

(2017 October 11) George Monbiot - The Meat of the Matter (Vox Populi)

My Comment posted on Vox Populi:

Among the huge topics we're not supposed to talk about, right up there with personal hygiene, religion and habits in bed, is how people eat, how and what. And yet the food industries are of fundamental ecological importance, the food chain being essentially equivalent to the web of life we equate with our environmental support system. In many obvious and not so obvious ways, ecology is all about our table manners. George Monbiot is not known for speaking softly, and his article here is typical of his approach — unflinching, hard-hitting, controversial, not designed to win friends or converts but to make people think. Like most of his work, it's rich in facts and new information, posing hard questions that don't cotton to easy answers. Monbiot's article may be particularly relevant to anyone living here in the American Southwest, where it takes only a glance about to see the ecological devastation caused by generations of under-regulated livestock grazing. It's not just about the tired but ongoing debate between vegetarians and omnivores, or red vs white meat, or factory farms vs organic agriculture and the medical and cultural score cards attached to one side or another. It's not about fern bars and tofu vs rugged individualism. It's about survival in a world menaced by rampant urbanization, militarized industrialism, exponential population growth and global climate change.

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