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term dosage, has been adversely affected by it." In the book "Fluoridation: Poison on Tap," are incidences of dental fluorosis in relation to water fluoridation. The author cites 11 U.S. studies, one of which showed that water fluoridation at one part per million (ppm) resulted in 48 percent dental fluorosis. One ppm does in no way represent an "abnormally high" dosage. It is the dosage fluoridationists claim is safe.

Whereas dentists obviously cannot deny that artificial water fluoridation at one ppm does cause dental fluorosis—a permanent disfiguration of teeth—they call it "cosmetic." It is not—it is a disease caused by fluoride. One definition of "disease" in Gould's Medical Dictionary is, "a disturbance of structure of any organ or part of the body."

More on fluoride-induced disease: A quote from "New Evidence on Fluoridation," reads, "Since 1990, five major epidemiological studies from three countries—the United States, United Kingdom and France—showing a higher rate of hip fractures in fluoridated regions than unfluoridated regions have been reported in leading peer-reviewed journals." Further: "In addition, a prospective study from the U.S. shows a higher rate of hip fractures in a region naturally fluoridated with four parts per million (ppm) fluoride."

Another article titled, "The Fluoridation of Drinking Water and Hip Fracture Hospitalization Rates in Two Canadian Communities" concluded, "These findings suggest that fluoridation of drinking water has no impact, neither beneficial nor deleterious, on the risk of hip fractures."

This [last] article was the *only* one quoted regarding hip fractures in a pro-fluoride letter to *The Journal* by the president of the Tompkins County Dental Association and 19 other area dentists. The prejudice is obvious.

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The World Health Organization was asked to provide information that artificial water fluoridation at one ppm is safe. WHO could find none. It is therefore remarkable that a letter to *The Journal* states that "fluoride is safe." It seems WHO is in need of the information provided by the local authority on fluoridation.

As indicated by official government data below, artificial water fluoridation does not reduce dental costs.

Dental costs were examined in populations of predominantly (average 90.6 percent) fluoridated areas and in predominantly (average 14.6 percent) nonfluoridated areas. Both areas included data from 10 states.

In fluoridated areas the average dental costs per person in baseline 1958 were $13.17 and in nonfluoridated areas $15.25. The somewhat higher costs in nonfluoridated areas are explained by the fact that these areas included the two most expensive states, California and Hawaii.

After 12 years of fluoridation, in 1970, the costs were $31.30 in fluoridated areas and $32.60 in nonfluoridated areas. Thus, the costs in fluoridated areas rose by 138 percent and in nonfluoridated areas by 114 percent, which means the cost increase was 21 percent greater in fluoridated areas. The data show irrevocably that fluoridation does not reduce tooth decay and that a financial burden is imposed on large populations by fluoridation.

The alleged utopian savings are explained in this way:

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