

Making a Difference?

In 1982, after the national broadcast of the award winning television documentary "DPT: Vaccine Roulette," parents in the Washington, D.C. area whose children had been injured by the DPT vaccine founded Dissatisfied Parents Together (DPT) and launched what is now recognized as the consumer vaccine safety movement in the U.S. In 1985, the book *DPT: A Shot in the Dark* by Harris Coulter, Ph.D., and Barbara Loe Fisher, co-founder of Dissatisfied Parents Together, was published by Harcourt Brace Jovanovich indicting the whole cell pertussis vaccine and documenting serious flaws in America's highly politicized mass vaccination program. Media coverage of DPT vaccine associated injuries and deaths became widespread and, although most vaccine injury lawsuits were settled out of court for modest sums (with pressure being placed on plaintiff's to agree to having all court records sealed from public view as a condition of settlement), there were several well publicized multimillion dollar awards against vaccine manufacturers.³⁴

These events were immediately followed by pressure placed on Congress by the vaccine manufacturers, including Lederle, Connaught and Merck, to pass an exclusive remedy federal vaccine injury compensation program that would remove all liability from drug companies who make vaccines and physicians who administer vaccines. The threat the drug companies delivered to Congress, with the help of physician organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Medical Association, was that they would stop producing vaccine for the nation's childhood vaccination program.

In response, in 1986, President Reagan signed the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act. The law was to have created a non-adversarial, no-fault alternative to lawsuits for victims of mandatory vaccinations. It also: included safety provisions such as a centralized vaccine adverse event reporting system; mandatory reporting by doctors of hospitalizations, injuries and deaths following vaccinations; mandatory record keeping by doctors of vaccine lot numbers and reactions; and requirements that doctors give patients/parents vaccine benefit/risk information. Punitive damages in lawsuits against vaccine manufacturers or physicians were outlawed, except for cases where criminal negligence would be proven. However, Congress did not completely remove all liability in the court system from the vaccine manufacturers and preserved the right of vaccine victims to bring a lawsuit if they were turned down by the federal system or they considered the award to be too small.

Following the law's passage, the Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services systematically gutted the program and made it highly adversarial. Each claim was fought by taxpayer funded government lawyers and hired physician experts. Compensation was denied to three quarters of all child vaccine victims. What was to have been a fairer, less emotionally draining, and less time consuming alternative to litigation, turned into a sham. Dissatisfied Parents Together, which operates the National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) and helped to create the law, described the program as "a drug company dream, a consumer's nightmare, a scientific travesty, and a national tragedy."

"What we have in this country," said Barbara Loe Fisher, NVIC Co-Founder and President, "is that every citizen is forced by law to use vaccines which are being poorly studied, tested, and regulated for safety, as well as unsafely administered, and no one is held accountable when a citizen, usually a child, is injured or killed by that product. No other product in America is protected from the pressures of the marketplace like that. The public has little way to exert economic pressure to force bad vaccines off the market, force improvement of existing ones, or force doctors to administer them more safely because nobody has the right to refuse to use them or hold manufacturers and negligent physicians accountable when injuries and deaths occur."

The federal government has pressured states to set up tracking systems to tag and track all children from birth to ensure that they are injected with multiple vaccines, all of which have not been adequately studied to evaluate their impact on humans at the cellular and molecular biology level.

"Nor is there informed consent in America when it comes to vaccination," said Fisher. "At its core, forcing individuals to risk injury or death without their consent is a violation of civil and human rights, the Nuremberg Code, and the Helsinki Declarations. In principal, it is also a violation of the tenets embodied in the scriptures of every major religion. If the State can tag, track down, and force American citizens against their will to risk injury and death by being injected with biologicals of unknown toxicity today, there is no limit on what freedoms the State can take away in the name of the greater good tomorrow."

Marge Grant, however, another founding member of the NVIC, argued that talk is cheap. Actions speak louder than words. Grant, who protested the "infamous" vaccine injury act's passage from the start, recalled that Barbara Loe Fisher and allied vaccine industry lobbyists were largely to blame for the law's inadequacy.

"They are to blame," Ms. Grant said of Fisher and another NVIC Past-President, attorney Jeffrey Schwartz. "Schwartz was so politically involved, and the politics were so thick you could cut them with a knife."³⁴

“I want to regurgitate every time I hear those ‘dedicated voices’ screaming against the many new vaccines and vaccine procedures being mandated when indeed they are responsible. . . . Don’t forget, they [the vaccine manufacturers] were relieved of all of this [responsibility] with the passing of the infamous ‘no-fault’ compensation program thanks in large measure to Schwartz, Fisher, and [current NVIC Director Kathy] Williams.”³⁴

To meet this affront, regional anti-vaccine consumer coalitions are forming. Their purpose is to educate the public to act at the local, state, and federal levels, and lobby, to insure the right to informed consent to any medical procedure, including vaccination, that involves the risk of injury or death.

Additional lobbying efforts are needed to force a congressional oversight hearing on existing vaccine laws; a congressional investigation into gross mismanagement of the mass vaccination system by federal government officials with the cooperation of the pharmaceutical industry; and FDA reforms that require government health officials involved in licensing, testing, and regulating vaccines to release information on their safety and efficacy or lack thereof.

Final Thoughts

Sean MacBride, the former foreign minister of Ireland, a 1974 Nobel Peace prize recipient, and the president of the International Peace Bureau, wrote that despite his “deep affection for, and tremendous admiration of, the United States and its people”:

I came to the conclusion that all the values that made me admire the American people were being eroded by the covert operations of the CIA and kindred secret bodies. . . .

[I]n my view, the survival of this great democracy is now being gravely threatened by the covert criminal actions of the Central Intelligence Agency and its associate services. If the United States is to be protected from this grave danger, it is essential that the activities of this secret agency should be fully exposed to the people of the United States. . . . Even if there is, now, an attempt being made by some to check the activities of the CIA and the other United States intelligence agencies, the whole concept of a secret government and army within a government is a menace to the democratic system.³⁵

The disclosures made herein provide additional evidence that Sean MacBride’s prose is accurate. “We the People of the United States,” and peace-loving citizens around the world, now face a nightmarish danger. Deadly animal viruses are now multiplying in our human bodies. This, at a time when we seem to have less and less influence over the systems of governments on which we depend for our health and safety.

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According to Ms. Grant, attorney Jeffrey Schwartz, a Co-Founder and past President of the NVIC, worked with Fisher, Williams and Stephan E. Lawton, a Washington lobbyist for the American Academy of Pediatrics, to direct the fledgling NVIC and the subsequent passing of the "infamous 'no fault' compensation program."

According to a 1984 Gannett News Service report, "The Vaccine Machine," published in December 1984, the bond between Schwartz and Lawton stretched way back. Authors C. Collins and J. Hanchette wrote: "Until 1979, both worked for then-Rep. Paul Rogers, D-Fla., who as chairman of the House's health subcommittee was nicknamed 'Mr. Health' because of his image as guardian of America's physical well being.

"Rogers led the House fight to pass the 1976 swine flu program, this nation's most ambitious—and one of its least successful [and most deadly]—mass immunization plans. He also spearheaded the 1976 legislation that made the federal government, rather than vaccine manufacturers, financially liable for injuries resulting from that program.

"During the swine flu episode [in which thousands died as a result of the vaccine and tens of thousands more developed chronic autoimmune disorders], Schwartz worked for Rogers . . . as a member of the professional staff of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. At the same time, Lawton, as chief counsel to that committee's Subcommittee on Health and the Environment, which Rogers chaired, was actively involved in the swine flu legislation."

Rogers later became a partner with a powerful Washington legal and lobbying firm that represented Merck & Co. Inc., the parent company of Merck, Sharp & Dohme. "Since 1980," the Gannett News authors said, "Rogers also has been on Merck's board of directors."

Another Rogers aide, Dack Dalrymple, "became a lobbyist for American Cyanamid Co., the parent company of Lederle Laboratories, the sole U.S. source of oral polio vaccine and DTP vaccine." Later Dalrymple became a manager of legislative affairs for American Cyanamid's pharmaceutical and consumer products divisions.

"As well as lobbying for pediatricians," Gannett News continued, attorney Lawton worked for "at least two other organizations with a tie to vaccines: the Infectious Diseases Society of America, an organization of specialists in infectious diseases who retain[ed] Lawton to lobby for more government funding of research in their field; and Genetech, a California-based company specializing in genetics research" and vaccine development.

Prior to Schwartz's and Lawton's involvement, efforts to bring "dissatisfied parents together (DPT)," and then the NVIC, began when Ms. Grant appeared on the Phil Donohue Show and requested parents contact her if their children, like her son Scott, had been injured by vaccines. "Before I could give the Donohue people my address," Grant recalled, "Barbara [Loe Fisher] called the station and gave them her number. She said that I was representing her organization. Later when I tried to get the letters of the approximately 4,000 people that replied, I was told by Schwartz that I would have to deal with his attorneys. They never did share [the letters] or turn over my mail to me. It was from this information that Fisher wrote *A Shot in the Dark*."

Marge Grant, along with her husband Jim, went on to form their own organization, the "Determined Parents to Stop Hurting Our Tots" or DPT-SHOT. They may be reached by calling 920-887-1133, or mail at P. O. Box 543, Beaver Dam, WI 53916.

Other reputable contacts regarding vaccines and consumer health advocacy include: Barbara Alexander Mullarkey, Co-Director of the Illinois Vaccine Awareness Coalition (IVAC) available by mail at: P. O. Box 946, Oak Park, IL 60303; and Kristine Sevryn, Director, Parents for Vaccine Safety, 251 Ridgeway Drive, Dayton, OH 45459, Telephone: 937-435-4750.

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4. It is now well established that the Bush administration supplied Saddam Hussein with military supplies, including chemical and biological weapons, as late as two weeks before Hussein's troops invaded Kuwait. Bush administration officials, including Secretary of State James Baker III, and General Norman Schwarzkopf, who knew of the biological and chemical perils facing troops headed for the gulf, have also been implicated in the ongoing cover-up of facts concerning Gulf War Syndrome. A class action suit filed on behalf of ailing veterans cites Tanox Biosystems, Inc., a Houston-based firm partly controlled by James Baker III and funded by George Bush, as partly responsible for developing and testing contaminated vaccines given to servicemen and women. One such vaccine appears to have been tested in Huntsville Prison (TX). Inmates, and later their guards and surrounding community members, developed GWS-like ailments before the Gulf War. The syndrome, it has been estimated, at the time of this writing, may be effecting as many as 200,000 veterans.

Following the war it was learned that Hill and Knowlton, Gallo's public relations firm, had fraudulently portrayed Hussein's elite guardsmen as having tortured and maimed babies. Infants thrown from windows, crashing to their graves, was the emotional bait that Hill and Knowlton cast through the press. The American public swallowed it hook, line, and sinker. The successful psychological warfare ploy was followed by George Bush's infamous call to arms— "This aggression will not stand."

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