

POISONOUS PLACEBOS

There is a controversy concerning the use of fluoride in public water systems; the majority of which fluoridate the water. It is true - research demonstrates fluoride diminishes tooth decay, but so does brushing. However, the debate is whether there are side effects of long term fluoridation of the water supply – poisons that are related to cancer; and longitudinal data indicate there may be. The fact is sodium Fluoride is considered a poison when the manufacturer places warning labels which read “*Danger Poison*” on a product that is being used as a form of forced inoculation of the public.



Like a placebo giving false assurances of an effective cure, the use of industrial products though they appear to enhance life, actually behave like a slow form of poisoning. Like the failings of religion, there is a credibility crisis of believing in science to engineer a new utopian world of no famine and good health when toxic substances that humans need to avoid, are used to create profits while manufacturing a poisoned food and water supply. And that is the gist of it - when science creates illness; create problems for corporations to labor on with reactive solutions to ill-manufactured outcomes. One may assert that such reasoning is not intentional, but conspiracy theorists have a point when there are many cases as with former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld having a sugar substitute legalized for profitable gain, despite scientific evidence implying a strong relationship to cancer. Studies on fluoride are numerous, and many are even buried within government domains which never come to light. A simple cost benefit analysis demonstrates the obvious: i.e., the use of chemicals to improve life in the short term has tremendous profits for corporations, but in the long term catastrophic health cost that are ultimately passed along to the state – the citizens.

From a social context, these criminal acts against the public are endemic of a society that does not even live by, and enforce their own codes of conduct, beliefs in protecting village life from things and situations that harm. Now that was the belief in the ancient world, but in a modern world with disconnected relationships, such an ethic is discarded: e.g., the long term health of society being assaulted and battered by toxins licensed do so as the normal course of affairs of government usurped by any industrial business complex. What was formally regarded as criminal poisoning the environment is now legally a mere civil matter protectively managed between government and her corporate clients; and what was considered civil acts of protest against this relationship are now classified as a criminal nuisance. This is evidence of the

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usurpation of natural citizens who lost control of government to the artificial citizens – large scale finance. That of course can be seen in contracts to fluoridate water which somehow supersede the will of the public, and long term scientific studies that suggest we ought to be careful in unleashing any and all substances upon the public. But the fluoridation issue is merely an example of a whole range of policy issues that include chlorinating water against bacteria, and of course the controversy over the toxic effects of vaccines. To label valid concerns over the unintended side effects of substances in the water as an outcome of conspiracy theorists, gives rise to paranoia as to who and what benefits when research is ignored, or yet undiscovered.

Recently the Miami Herald columnist, Fred Grimm wrote an article, with a motive, or just ignorance of the issue, ridiculing a citizen as a conspiracy theorist when he got fluoride removed from the municipal water supply in Tampa. Grimm strongly implied such reasoning irrational, and the tarring of a man as a conspiracy theorist, is a device that questions the character of anybody who debates the use of fluoridation; and that stance is not rational!¹ Grimm's stance is not entirely true when credible professionals question the scientific plausibility of a substance being toxic by ingestion: i.e. studies on the effects of a substance that targets organs like the heart, and kidneys; the central nervous system; and bones. Columnist that ridicule scientists and civil activists ought to be balanced in their critiques, and focus in on a system of government that is itself an institutionalized "white wash" process that manipulates research informing public health policy, which conveniently ignores the short term economic agendas – cloaked motives for profit in the guise of protecting the public's teeth.

The movement questioning the use of a whole range of chemicals is a movement of an awakened consciousness doubting the unfettered use, the distortions of bad science. It is a lack of belief in the process of how society manages the industrial uses of science; and the use of fluoride as strictly one of an irrational conspiracy theorist, ignores the fact that this activist that columnist Grimm complains of, persuaded all the of commissioners to vote to remove it once they reviewed the damaging evidence, irrespective of outlandish claims of a governmental conspiracy at mind control. All life is a conspiracy of like minded individuals and groups. So – perhaps the conspiracy to make money is a government that actively is complicit in poisoning the water supply on behalf of business. But this situation is merely endemic of a whole host of similar situations utilizing chemicals, as is the case with insecticides used in the agricultural sector; another usage which poisons the land and is related to child birth defects.

It does not matter if the anti-fluoridation movement is claiming that we are being intentionally poisoned by a conspiracy to affect population control, but rather we now have more information regarding the effects of chemicals and plastics upon the environment of which humans are embedded. But in all fairness, the uses of scientific engineered products from the past were rightfully regarded as advancements in the social condition; they were products of the rational conquering of the environment which hold biological dangers for humanity. But now we know that artificial products have long term effects – something unknown many a decade ago. We now know that solutions to enhancing public health, and making the human condition more comfortable comes with a price tag – predictably a new set of unexpected outcomes.

¹ Grimm, Fred. *Fluoridation? It's just a government conspiracy*. The Miami Herald (October 10, 2011).