milk	0.5	3.9	1.6				
eggs	0	0	0				
pork	15	14.9	5.9				
beef	0	0	0				
chicken/poultry	0	0	0				
bakery products	5	3.7	1.5				
vegetables/fruit	5	47.4	18.9				
flour	17	38.4	15.3				
vegetable oil	0	0	0				
industrial oil	6	0.7	0.3				
drinking water	9*	137.9	55.0				

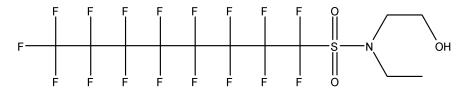
Source: Noorlander et al, 2011. J. Agric. Food Chem.

### How do we know?



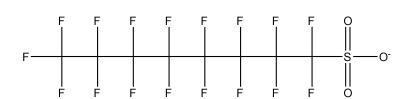
### Perfluorinated Chemicals are Toxic

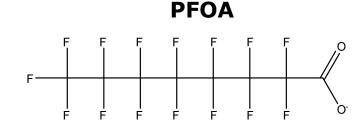
#### **N-EtFOSE**



- rabbit weight loss or death > 5 kg/mg/day<sup>1</sup>
- detected in air

#### **PFOS**





- Monkey death  $(100\%) > 4.5 \text{ mg/kg day}^2$
- Detected in human blood (~35 ppb)
- Detected in wildlife (up to 4000 ng/g in liver)
- Likely Human Carcinogen<sup>3</sup>
- Detected in human blood (~5 ppb)
- Detected in wildlife (up to 500 ng/g)

### Bisphenol A





**BPA** is an Endocrine Disruptor

### BPA Linked to Obesity

BPA level Percentile	Weight >90 <sup>t</sup>	Adjusted Odds Ratio*		
Percentile (μg/L)	No	Yes	(95% CI)	
<50 <sup>th</sup> (0.98)	95 (79.17%)	25 (20.83%)		
50 <sup>th</sup> -75 <sup>th</sup> (0.98-4.13)	43 (70.49%)	18 (29.51%)	1.92	
			(0.79–4.66)	
75 <sup>th</sup> -90 <sup>th</sup> (4.13-10.04)	24 (64.86%)	13 (35.41)	2.04	
			(0.77–5.41)	
>90 <sup>th</sup> (10.04)	14 (58.33%)	10 (41.67%)	5.18	
			(1.68–15.91)	

<sup>•</sup>Trend test: p = 0.006.

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<sup>\*</sup>Adjusted for those factors listed in Table 1 (age, gender, school, residence, paternal and maternal education and overweight, playing video games, unbalanced diet, eating junk food, vegetables or fruit, depression scores and sports/activities).

# BPA Affects Behavior of Offspring at Doses 10x less than Drinking Water Limit

"...three-chamber test, in which a mouse is given the choice to interact with an unfamiliar [mouse]. The researchers found that mice whose mothers consumed both high and low doses of BPA were much more active and were more likely to interact with others than controls."

### Replacement May be Just as Harmful

# Endocrine Disruptors Can Make Birds More Attractive





... but they die earlier

### Chlorpyrifos

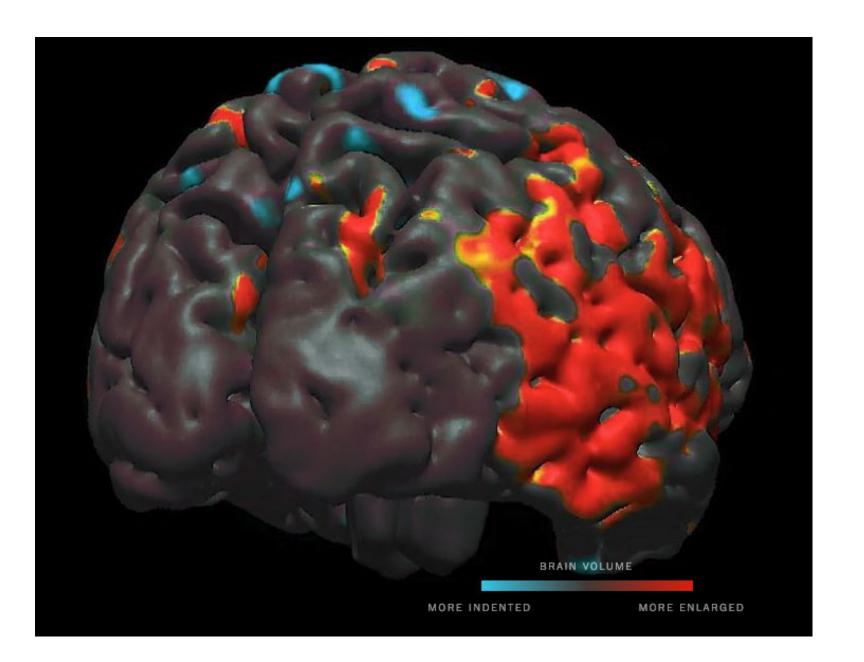
#### The New York Times

### Court Orders E.P.A. to Ban Chlorpyrifos, Pesticide Tied to Children's Health Problems

~10 million pounds applied in the USA

#### **Developmental Neurotoxin**

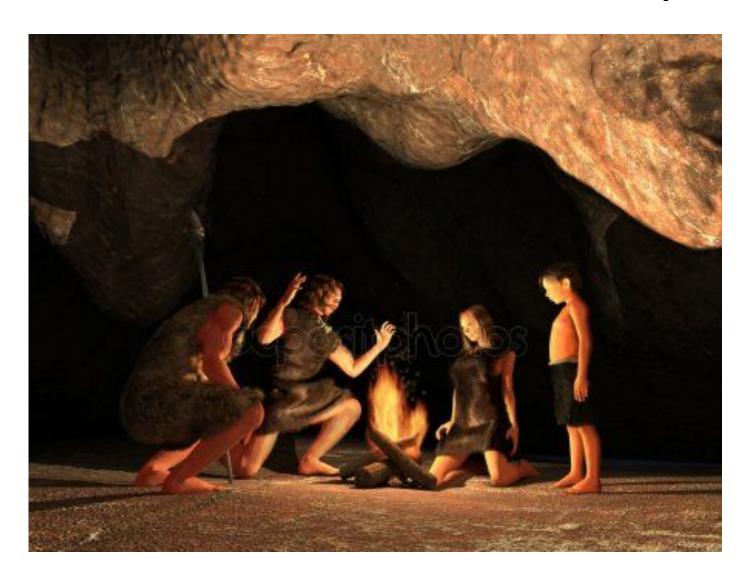
- Lower IQ
- ADHD
- Impaired cognitive, behavior and motor problems



### Recent Changes in Chemical Regulation

# Pesticide Studies Won E.P.A.'s Trust, Until Trump's Team Scorned 'Secret Science' Backed by agrochemical companies, the current administration and Congress are moving to curb the role of human health studies in regulation.

### How can we reduce our exposure?



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- Consume less things
- Use vinegar and soap instead of cleaning products
- Use products with safer chemicals
  - Environmental Working Group <a href="https://www.ewg.org/skindeep/">https://www.ewg.org/skindeep/</a>
- Test paint and water for lead
- Buy organic produce

### Beware

- Organic dry cleaning
- Substituting for products labelled, "safe", "eco friendly", or "green"





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### **Takeaway Messages**

- Chemicals that we are exposed to every day are affecting our health and changing our fundamental character
- We should try to reduce our chemical exposures