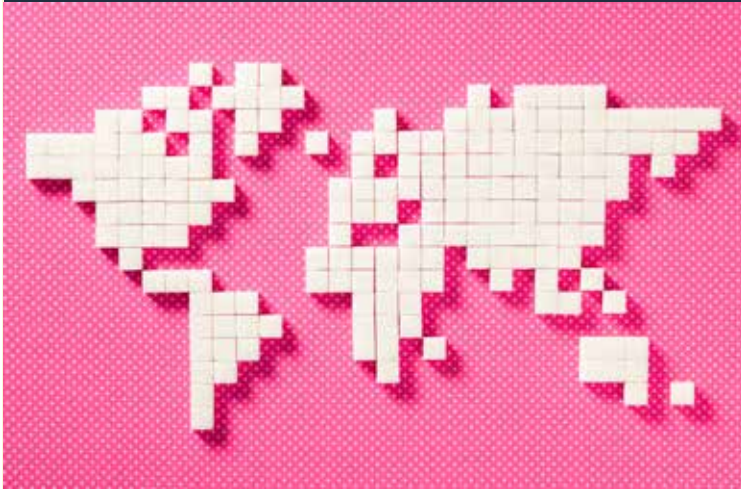




WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE U.S. SUGAR PROGRAM?

This outdated and outrageous program has created a "can't-lose" deal for a group of 13 mega-processors. Here's how it works.

PROHIBITS ADEQUATE SUPPLY, INCREASING COSTS



AMERICAN FOOD MANUFACTURERS ARE FORCED TO PAY TWICE AS MUCH FOR SUGAR AS THE REST OF THE WORLD.

The program prohibits the U.S. Department of Agriculture from responding to ever-changing market demands in real time.

IMPOSES GOVERNMENT CONTROL

This U.S. sugar program is a complicated bureaucratic mess, limiting the supply of domestic sugar through a web of price supports, market allocations, import quotas and government guarantees that are ultimately covered by taxpayer dollars.



\$4 BILLION IN TAXES

The program is a hidden tax that costs small businesses and consumers \$2.4-\$4 billion a year.¹

PROVIDES RISK-FREE LOANS

The program provides taxpayer-backed loans that allow mega sugar processors to operate at zero risk, because they are not required to pay them back.



\$259M BURDEN

In 2013, the government loaned processors \$259 million dollars that they never paid back, placing that immense burden on American taxpayers.²

Results

ADVERSE MULTIPLIER

For every sugar-processing job subsidized through artificially high U.S. sugar prices, three American manufacturing jobs are lost.³

123,000 JOBS LOST

The sugar program killed 123,000 jobs between 1997 and 2015.⁴

SUGAR SHAKEDOWN

Baked into nearly every food, snack and treat which results in zero benefit for the American consumer.

It's time for Congress to say "yes" to fairness, "yes" to competition, and "yes" to protecting and creating American jobs. The bipartisan Fair Sugar Policy Act (H.R.4521 / S.2568) is modest in scope and doesn't abolish the program or hurt farmers.

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