The Case Against Recycling

Plastic recycling has been exposed as a charade that plastic companies created to shift the blame for their plastic waste onto the consumer. This has become common knowledge in the last few years.

I try to recycle everything I can, but reading about how much waste the plastic recycling industry creates actually makes me feel guilty for recycling. Is it really worse for my water bottle to end up in an American landfill (at worst), than travel across the ocean to be burned/dumped in a developing nation and give criminally underpaid workers cancer?

On top of that, most plastics are apparently not even recyclable. This makes me so mad, because I wasted so much time on rinsing, checking labels, and sorting plastic. I would go out of my way to recycle plastic wraps and bags in stores, and now it looks like I might have been exacerbating environmental damage.

Apparently, most companies don't even want recycled materials, since they're more expensive and of lower quality than virgin materials. When you account for processing emissions and recycling collection, is it even worth it?

To add insult to injury, lots of recycling companies have been exposed for just chucking recycling bin contents into the trash.

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