Our diet has changed more in the last 100 years *than in the previous 10,000!*And the change isn't good. The impact on our health is huge.

HUNTER-GATHERER ANCESTORS	CURRENT
Health. According to skeletal record, although facing potential starvation, the elements and predators, they were healthy and strong, with good bones, joints and teeth that did not need fillings or braces.	"Health" Care Crisis. The US spends more than any country on medical care, but is 20 th to 30 th down in most measures of health. Chronic disease is rampant. Obesity and diabetes are epidemic.
Real food only	Can be made from chemicals. (e.g. lemonade with no lemons)
 Variety (e.g. whatever was available)—Nuts, seeds, vegetables, greens, roots, berries, eggs, fish & wild game animals that fed on vegetation. Variety of foods means varied nutrients and less exposure to the downside of a particular food. 	 Same few ingredients (white flour, sugar, vegetable oil, processed cheese-food, chicken and beef) rearranged as pizza, hamburgers, spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, cereal and pastries. The main vegetables are potatoes (as French fries) and tomatoes (as catsup).
Foods only in season (unless dried)	Year round availability of even fruit
From local area where the food and the person were native	Foods from anywhere in the world
Picked when ripe (when nutrients fully developed)	Picked for business reasons (e.g. green before complete)
Organic	Contaminated with pesticides, herbicides, fungicides & irradiated
Naturally-occurring species	Genetically engineered and genetically modified
Animals not medicated	Hormones used & 34 million lbs of antibiotics / year in food supply
Free of chemical preservatives, colors, dough conditioners, etc.	Several pounds of food chemicals per person per year
Natural flavors—not enhanced to create addiction	Artificially flavored and chemically enhanced (e.g. MSG)
Fresh (full nutrient value)	Shipped often long distances and stored repeatedly
Not manipulated	Homogenization, pasteurization and other tortures
Raw (food enzymes and nutrients still intact)	Cooked & reheated (nutrient losses & requires body's enzymes)
Whole (e.g. vegetables or seeds)	Refined (parts removed), processed (e.g. white flour)
Nutrient-dense (e.g. a yam)	Nutrient-poor (e.g. Pringles which is mostly starch)
Calorie-poor (an apple was like a crab apple, eaten whole)	Calorie-dense (e.g. juice –from many apples bred to be sweet)
Equal balance of Pro-inflammation Omega 6 (vegetable oil) with anti-inflammation omega 3 fatty acids (e.g. flax and fish oil)	 Now consume at least twenty times as much Omega 6 as Omega 3 (grain fed animals and farmed fish are higher in Omega 6)
Natural fats (undamaged). Lower saturated—animals were lean.	Trans fats, and rancid over-cooked fats. Animals pen-fattened.
Fat prized for its energy and to help with utilizing protein	Fat is feared (a fad based more on \$\$ and politics than science)
Herbs and bitter foods used (provide nutrients and help digestion)	Synthetic flavors and bland-flavored iceberg lettuce popular
Grains rarely eaten and often fermented to be more digestible	Grains are the largest section of the food pyramid
The only milk was mother's milk	Dairy everywhere and "required" by the food pyramid
Sugar virtually unavailable except in rare seasonal fruits	Average consumption is 160+ pounds per person per year
Foods had low glycemic effect (low glycemic index)	High glycemic effect, e.g. refined starch raises blood sugar fast
Naturally-occurring vitamins, absorbable minerals	"Enriched" means synthetic vitamins and poorly absorbed minerals
Beverage – water, herb tea	Beverages – coffee, sodas, sweet juices, milk, alcohol