

The Truth and Evidence they choose to ignore

Fact:

The largest scientific study over a period of 38 years into the effects of Environmental Tobacco Smoke has been totally ignored:

This is one of the largest and most rigorous studies of its kind that concluded *"The results do not support a causal relation between environmental tobacco smoke and tobacco related mortality"*.

Source: Environmental Tobacco Smoke and Tobacco Related Mortality in a prospective study of Californians 1960 – 1998 by James E Enstrom and Geoffrey C Kabat (British Medical Journal 2003; 326:1057, 17 May)

Fact:

Dr Richard Horton, editor of the Medical Journal The Lancet, criticised the World Health Organisation (WHO) for neglecting evidence – quote:

"When developing 'evidence-based' guidelines, the World Health Organisation routinely forgets one key ingredient: evidence." "This is a pretty seismic event...It undermines the very purpose of WHO"

Fact:

In the negligence case of McTear v Imperial Tobacco Ltd (2005) CSOH 69, Lord Nimmo Smith stated – quote:

"It is not within judicial knowledge that cigarette smoking can cause lung cancer; this is an issues which I am duty-bound to approach with an open mind and to decide on the basis of the evidence led before me; and the burden of proving it is on the pursuer.....Epidemiology cannot be used to establish causation in any individual case, and the use of statistics applicable to the general population to determine the likelihood of causation in an individual is fallacious"

Fact:

Long time anti-tobacco activist and physician Dr Michael Siegel even expresses his grave concerns:

In an article Dangers of passive smoking exaggerated: Study 21 Nov, 2007, he stated he was concerned over the *"obfuscation of facts about second-hand smoke"*.

In the Article Lies, Damned Lies & 400 000 smoking-related deaths, the authors, Robert A Levy and Rosalind B Marimont concluded that *"public officials fabricate evidence to promote their crusade against big tobacco"*

Fact:

In 1975, the World Health Organisation stated that to reduce smoking – quote:

"It would be essential to foster an atmosphere where it was perceived that active smokers could injure those around them"

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Scientists Johnstone & Finch (2006) stated – quote:

"Rejection of consistent results from controlled trials and the acceptance of far inferior data would not be countenanced in any other area of medical science. But where smoking and health are being considered this debasement of science is commonplace and passes without comment"

Fact:

The UK Health & Safety Executive stated as recently as 2006 – quote:

"That it cannot produce any epidemiological evidence to link levels of exposure to second-hand smoke to the raised risk of contracting specific diseases"

This is only a selection of facts! There are numerous other studies and reports from professionals that were ignored. Just ask for further information.

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