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# Correspondence

## Lies about Radiation

Lying about the level of radiation risk kills innocent people. As Dr. Orient notes,<sup>1</sup> more than 1,600 people died as a result of the too hasty evacuation of Fukushima. About the same number were killed by the tsunami in the Fukushima district, a natural disaster. No one was killed by the released radiation, including the workers who went inside the plant to work on the problems immediately after the flooding.

Moving ill and aged persons from hospitals and other facilities likely resulted in depriving them of needed medications and treatment, and even food.

Terror propaganda repeated over years has deadly results.

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1. Orient JM. Fukushima and reflections on radiation as a terror weapon. *J Am Phys Surg* 2014;19:48-55.

## Politicized Science

Dr. John Dale Dunn's documentary<sup>1</sup> of his Don Quixote-like experience of tilting at the windmills of the U.S. government is an important and useful contribution.

As the state progressively takes over science and medicine, individual physicians are beginning to identify with the experience of a little boy who was innocently born into a crime family as he discovers his lineage. The business of medicine is to sell legal drugs and approved treatments, and to pad the bottom line. Physicians are kept in line through intimidation by specialty boards, licensure boards and other regulators, and third-party payers.

Protection of the "family" is through alliances and arrangements with the state; and morality is subservient to "codes of conduct" for the good of the business.

The ownership of science by the state is interwoven into the history of power and governance throughout the historical record. The way I see it, science is cultish by nature. Scientists have to eat. Their gift for analysis is not a tradable commodity, so they need benefactors. Enter the state because knowledge is power.

The state has no knowledge, but it needs power, so it funds "science" of whatever kind it needs to wield power. It doesn't take a leap from there to see

the madness the 20th century witnessed when the state wielded its power through science. So the established "science" of medicine is no more than a cult, and Dr. Dunn's exposé of the power the EPA uses to protect its "clients" demonstrates one example.

Dunn's section on the "EPA and the Admissibility of Scientific Evidence" makes an obvious though unstated point. Law is used to manipulate science. The obvious remedy: remove science from law!

A brief example of the confusion in letting law manipulate science is the *Daubert vs. Merrell Dow* ruling in 1993 that Dr. Dunn references. The creation of stricter guidelines for expert witnesses has merely increased the power of the state to determine who is an expert. We have seen this ruling in action in the area of toxicology. Independent scientists, many of them physicians, have dealt with toxic patients exposed to multiple chemicals. "Science" won't recognize its existence and especially won't recognize the name agreed upon by these scientists to identify it (multiple chemical sensitivity). No expert, no disease. Case(s) closed!

As Dunn shows in his next article,<sup>2</sup> collusive lawsuits amplify the power of the state over science still further.

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2. Dunn JD. Collusive lawsuits cheat the public and violate the law. *J Am Phys Surg* 2014;19:56-57.

## Erratum

Ludwik Dobryzinski notes that according to the UNSCEAR 2008 report,<sup>1</sup> 19 survivors of acute radiation syndrome (ARS) after Chernobyl died during the period 1987–2006, not 22 as stated by Orient.<sup>2</sup> Seven of them died from non-cancer diseases of internal organs, six from sudden cardiac arrest, and five from malignancy. In one case the death was due to trauma.

1. UNSCEAR. Vol. II, Annex D. Effects. In: *Sources and Effects of Ionizing Radiation, 2008 Report*. United Nations, N.Y.; 2011:60.
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