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Childhood Obesity in the News: Understanding and Influencing Public Health Frames

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The Application of Taste Research to the Obesity Problem

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Behavioral and Pharmacological Treatment for Overweight Adolescents

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Applying the WellSAT to Conduct Public Health Surveillance and Program Evaluation on School Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Physical Education Policies in New York State

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Evidence-Based Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Policies: Where Next?

Timothy Cipriano

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New Haven School Food: Thinking Outside the Lunch Box

Derek Colquhoun

Director of Research; Institute for Learning; University of Hull, UK
The Free Healthy School Meals Project in Hull, UK, and Shape Up: A Trans EU project Addressing Children's Obesity

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No Nation Healthier than its Children

Ann Cooper

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Changing the Way We Feed Our Children: Lessons from the Renegade Lunch Lady

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Ronald W. Cotterill, PhD

Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Connecticut
The Economics of Agriculture and Farm Policy

Richard F. Daines, MD, FACP

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Selling Public Health Policy in Derivative Markets: Lessons from the 2009-2010 New York State Sugary Beverage Excise Tax Campaigns

Scott DeFife, MPA

Executive Vice President, Policy & Government Affairs, National Restaurant Association
Today's Restaurant Industry: Empowering Consumers with Healthy Choices and Nutrition Information

Antonia Demas, PhD

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Integrating Food and Nutrition into Entertainment for Young People

Ravi Dhar, PhD

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The Effects of Consumer Behaviors on Eating and Weight

Loretta DiPietro, PhD

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Physical Activity in the Prevention of Weight Gain: How Much is Enough?

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The Eyeballs Have Moved: Marketing to Children and Youth in the Digital Age

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Methods of Measuring and Quantifying Physical Activity in Clinical Populations of Overweight Children

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Beginning the Sustainable Journey

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Catalyzing Communities to Prevent Childhood Obesity

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The Green Revolution and the Gene Revolution

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- *Weight-Based Employment Discrimination Laws: Are Additional Protections Necessary?*
- *The Fattening of America: How the Economy Makes Us Fat, If It Matters, and What to Do About It*

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Nutrition and Meal Planning in Connecticut Schools

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Can State Level Policies Influence Children's Weight? Evidence Using Soft Drink Taxes and Vending Machine Bans

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How Much Do American's Pay for Fruit and Vegetables?

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Weight, Eating, and the Monotonic Mind

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Food, Addiction, and Brain Imaging

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Obesity and the Biology of Social Justice

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Diabetes in Childhood, Primary Care for Children with Chronic Illness

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Eating and Weight Disorders

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The Case Against Eating by the Numbers

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Sustainable Agriculture and Public Health: Reciprocity and Opportunity for Transforming Our Food System

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The Effects of Consumer Behaviors on Eating and Weight

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First You Win, Then You Play: Acceptance, Mindfulness, and Values in Food, Body Image, and Health

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Lessons Learned from the Tobacco Wars for Products Which Adversely Impact Health

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America in 20/20

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The Negative Impact of Farm Policy on Nutrition and Health

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Physical Activity, Obesity, and Breast Cancer

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Environmental Aspects of the Obesity Epidemic

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Nutrition and the Politics of Food

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Fighting for the Health of America's Kids

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In Search of the Perfect Pig (and Some Other Delicacies)

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For Want of Tradition: The History of Holiday Foods

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America's Restaurants: Serving Our Nation

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Adjustment to Chronic Illnesses and the Interface Between Behavioral Health and Primary Care

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Obesity and the New Politics of Health Care

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Food, Addiction, and Brain Imaging

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Healthy Habits for Life

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Brand New: How Entrepreneurs Earn Consumers' Trust

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Expanding the Obesity Research Paradigm to Include the Community: Finding Solutions to Obesity in African Americans

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Weight Stigma: Assessment and Origins

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Fat and Thin: A History of American Bodies

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Engaging Consumers' Growing Desire and Need for Healthy, Unique, and Delicious Snacks

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The Slow Food Movement: A Commitment to Ecologically Sound Food Production and a Revival of the Dinner Table

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Obesity: An Ounce of Prevention Trumps All Attempted Cures

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Patient Access to Obesity Treatment: A View from the Trenches

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Gaining: The Truth About Life After Eating Disorders

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Obesonomics: Describing the Obesogenic Economy

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Challenges in Individualizing Weight Loss Interventions

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An Integrative, Family-based Approach to Childhood Obesity

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The Psychological Weight of Weight Stigma

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The Development of the Nutrition Facts Food Label

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Creating Access to Healthier Meal Options

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Noninvasive Measurement of Carotenoids in Human Skin as a Biomarker of Fruit and Vegetable Intake for Epidemiologic Research

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Obesity: The New Frontier of Public Health Law

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Eating Disorders: Update 2006

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Emerging Issues in Digital Food Marketing

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The Republican War on Science

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Advocacy Lessons from the Battle to Reduce Tobacco

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Food Politics: The Perfect Storm

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An Integrated Approach to Preventing Obesity and Eating Disorders in Youth: Why and How?

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The Effects of Consumer Behaviors on Eating and Weight

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Your Money or Your Health: Selling Junk Food in America's Schools

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Nutrition, Health, and Wellness

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Human Food Addiction?

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Early Life Nutrition Disparities and the Obesity Epidemic: Dietary Guidelines Implications

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Is PAW Working? Results from an Evaluation of the New Haven Public Schools Health/Wellness Initiative: Physical Activity & Wellness (PAW)

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Marketing and the Commercial Speech Doctrine

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The World is Fat

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Compelled Commercial Speech and Coerced Commercial Association

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The Rise and Fall of the American City and the Impact on Food Environments

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Fast Food Restaurant Advertising on Television and Its Influence on Childhood Obesity

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Promoting Fair and Effective Employment Practices or Contributing to Employee Poor Health? An Interdisciplinary Assessment of Proposed Increased Legal Protection for Overweight Employees

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Finky's Kitchen: A Nutrition Education and Cooking Show for Kids

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The Political Economy of Health

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Can the Food Industry Legally Choose to Do No Harm?

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Moods, Emotions, and Their Application to the Promotion of Health Protective Behaviors

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Out of Shape Buildings: Putting Architecture on a Diet

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The Impacts of Consumer Culture on Children's Well-Being

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The Paradox of Choice: Why More is Less

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School Environments and Adolescent Obesity in Distressed Urban Areas

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Changing the Food Environment from the Bottom Up

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Glucose Counter Regulation, Diabetes, and Obesity

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Putting Information in the Hands of Consumers

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Appetite for Profit: How the Food Industry Undermines our Health and How to Fight Back

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Economic Issues of Substance Abuse Including Alcoholism, Illicit Drugs, and Smoking

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The Role of Whole Grains and Dietary Fiber in Obesity Prevention

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- *Food Reward and Flavor Processing in the Human Brain Using Radioligand and Functional Neuroimaging Techniques*
- *The Dynamic Interaction Between Brain, BMI, and Food*

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The Role of the News Media in the Diffusion of Information on Healthy Eating

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Obesity and Related Issues: A Documentary

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The Coming Transformation: America, Capitalism and the Environment

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Bright Start: A School-Based Obesity Prevention Trial in American Indian Children

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Genetic, Psychological, and Therapeutic Studies of Obesity

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A Radically Different Way to Attack Childhood Obesity—Performance-Based Regulation of the Food Industry

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Preventing Excessive Weight Gain in Adolescent Girls at High-Risk for Adult Obesity

Gary A. Taubes

Science Journalist and Author of “Good Calories, Bad Calories: Challenging the Conventional Wisdom on Diet, Weight Control and Disease”

Adiposity 101: Why We Get Fat and the Alternative Hypothesis of Obesity

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Community Science, Philosophy of Science, and the Practice of Research: Implications for Public Policy

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*Litigation as a Tool for Protecting the Public's Health
Innovative Legal Strategies for Food Policy*

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Nutrition Standards and Schools

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Overfed and Undernourished: Downstream Impacts of a Flawed Farm Policy?

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Binge Eating Disorder: What Is It?

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Health Care Financing, Health Care System Development, and the Determinants of Population Health in Developing Countries

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Science and Health: What Makes Them News?

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Excess Intake and Taxes on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages: Potential Implications on Healthcare Costs

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Mindless Eating Solutions

Turning Mindless Eating into Healthy Eating

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The Intersection of Environmental Quality, Human Health, and Public Policy

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Implementing Patient Care and Diabetes Prevention

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Eliminating Trans Fat from the Food Supply: The Tortuous Road from Science to Policy

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Children's Cardiovascular Risk, Fitness, Academic Achievement, and Their Investigation in Wood County, West Virginia

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Towards a 21st Century Agenda for Nutrition