Bill as Introduced

SB 312 - AS INTRODUCED

2000 SESSION

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SENATE BILL ***312***

AN ACT relative to fluoride.

SPONSORS: Sen. Wheeler, Dist 21; Sen. Squires, Dist 12; Rep. Emerton, Hills 7; Rep. Copenhaver, Graf 10

COMMITTEE: Public Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill changes to 5 percent the percentage of town, city, or village water district voters needed to put an article or question relative to fluoridation of the municipality's water supply on the warrant or ballot for an annual meeting or election.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Public Water Supplies; Town Referendum on Fluorides in Water; Percentage Required. Amend RSA 31:17-a to read as follows:

31:17-a Referendum. Upon the written application of [~~10~~] ***5*** percent of the voters in a town, presented to the selectmen or one of them at least 15 days before the day prescribed for an annual town meeting, the selectmen shall insert in their warrant for such meeting an article relative to the use of fluorides in the public water system for said town. If the town has an official ballot, the town clerk shall insert on such ballot the following question: "Shall permission be granted to introduce fluorides into the public water system?" Beside this question shall be printed the word "yes" and the word "no" with the proper boxes for the voter to indicate his choice. If a majority of the voters do not approve the use of fluorides in the public water system, no fluorides shall be introduced into the public water system for said town; or if fluorides have prior to said vote been introduced, such use shall be discontinued until such time as the voters of the town shall, by majority vote, approve the use of fluorides. After such popular referendum, the selectmen shall not insert an article relative to the use of fluorides in the public water system in the warrant nor shall such question be inserted on the official ballot for a minimum period of 3 years from the date of the last popular referendum and only upon written application at that time of not less than [~~10~~] ***5*** percent of the registered voters of said town.

2 Public Water Supplies; City Referendum on Fluorides in Water; Percentage Required. Amend RSA 44:16 to read as follows:

44:16 Public Water Supplies. Upon the written application of [~~10~~] ***5*** percent of the voters in any city, presented to the city clerk prior to the municipal election, the city clerk shall insert on the ballot to be used at said election the following question: "Shall permission be granted to introduce fluorides into the public water system?" Beside this question shall be printed the word "yes" and the word "no" with the proper boxes for the voter to indicate his choice. If a majority of the voters at said election do not approve the use of fluorides in the public water system for said city, no fluorides shall be introduced into the public water system. If fluorides have, prior to said vote, been so introduced, such use shall be discontinued until such time as the voters of the city shall, by majority vote, approve the use of such fluorides. After such popular referendum, the city clerk shall not insert the aforementioned question relative to the use of fluorides in the public water system on the ballot to be

used at the municipal election for a minimum period of 3 years from the date of the last popular referendum, and only upon written application at that time of not less than [~~10~~] *5* percent of the registered voters of said city.

3 Public Water Supplies; Village Water District Referendum on Fluorides in Water; Percentage Required. Amend RSA 52:23 to read as follows:

52:23 Public Water. Upon the written application of [~~10~~] *5* percent of the voters in any village water district, presented to the commissioners or one of them at least 15 days before the day prescribed for an annual meeting of the district, the commissioners shall insert in their warrant for such meeting an article relative to the use of fluorides in the water system for said district, and the district clerk shall prepare a ballot for said meeting with the following question: "Shall permission be granted to introduce fluorides into the district water system?" Beside the question shall be printed the word "yes" and the word "no" with the proper boxes for the voter to indicate his choice. If a majority of the voters do not approve the use of fluorides in the district water system, no fluorides shall be introduced into the district water system; or if fluorides have, prior to said vote, been so introduced, such use shall be discontinued until such time as the voters of the district shall, by majority vote, approve of the use of fluorides. After such popular referendum, the commissioners shall not insert an article relative to the use of fluorides in the district water system in the warrant nor shall the district clerk prepare such a ballot for a minimum period of 3 years from the date of the last popular referendum of the district and only upon written application at that time of not less than [~~10~~] *5* percent of the registered voters of said district.

4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Speakers

2:00

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # SB 312 Date 4/4/00

Committee M+C GOV't

** Please Print All Information **

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	(check one) Pro	Con
G. Bedding	9 Green Acres, Keene, 355-8208				
			NH Pure Water Public		✓
Jodi Grimbilas	18 Centre St. Concord	225-7170	NH Dental Society	✓	
John Tuthill	Sullivan Dist. No. 5.				✓
Nancy Martin RDH	25 School St. Warner	456-3064	Self	✓	
Rep Cecelia Kane	Dist 32.			✓	
ANTHONY P. GIUNTA	3 LAKE SHORE DR, FRANKLIN	934-0025	NHDES	✓	
Shelley Nelkens	PO Box 263 Antrim, NH 03440				✓

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 312

BILL TITLE: relative to fluoride.

DATE: April 4, 2000

LOB ROOM: 301 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 1:00 pm

Time Adjourned: 3:12 pm

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Hess, Patten, P. Cote, Rice, Brundige, Sabella, Griffin, Leone, Noyes, Hager, Akins, Lovejoy, Lockwood, W. Kelley, Rosenfield, Fraser, McGuirk, Salatiello, St. Cyr, Sarette, Simon and Zerba.

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TESTIMONY

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Paul Harrington: President of the NH Citizens for Health Freedom presented some studies of recent years showing concern about fluoridation. He claims many of recent studies are being ignored. He claims there is too much fluoride in many of our products.

Rep. Mary Martin: submitted a letter.

Gehardt Bidding: Pres. of NH Pure Water Coalition opposed this bill because those against fluoride don't have the money to get voters out against it.

Shelley Neikens: testified in opposition to this bill. She stated that many things can not be made without fluoride. It is a toxin. She claims there is a strong effort by lobbyists and industry to control the minds of the masses in favor of fluoridation. She thought the vote should be brought up every year if they wished.

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The following people attended this hearing and choose not to speak:

G. Redding-opposes the bill
Jodi Grimbles-supports this bill
Nancy Martin-supports this bill
Anthony Guinta-supports this bill
Rep. Cecelia Kane-supports this bill

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Richard Leone, Clerk

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HB 312 Relative to Flouride

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Hearing closed at 3:12

Testimony

April 4, 2000

Municipal and County Government
Room 301
Legislative Office Building
Concord, NH. 03301

Mr. Chairman and Honorable members of the Committee:

When I hear the words; relative to fluoride in drinking water; I recall strongly opposing this 30 years ago. I am amazed people are still trying to push this toxin down our throats. To make matters worse my recent findings show that 90% of fluoridated communities use silicofluorides and not sodium fluoride. Silicofluorides are extremely dangerous and cause many adverse health problems; from diabetes and thyroid problems to cancer and bone disorders. We are all entitled to pure clean water from our cities and towns. As Representatives we are charged with protecting our water supplies and our people. In this instance the Phosphate Fertilizer companies are using our water supplies for their dumping ground.

I strongly oppose SB312 and making it easier for a special interest group to further a profits driven agenda without adequately informing or educating the public. If there are those who would willingly ingest this toxin then let them do so with tablets and without inflicting it on the rest of us.

Thank you,

Mary Ellen Martin

Rep. Mary Ellen Martin
Hillsborough District 34

April 4, 2000

Testimony on SB 312

Before

The Municipal and County Government Committee

By

Brook Dupee

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. For the record, my name is Brook Dupee, and I am here representing the Department of Health and Human Services. My testimony today is given in support of Senate Bill 312.

As you have heard, SB 312 addresses the introduction of fluorides into a public water supply by voter referendum, and in that sense it is similar to House Bill 1598 which this Committee considered earlier on in the session. At that time this Committee listened to extensive testimony on the pros and cons of fluoridation, and so I did not come here today with the intention of repeating our earlier testimony.

SB 312 is different from HB 1598 in that SB 312 would make it easier for voters to express their opinions on the merits of fluoridation by reducing the number of voters required to place a fluoride question on a city ballot, or on a town or Village warrant, from 10 percent to 5 percent. We believe that 5 percent of the voters of any municipality demonstrate substantial public interest, especially when considering that it only requires 25 voters to add other types of questions to a town warrant.

So, if you are a proponent of fluoride and wish to increase the number of communities with fluoridated water supplies, you should support this bill. By the same token, if you are an opponent of fluoridation and you want to see the use of fluorides repealed, you should support this bill. Given the overwhelming public health benefits of fluoridation, we believe that municipal voters will continue to make informed decisions. Therefore, the Department of Health and Human Services respectfully asks this committee to support an "ought to pass" recommendation for SB 312 and truly make fluoridation a voter's choice.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify here today. We are willing to participate should you chose to appoint a subcommittee to consider this matter in more detail, and we can certainly provide more direct documentation on the public health benefits of fluoridation should the committee wish us to do so. Meanwhile, I will be pleased to try and answer any questions the committee may have.

My name is Marion Copenhaver from District 10 in Hanover.

I am in strong support of S.B 312. This is a common sense bill that will make the benefits of having flouride in our public water easier to accomplish. The health benefits particularly in so far as dental health is concerned are indisputable.

I urge the committee to act favorably on this bill.

Marion L. Copenhaver

Municipal and County Government Committee
April 4, 2000
2:00 p.m. – LOB 301

Testimony on SB 312
(relative to fluoride)

Rep. Barbara Hull Richardson, Cheshire 12

It would be a disservice to the health of our citizens if this bill were passed. You have all received information about fluoridation in the mail. I hope you have read it with an open mind.

Fluoride additives are a toxic by product of the super-phosphate fertilizer industry. A number of well respected scientists, including at least 12 Nobel Prize winners in chemistry and medicine, have either opposed fluoridation or expressed reservations about it.

With the current controversy about fluoridation efficacy, it seems logical to limit its use as much as possible. I hope you will vote down this bill.

Barry Forbes F3
Matthew Miller F3
The Vent F3

VOL. 50, NO. 342 SUNDAY DECEMBER 13, 1998

Who's telling truth on fluoride?

Pity the poor citizens of Mesa, Arizona. As they slumbered peacefully in front of Monday Night Football, their trusted city council voted in favor of mass-medicating folks with fluoride.

This, of course, set off an unquenchable public maelstrom.

In the absence of any forewarning, the good citizens are understandably confused: Is fluoridation terrifically good or inherently evil? Will it cure you — or kill you? The answers to these infinite questions, of course, depend solely upon whom you ask.

Take the American Dental Association (ADA), for example. The association and a few of its members promote fluoridation as the next best thing since Kellogg's Froot Loops. The ADA claims fluoride-treated drinking water reduces cavities by 20 to 40 percent, and is perfectly, wonderfully safe in a range of .7 to 1.0 parts per million (ppm).

These are nice thoughts. Are they true?

Don't even think about asking those fringe lunatic anti-fluoride groups. All of 'em claim fluoride benefits are a bunch of bunk. Like the people in Mesa headed up by Louis Stradling. And, Citizens for Safe Drinking Water, Safe Water Coalition, and the Union of EPA Professionals, Washington, D.C.

Good grief! Why the hell are Environmental Protection Agency scientists, engineers and toxicologists agreeing with these right-wing wackos? I called Washington and got through to one of them — William Hirzy, PhD, senior vice president, NTEU, representing the Union of EPA Professionals in Washington.



BARRY FORBES
TRIBUNE COLUMNIST

"Dr. Hirzy," I asked him, "what's the EPA union doing on the side of these anti-fluoridation nuts?"

"Well, they're right," he replied. "Fluorides are carcinogenic. In 1997, the union of scientists at EPA headquarters looked at the most recent data on fluoride toxicity, ranging from bone pathology, to cancer, to gene mutations and effects on the nervous system. After examining that data, our union voted unanimously to oppose the addition of fluoride to drinking water supplies."

If EPA professionals unilaterally reject fluoridation, why does the ADA fiercely embrace it?

Could it have anything to do with endorsements for sale? Since 1960, the American Dental Association has hawked its once-vaunted "Seal of Approval" to literally hundreds of product marketers. More than 1,300 at last count — including 65 different kinds of toothpaste.

Last year, the American Medical Association announced its intention to follow suit, "endorsing" products for millions of dollars in annual fees. The organization backed off after a huge public uproar, and for good reason: The minute you accept cash, your impartiality — and therefore your credibility — goes straight out the window.

Unfortunately, that's exactly what's happened at the ADA. Their "Seal of Approval" now appears on literally dozens of fluoride products. Sure, the money rolls in, but critics claim endorsements are a double-edged sword: Once an endorser accepts the dough, it lives and dies with the product — no matter what. So today, when fluoride additives are under attack worldwide, what stance does the ADA take? In order to survive, who does the ADA think of first?

Fluoride is a proven, carcinogenic toxin. Numerous studies have linked it to cancer and myriad other medical conditions. The fact that one out of every three of us will fight cancer at some time in our life should concern all of us. But according to the ADA and a few of its members, these are simply "scare tactics." Fluoridation is a proven health benefit, they lecture us. Professional scientists and toxicologists are debunked by referring to them as "so-called experts."

In fact, fluoride is so good that kids under 6 are warned not to brush their teeth unless accompanied by an adult. But not to worry. If your kids swallow the junk but don't exceed the recommended "optimal" amount — whatever that is — there's nothing to fret about. Sure, rats develop cancer at 1.0 ppm, but your kids aren't rats.

Still, remember Kellogg's Froot Loops? California television station KGTV took a box in for expert chemical analysis. Since Kellogg's manufactures Froot Loops in Battle Creek, Mich. — a fluoridated city — KGTV yearned to know how much fluoride is in the tasty little morsels. The answer: 2.1 ppm, more than double the maximum "safe" dose.

While they were at it, they also tested Gerber's Berry Punch. Its fluoride count came in at 3.0 ppm — triple the recommended "safe" level. And deep into the cancer zone.

The green stuff sure causes lots of problems.

The EPA union of scientists, which doesn't earn a dime from its expert opinion, claims fluoride is toxic and causes systemic medical problems — not the least of which is cancer. The American Dental Association, which "endorses" dozens of fluoride-added products for untold amounts of money, maintains fluoride is perfectly, wonderfully safe.

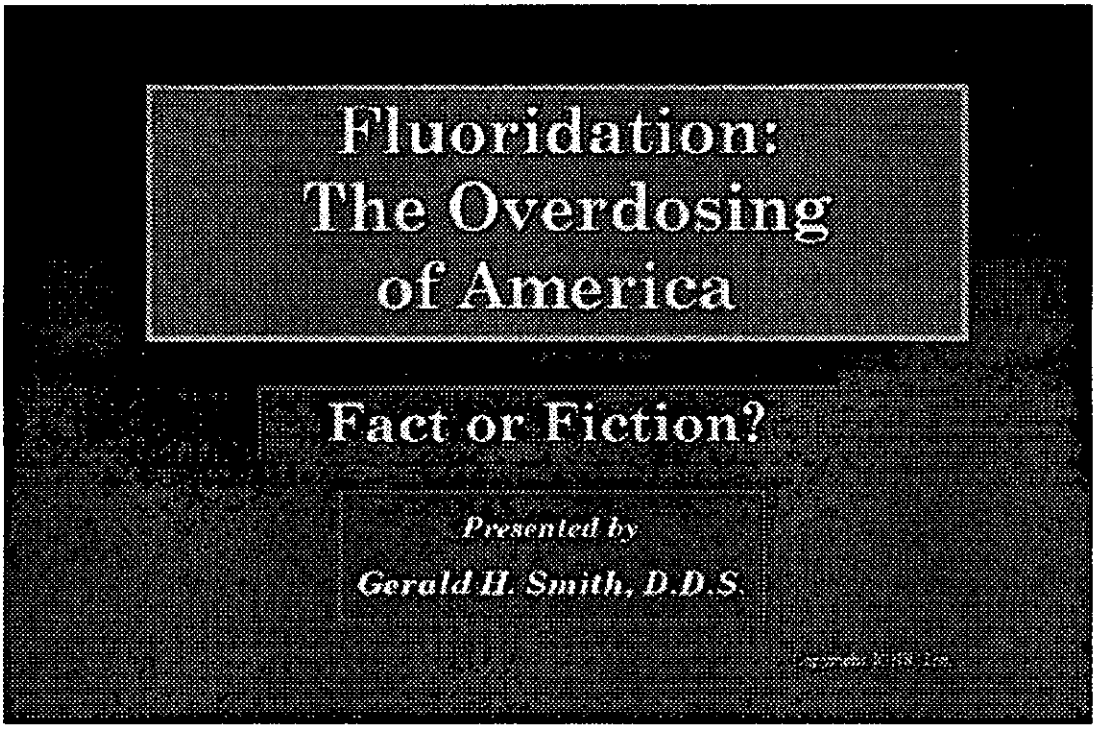
Whom do you believe?

Barry Forbes is a Valley resident who writes weekly.

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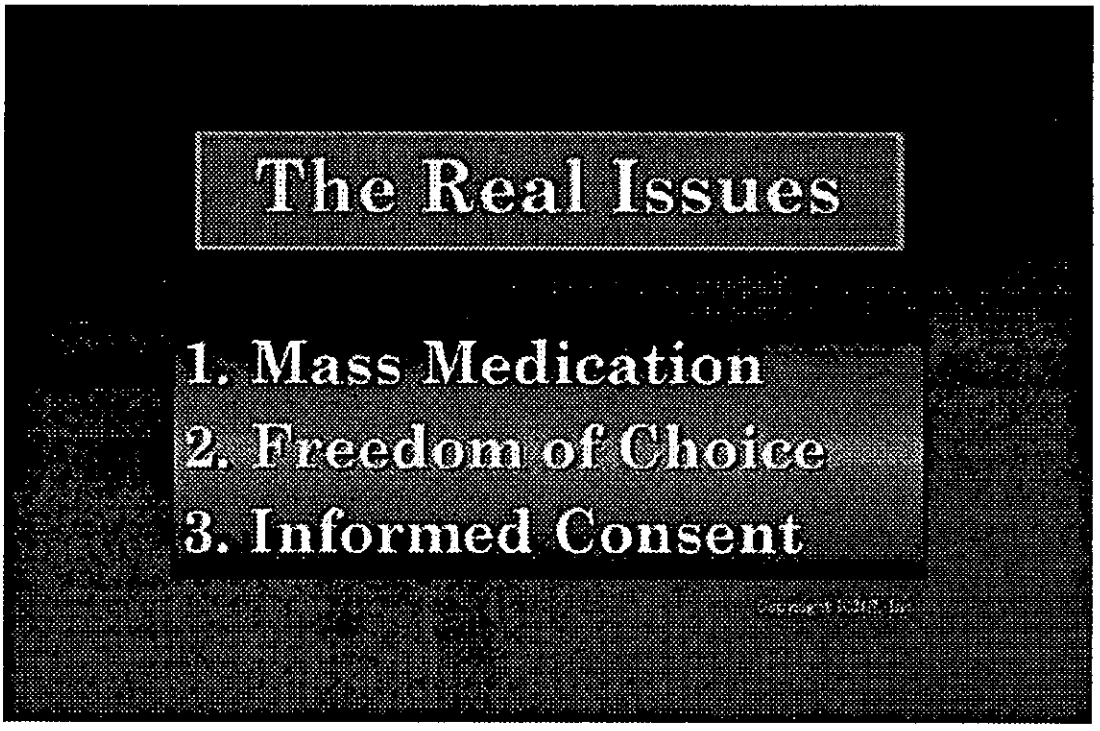


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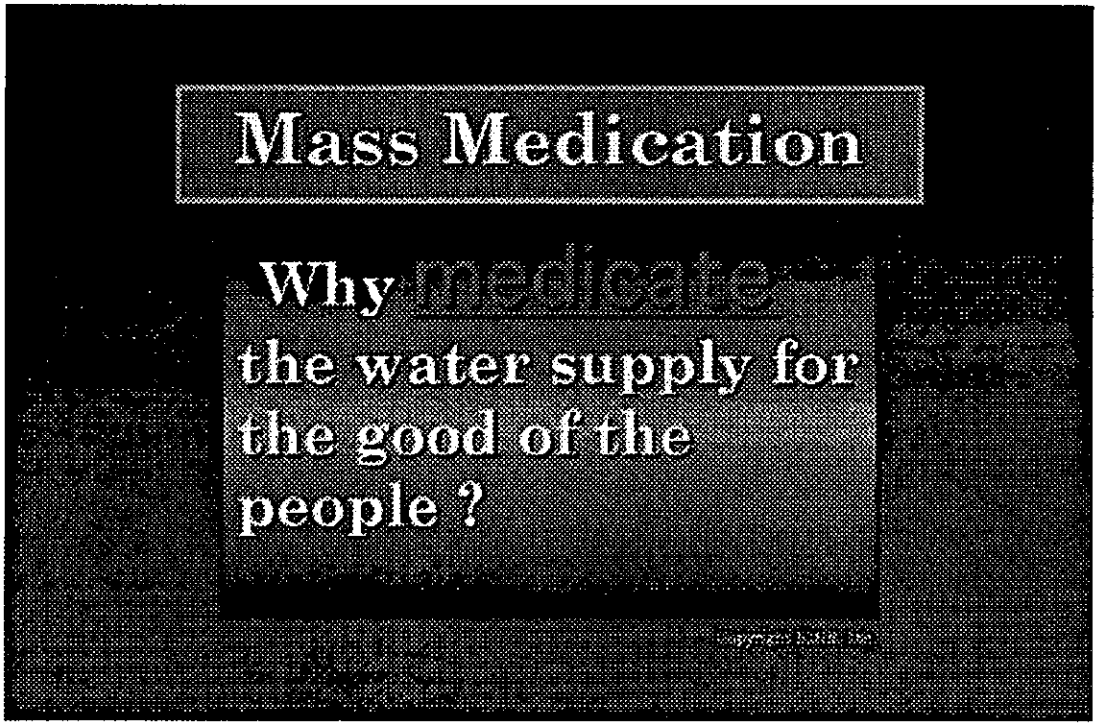


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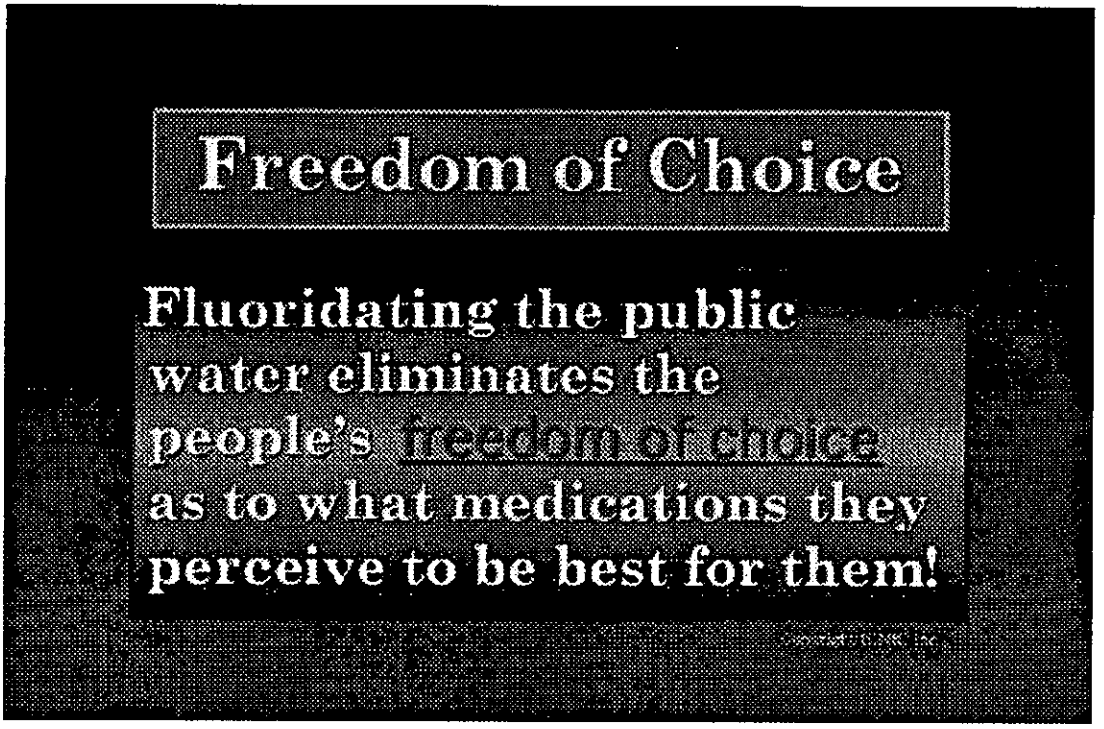


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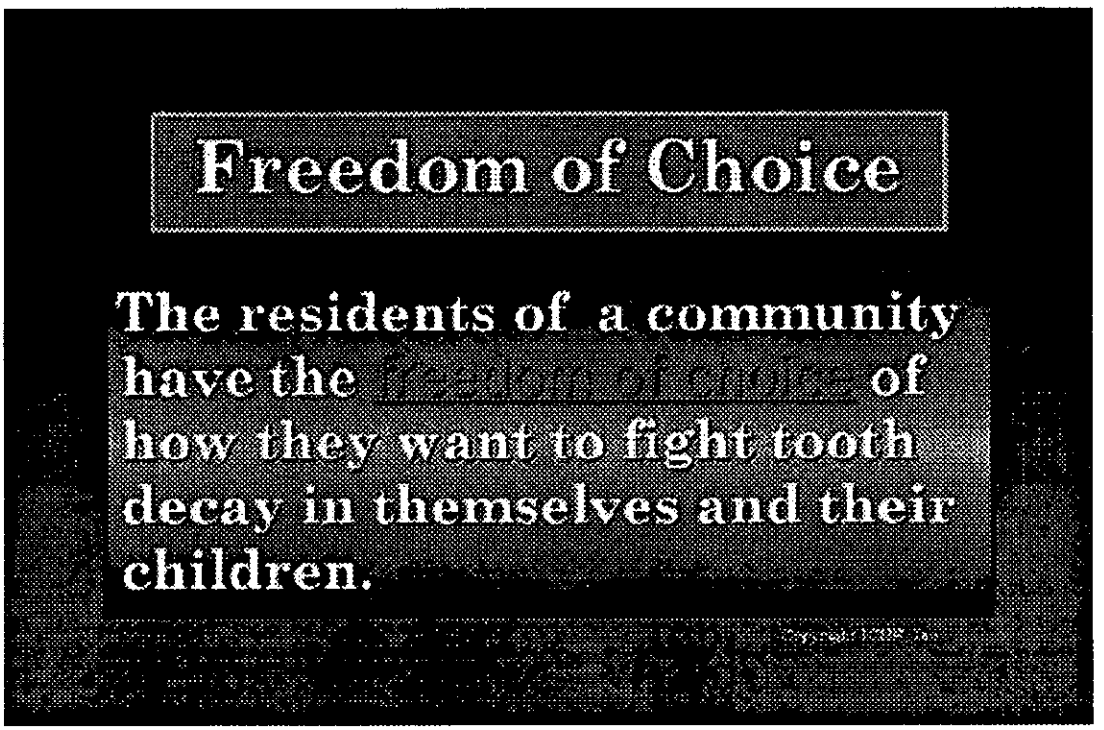


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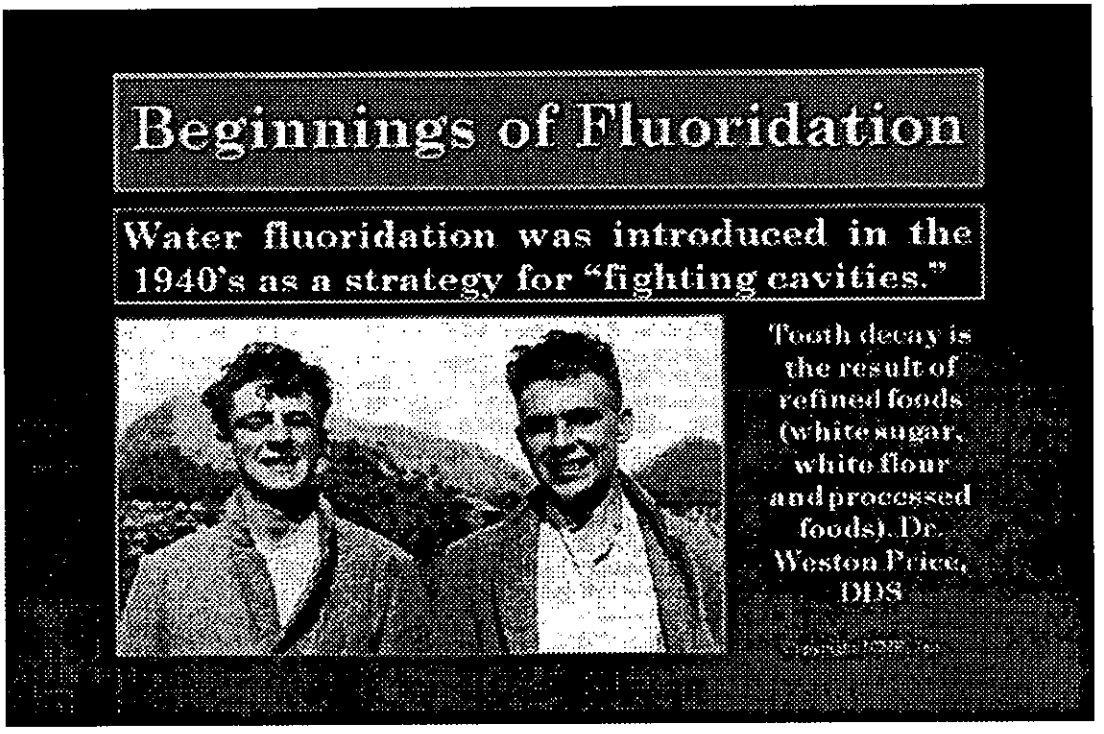


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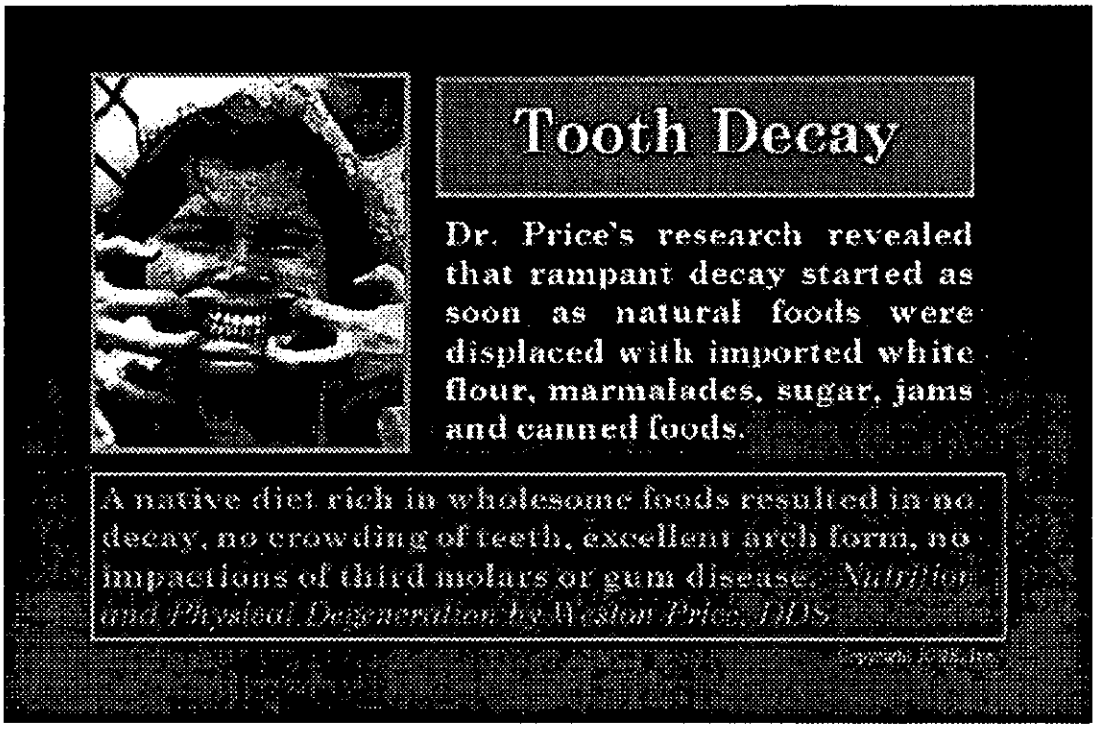


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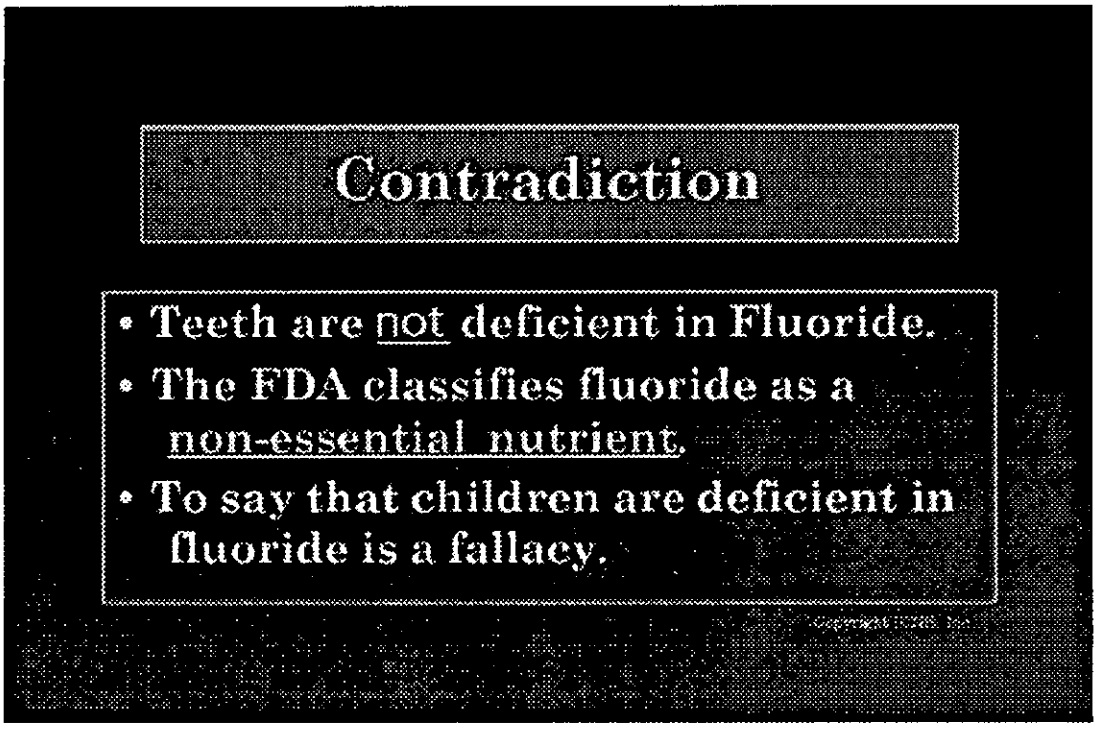


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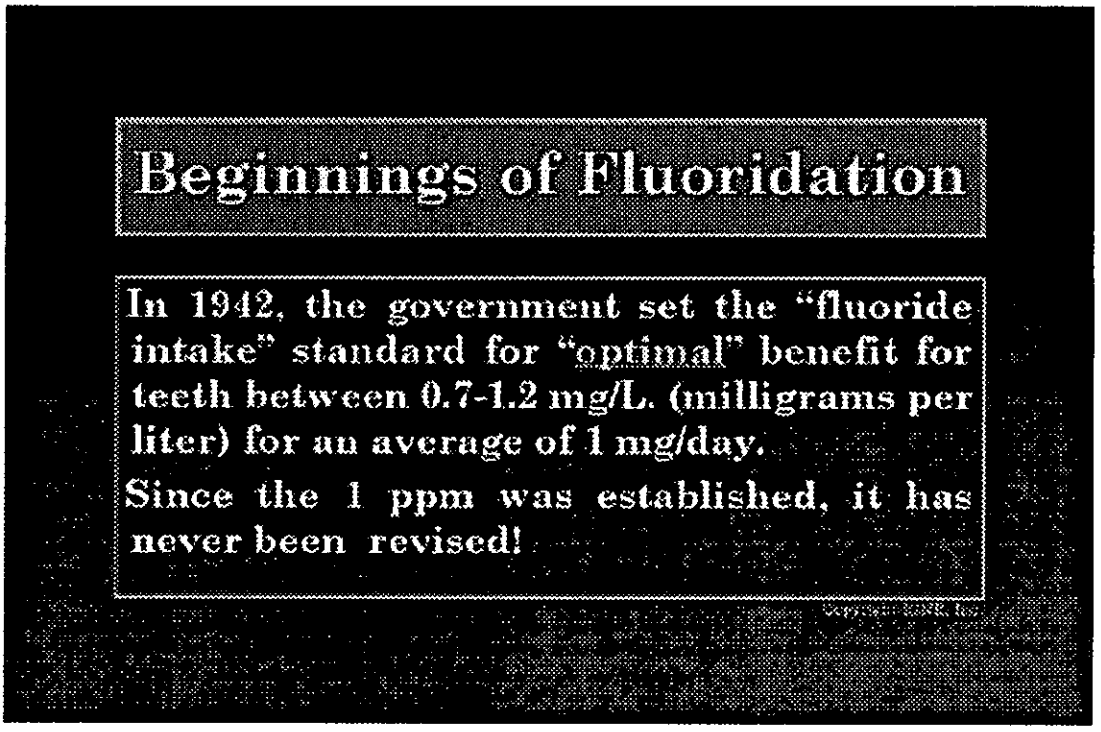


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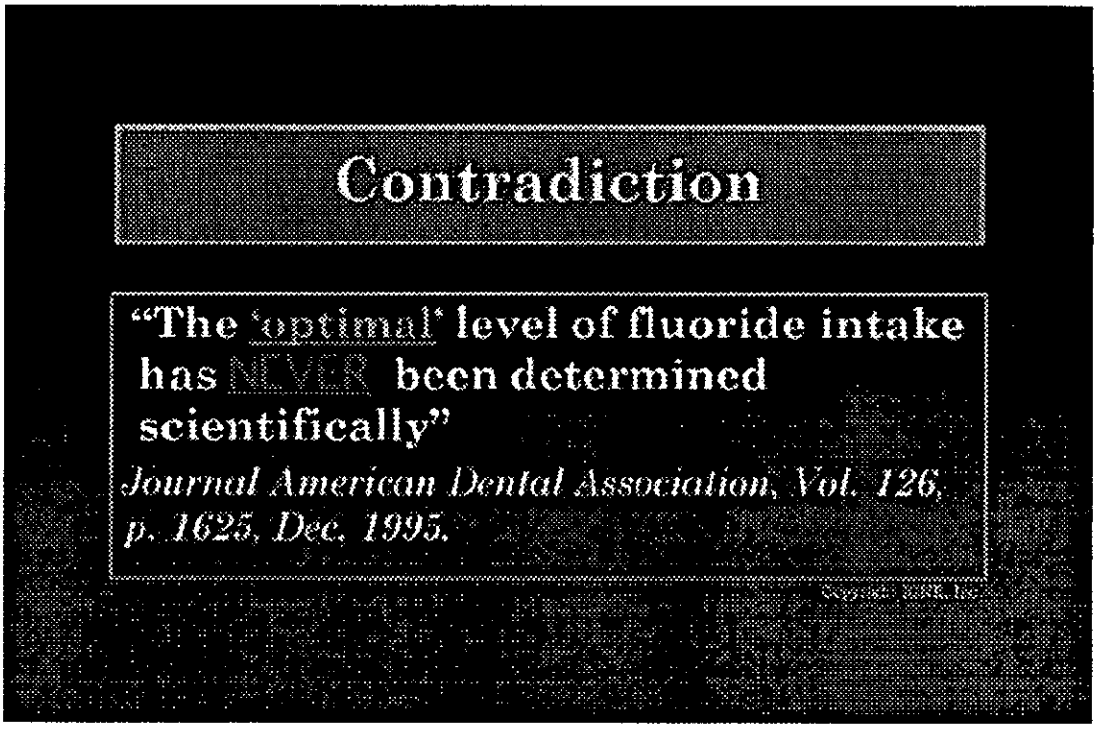


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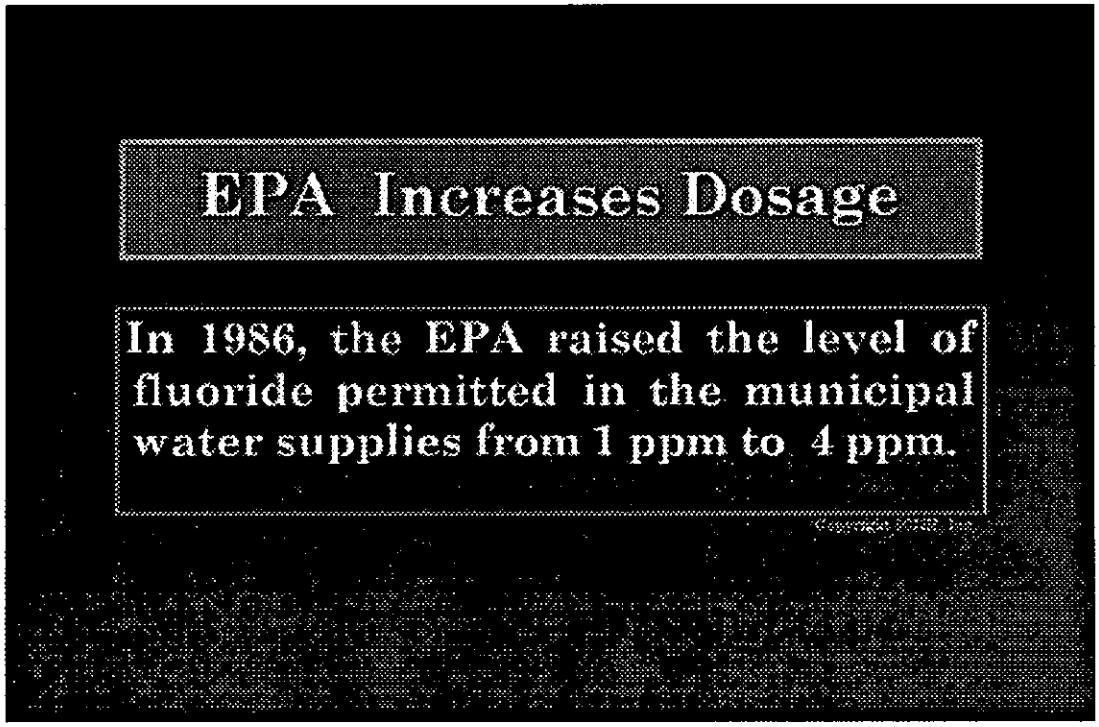


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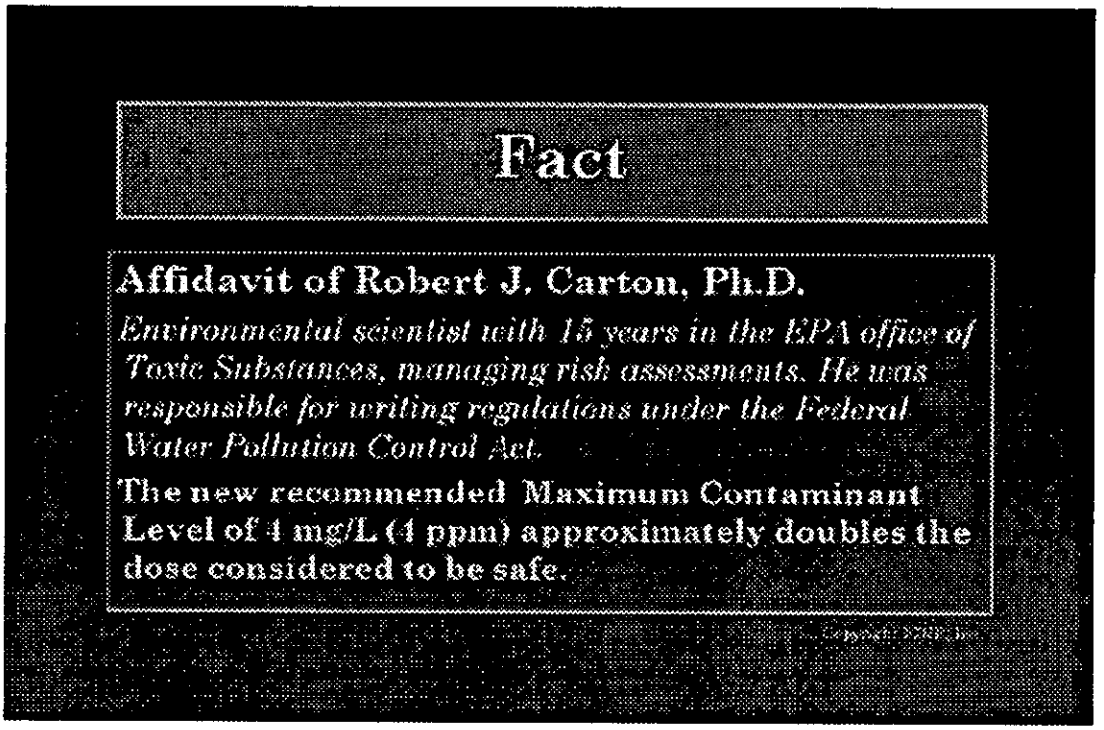


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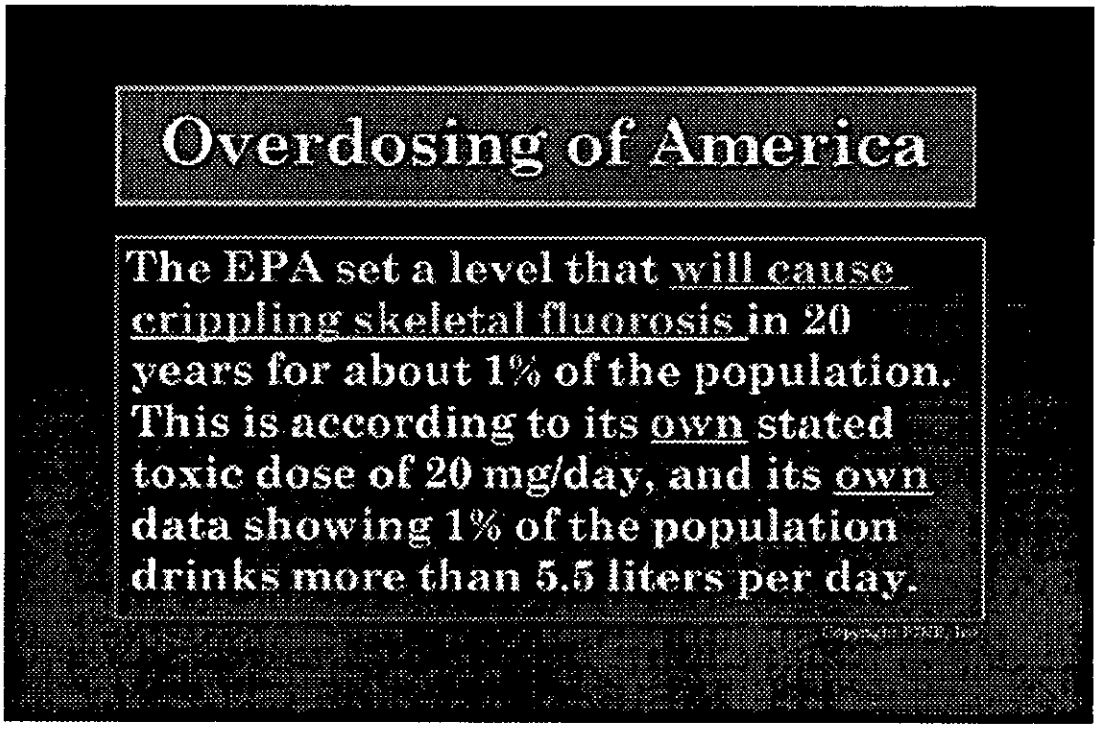


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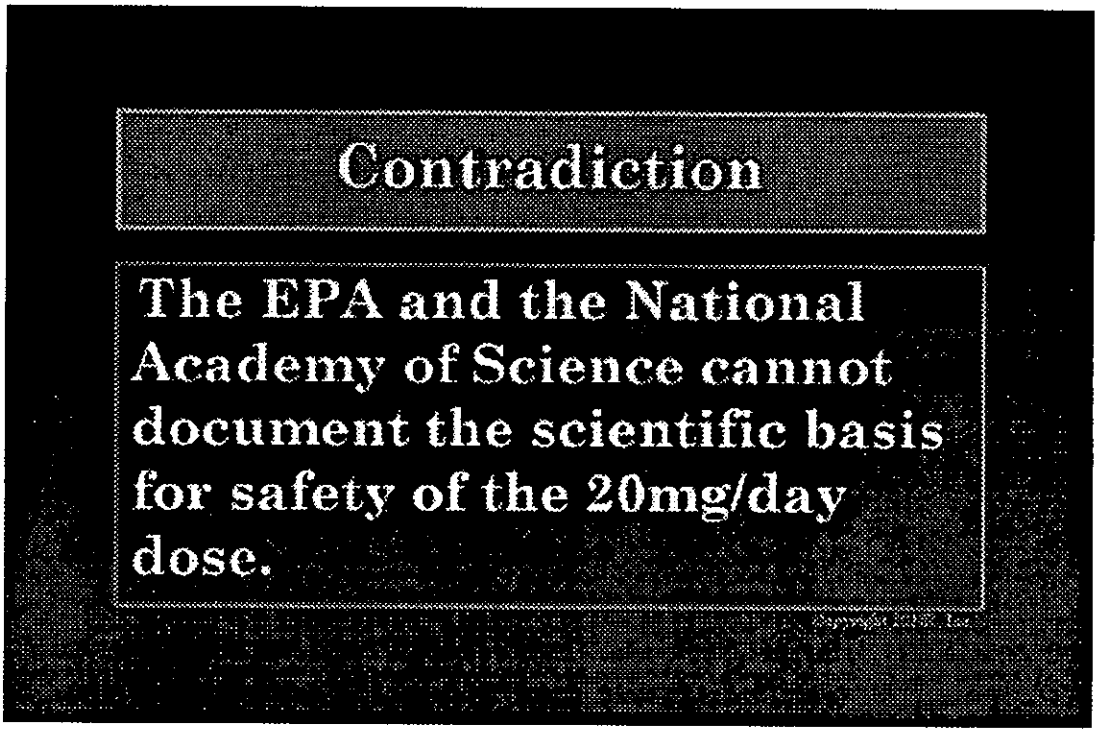
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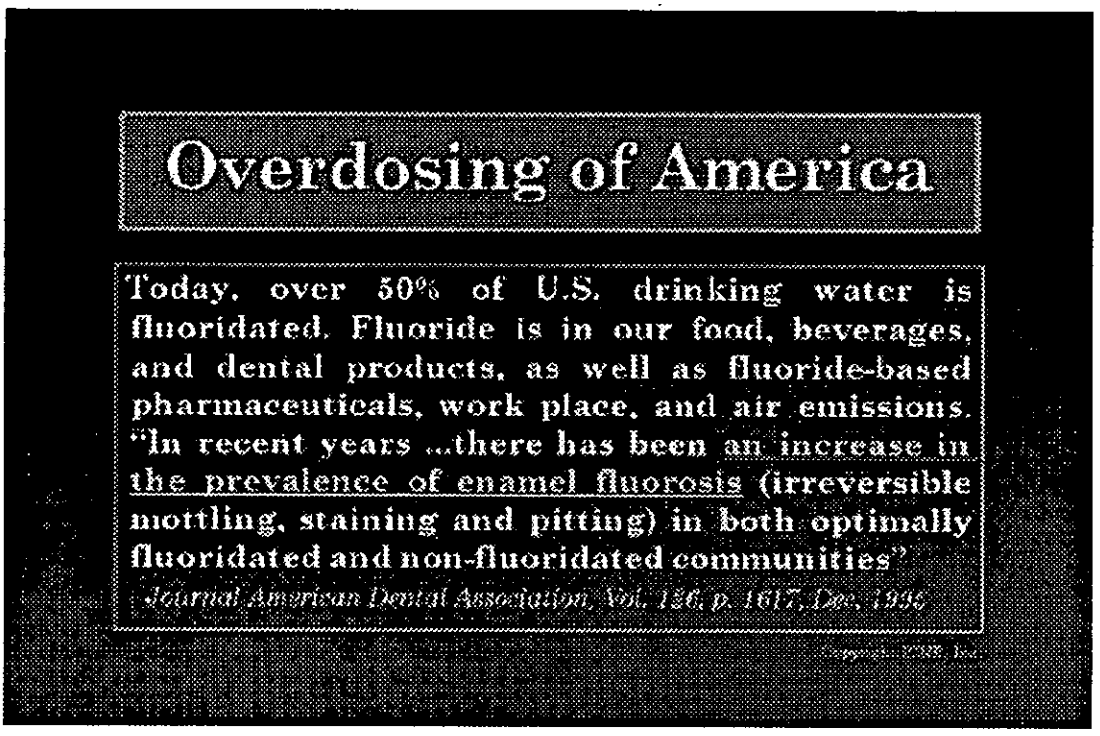
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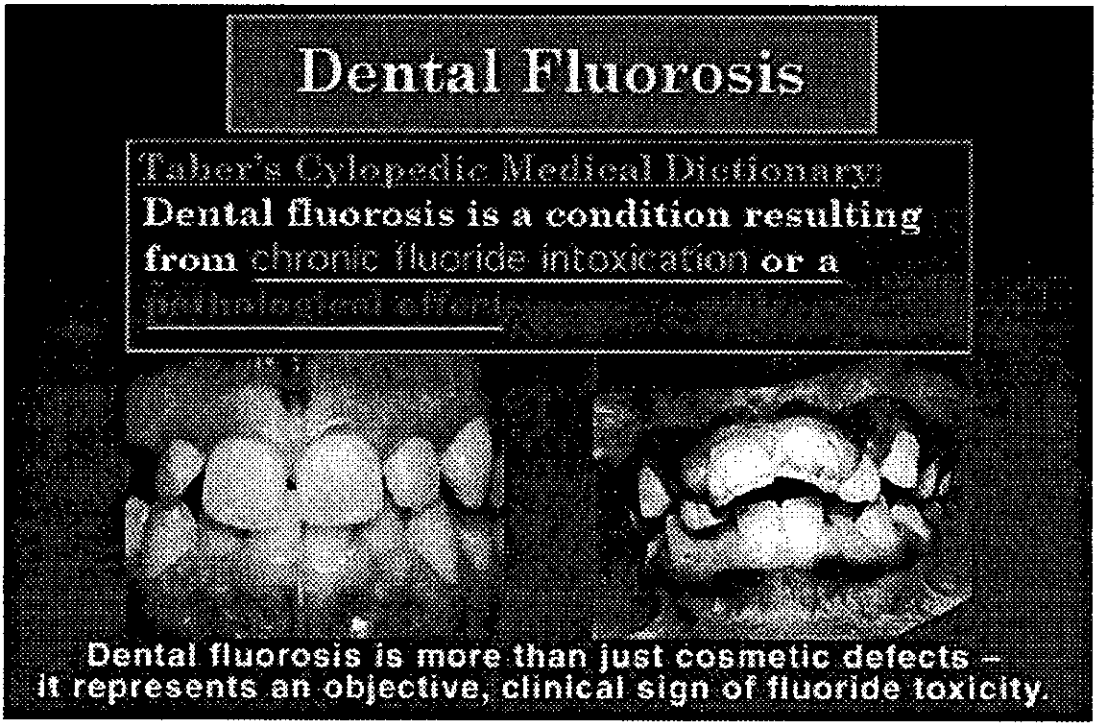


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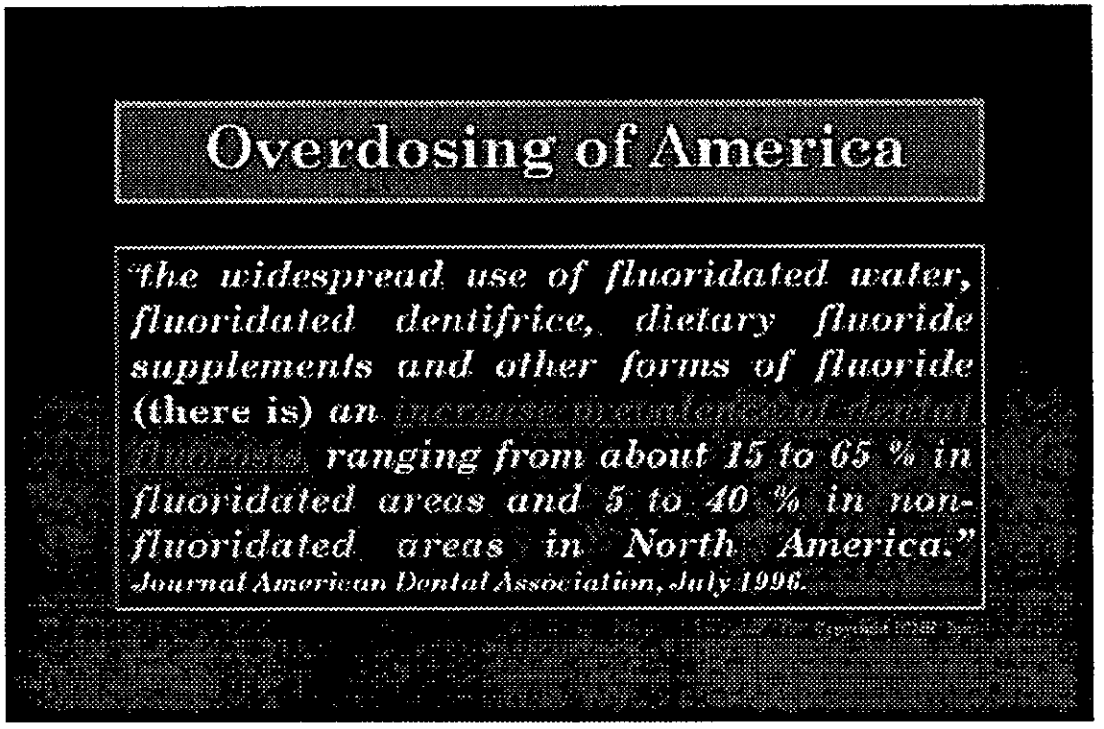


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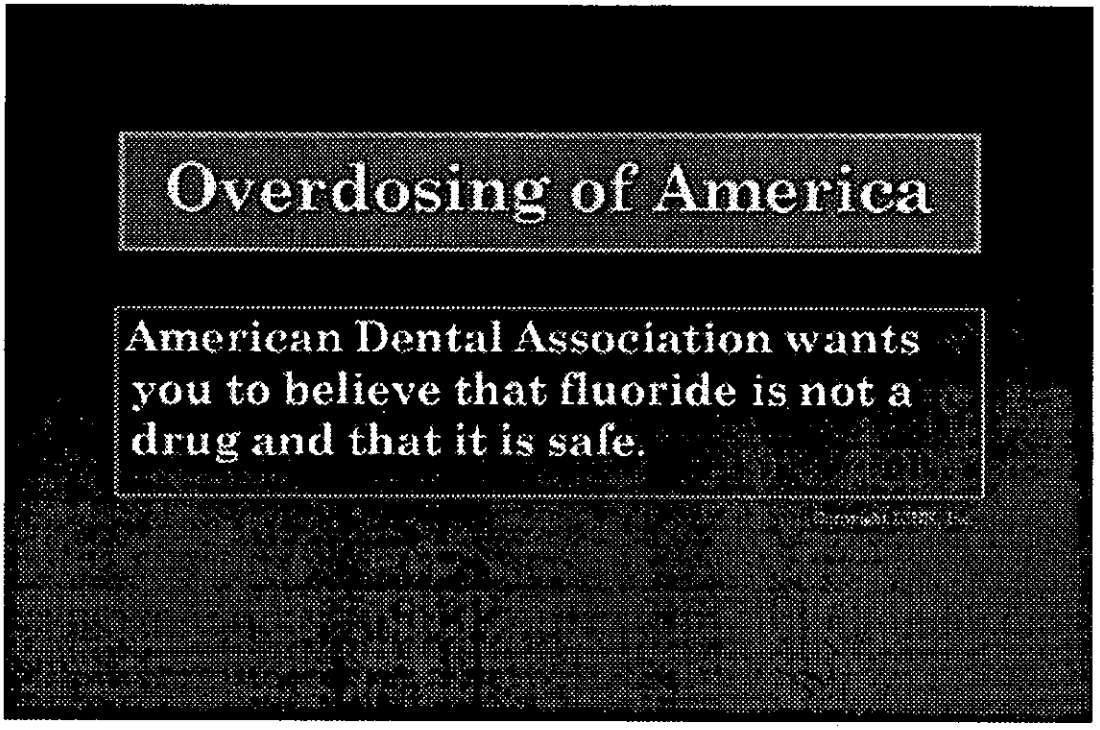


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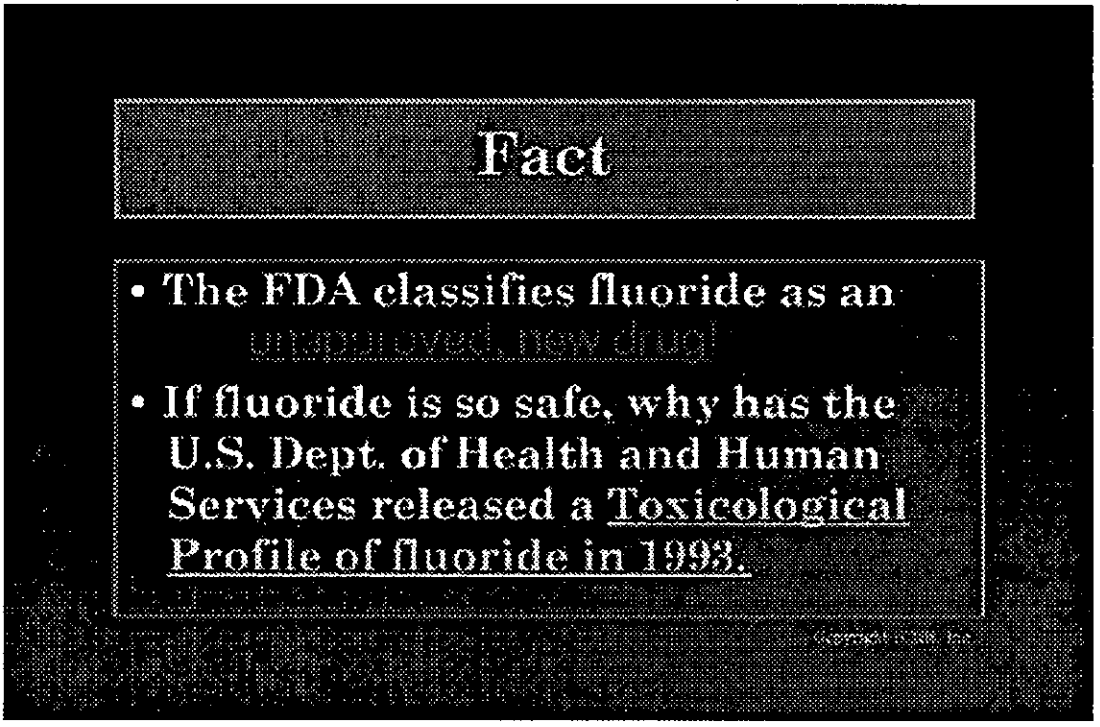


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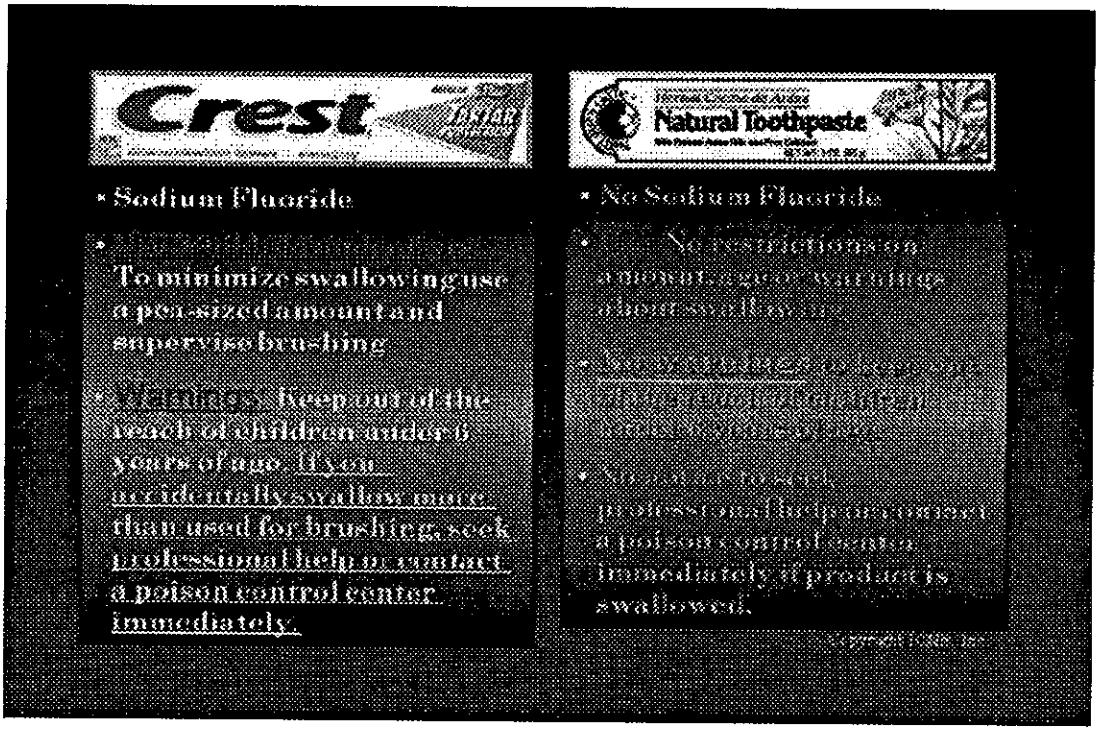


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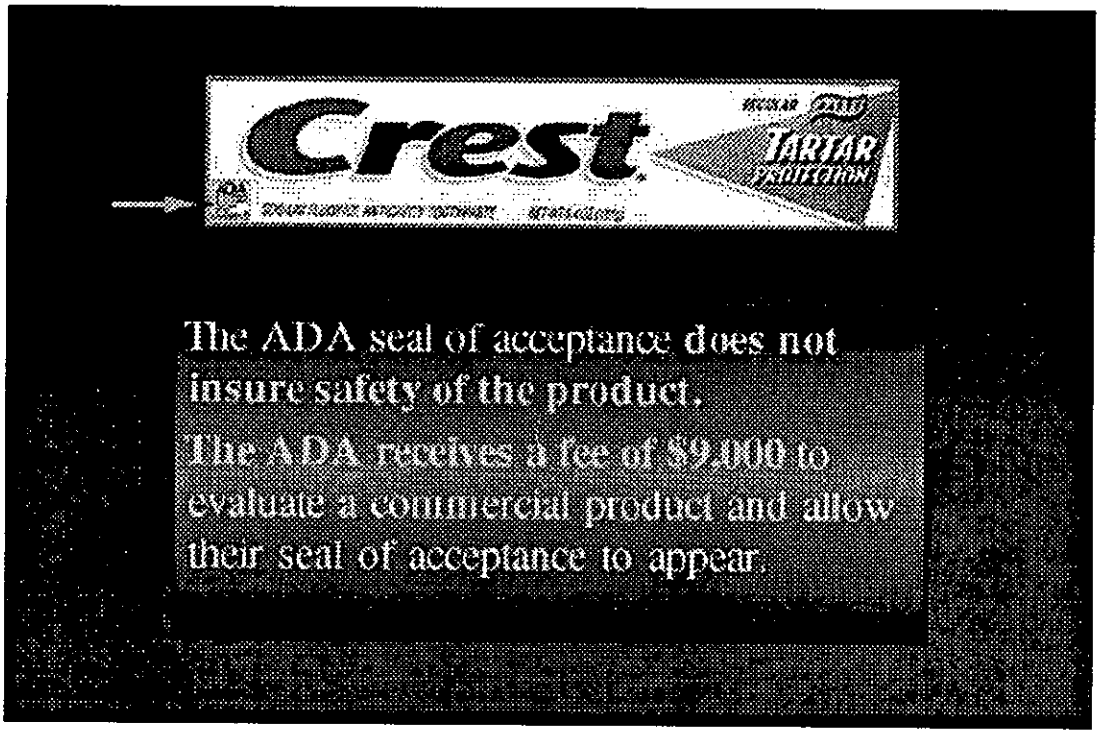


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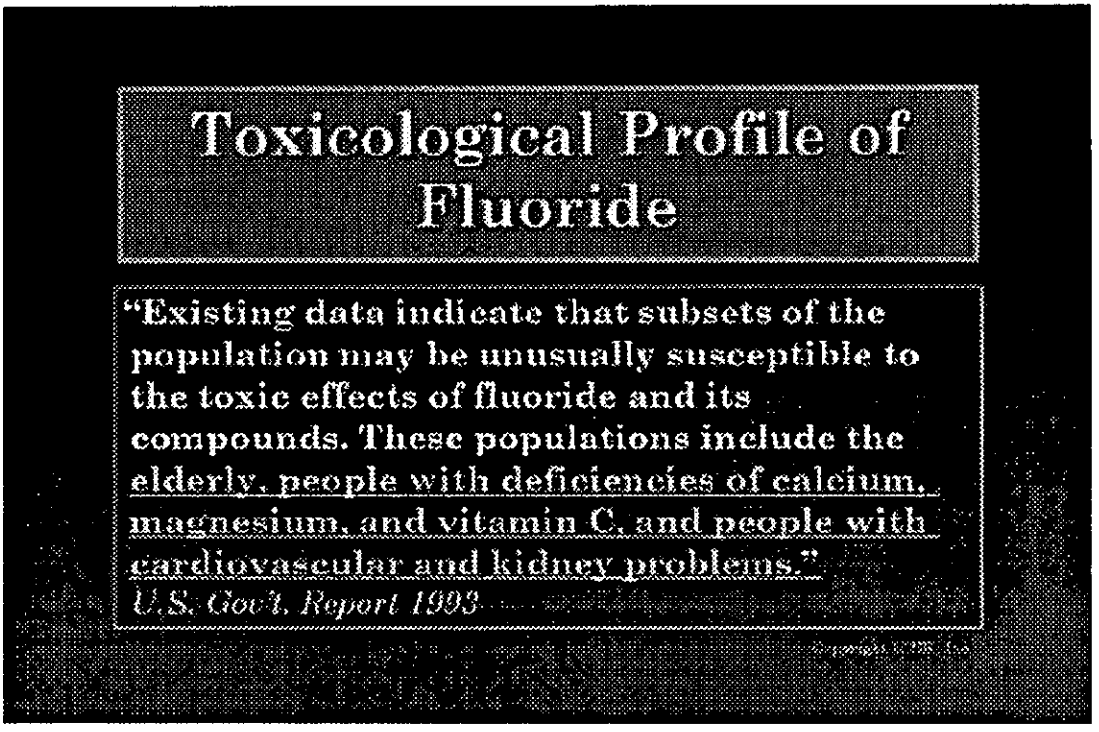


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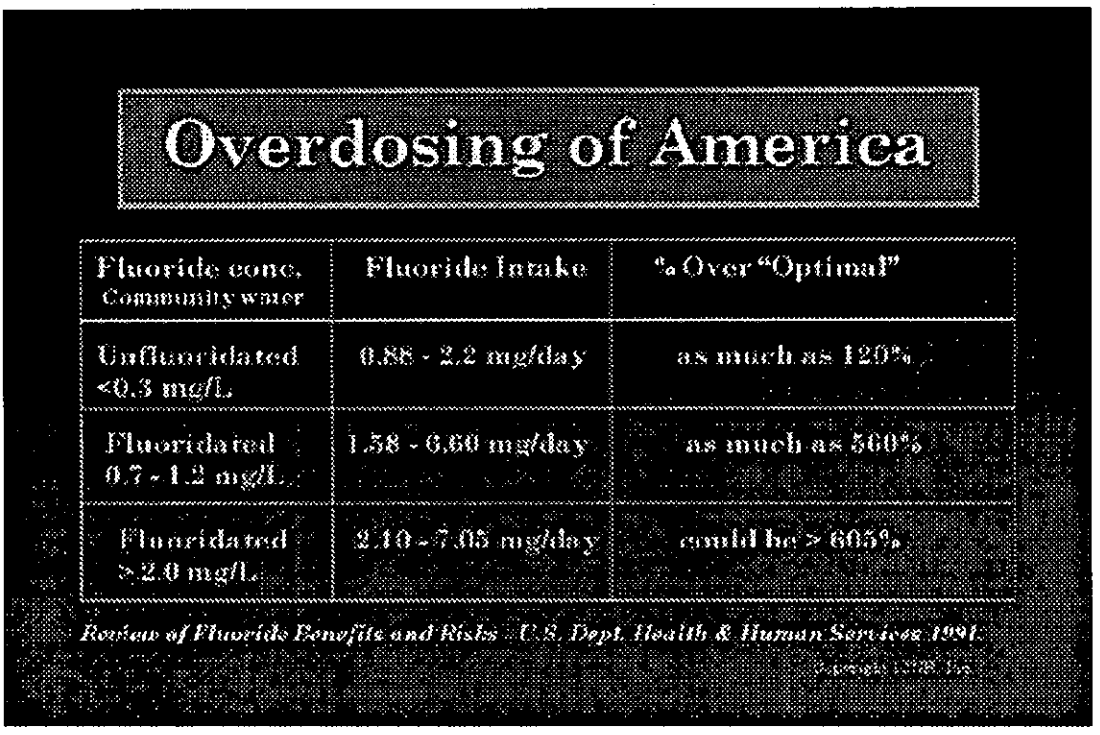


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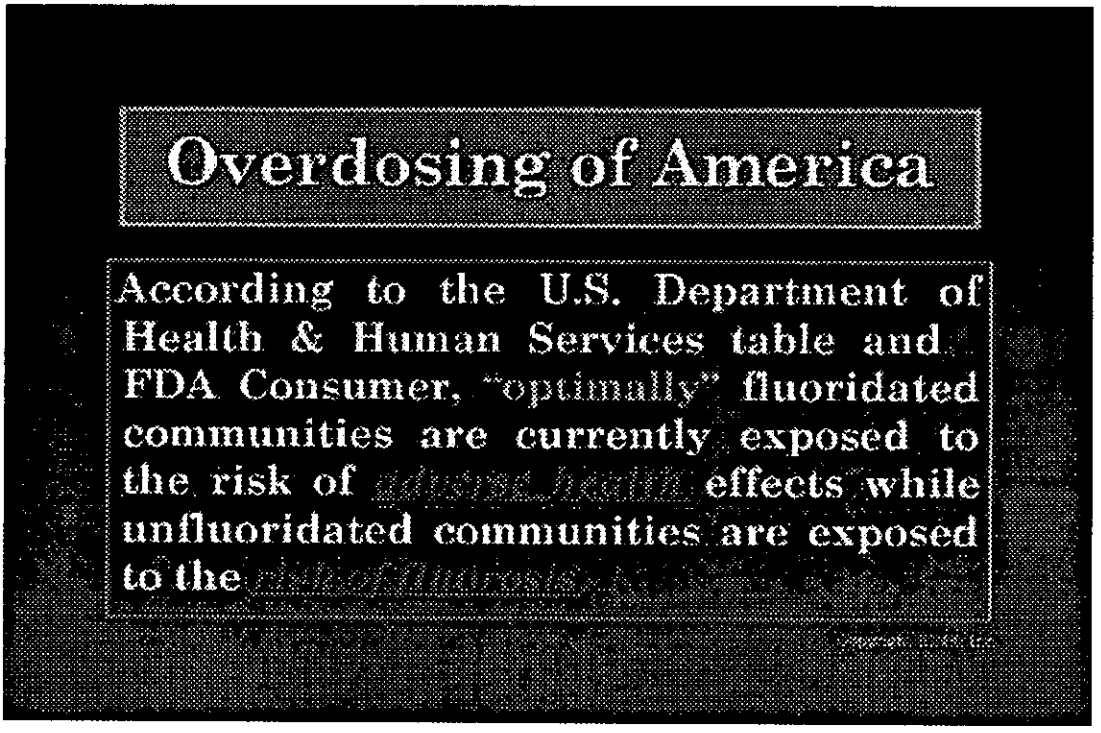
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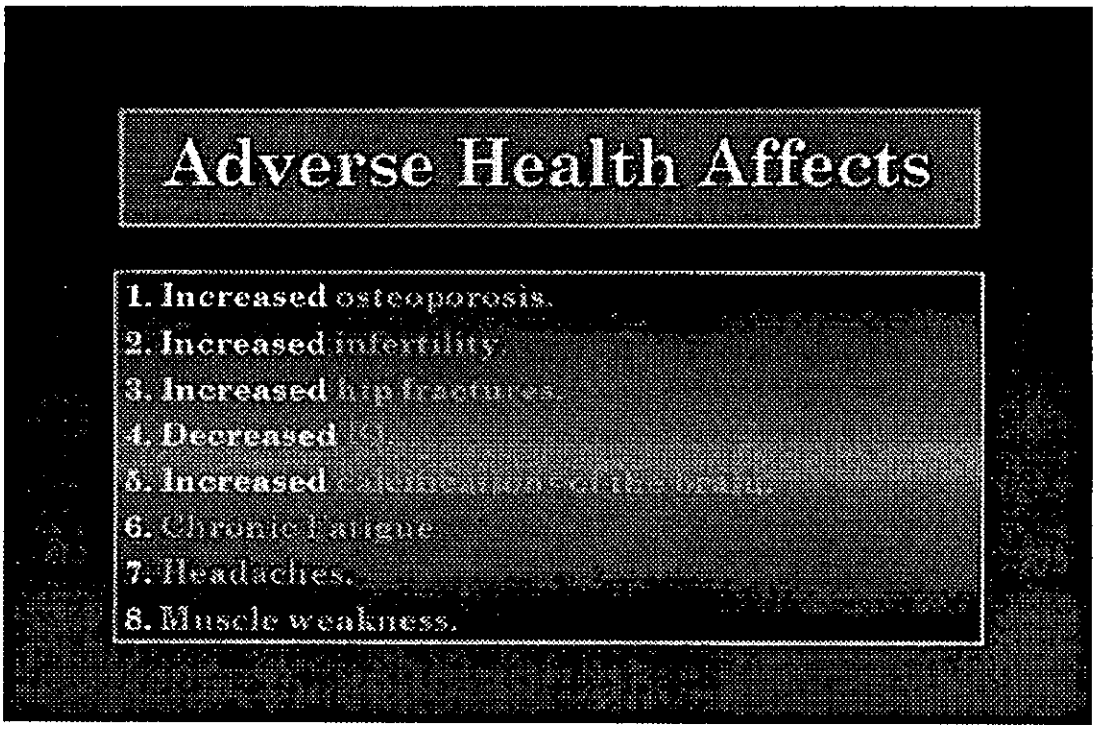


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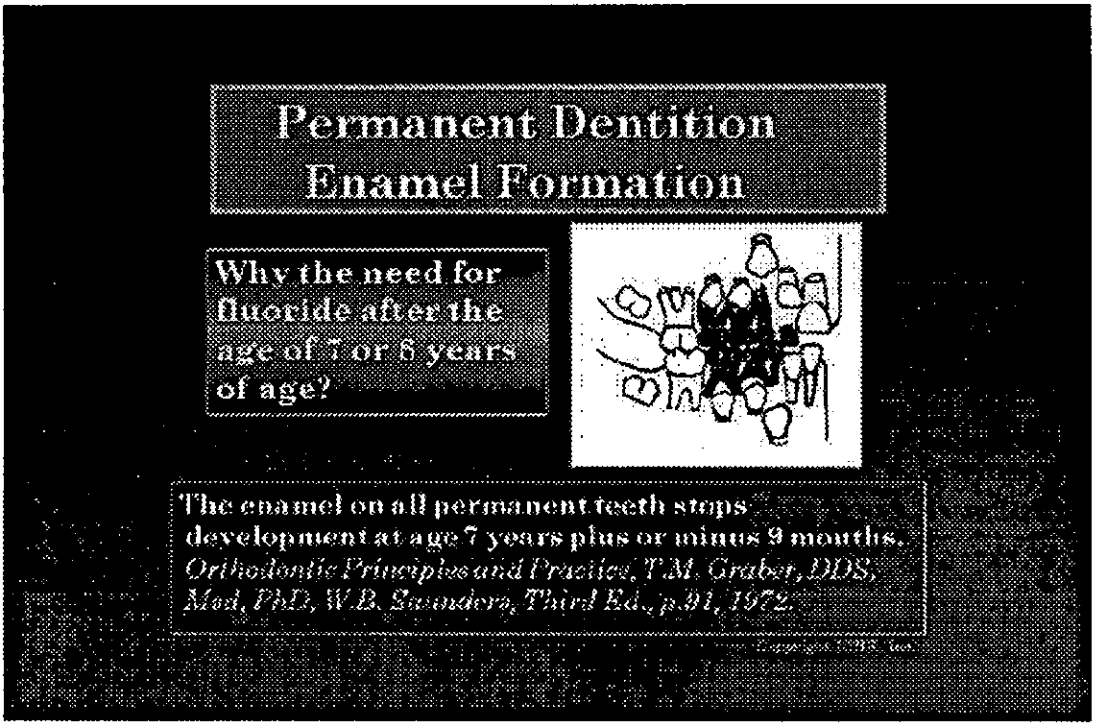


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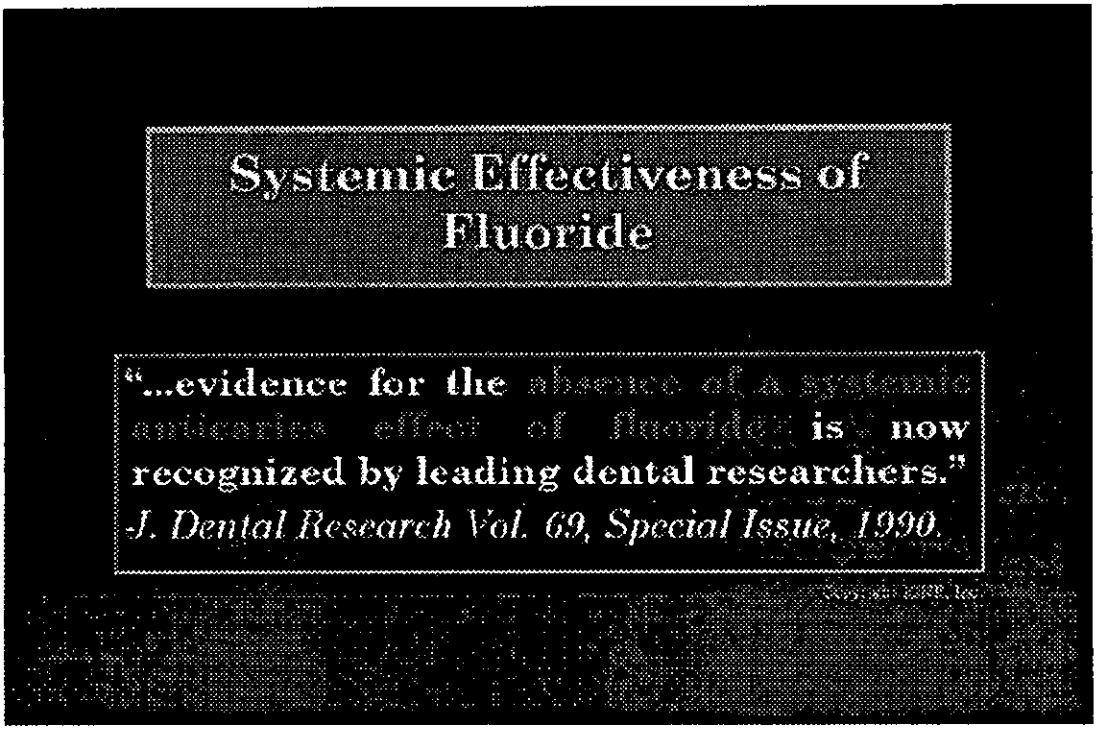


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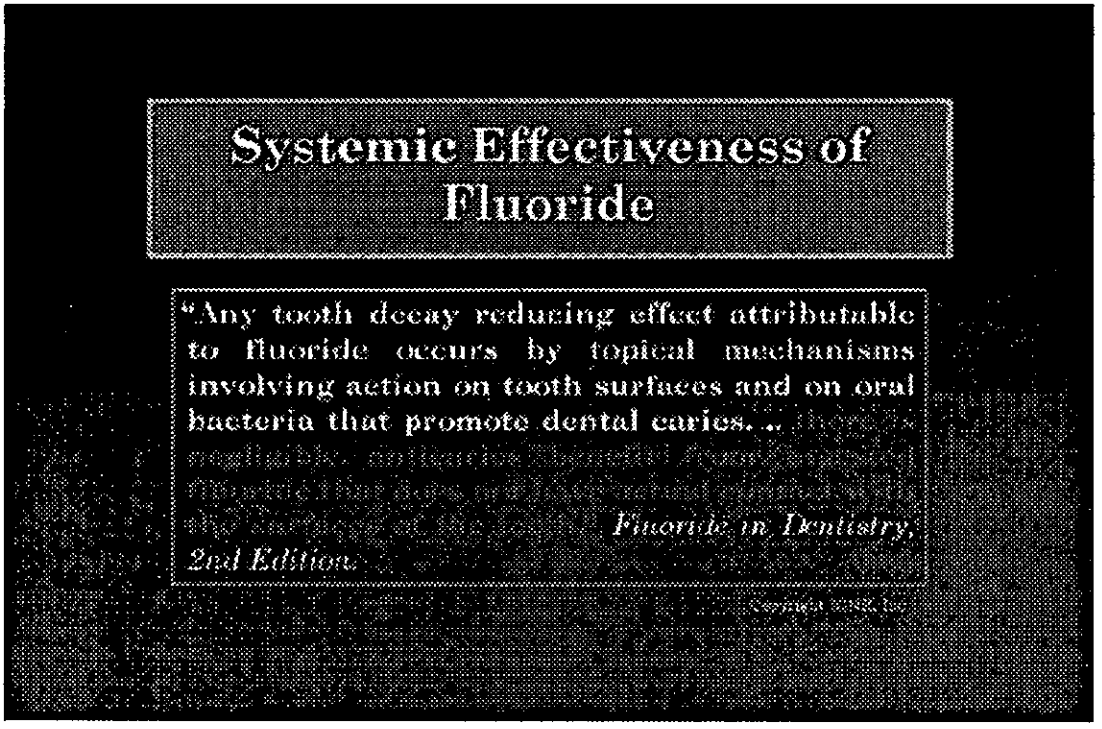


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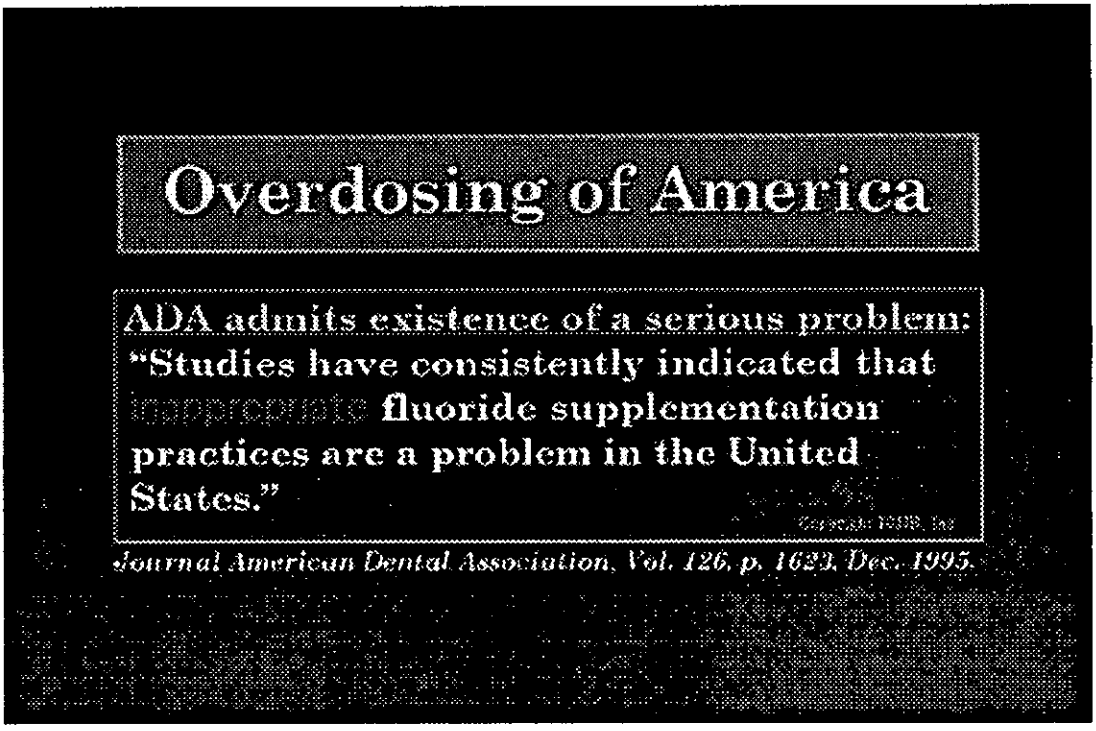


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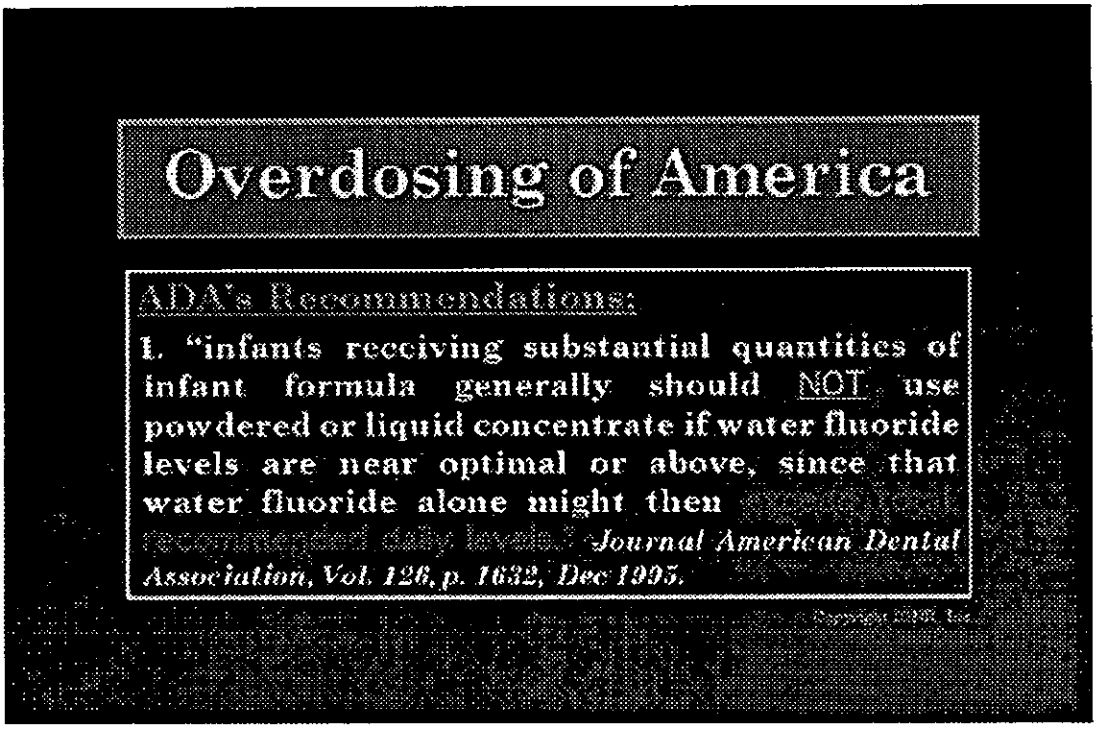


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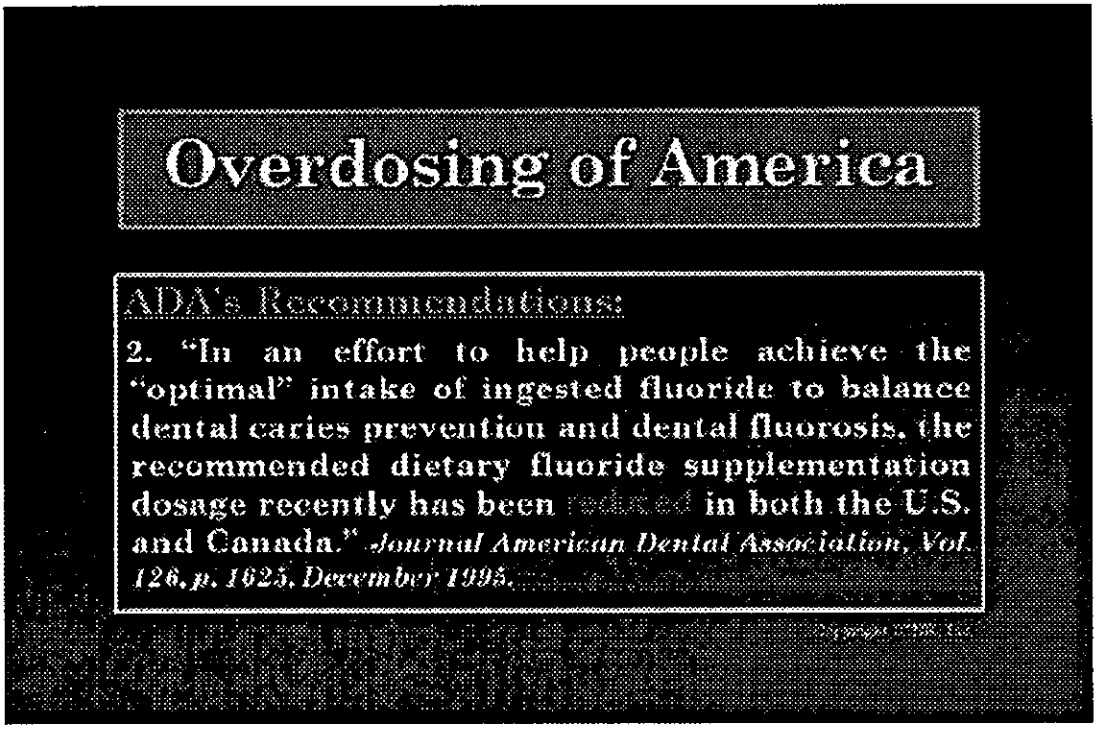


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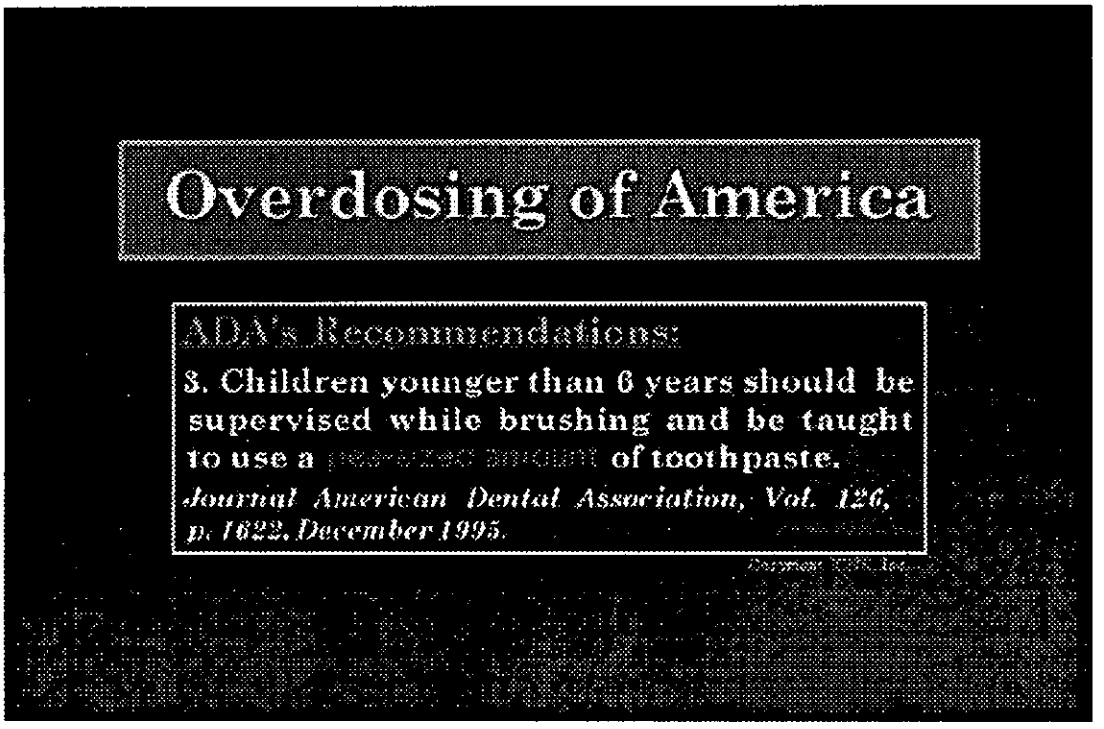
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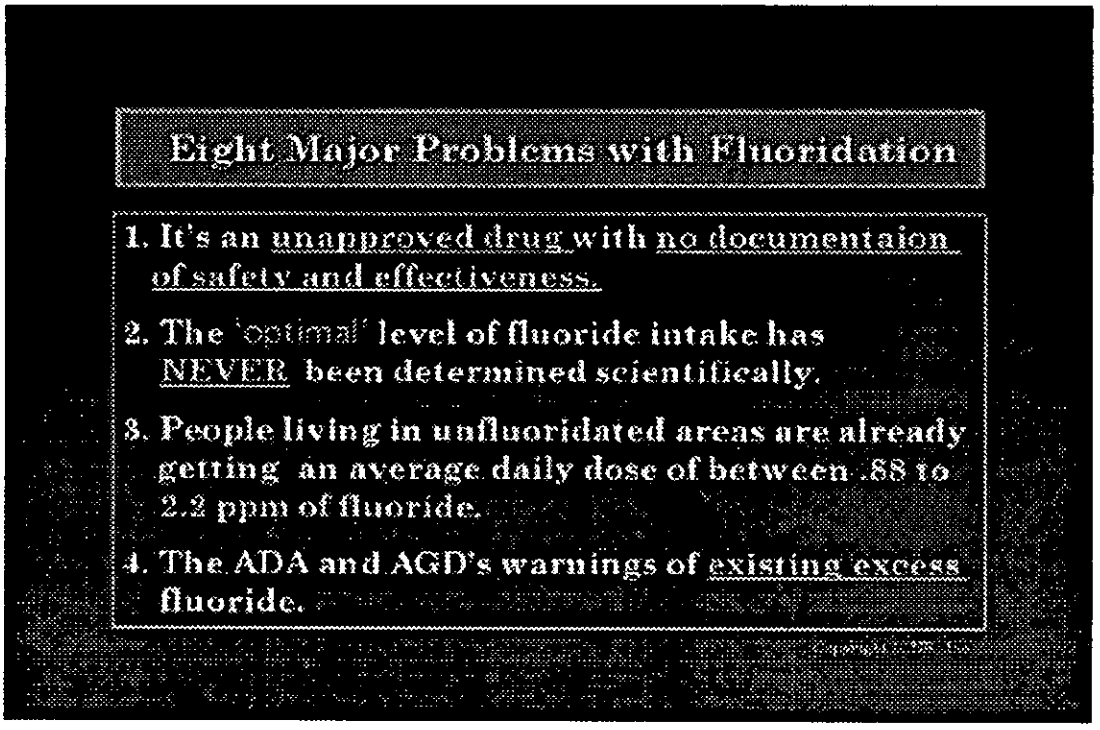


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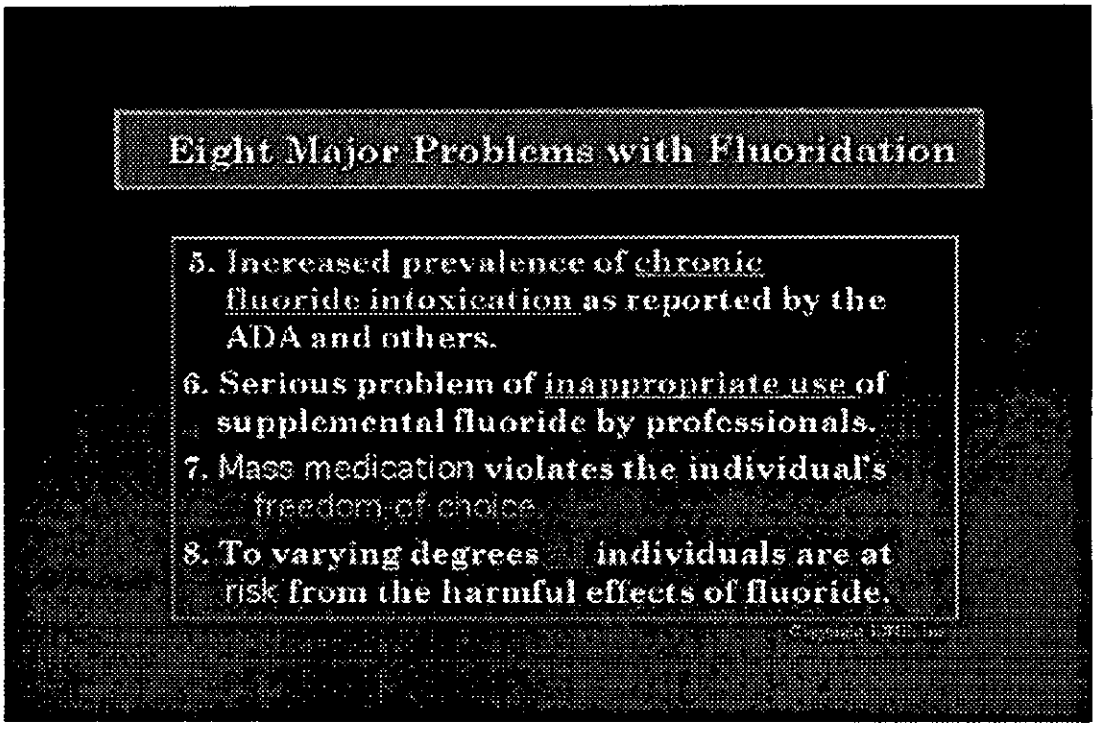


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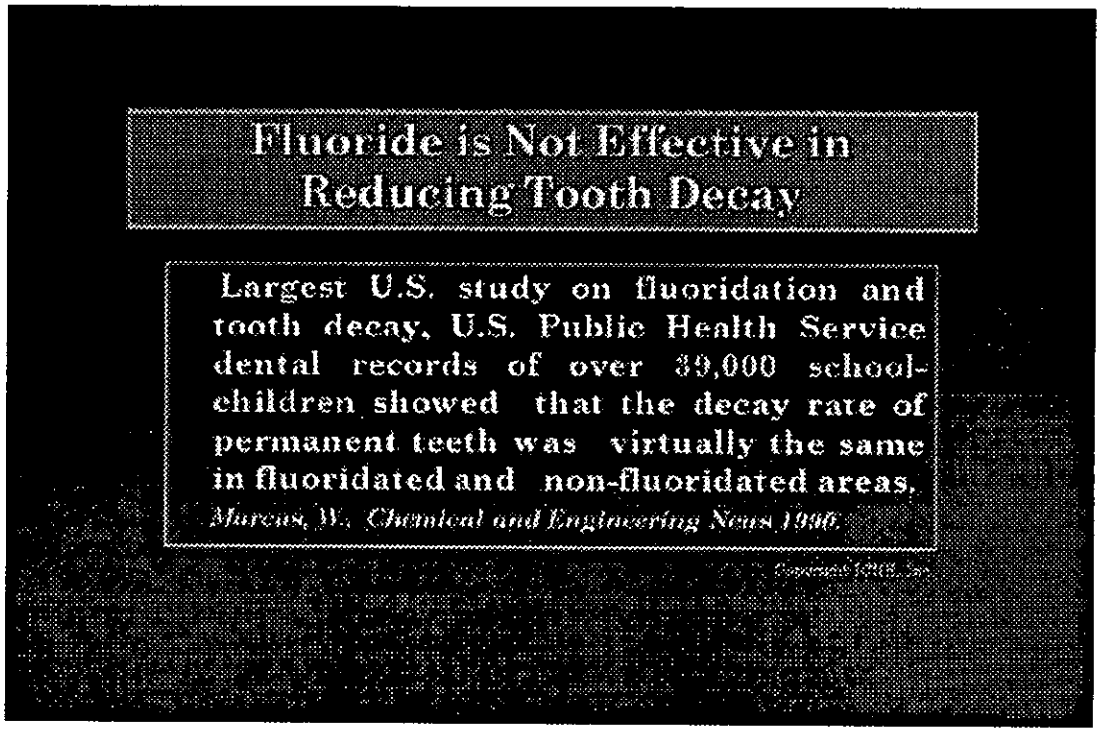


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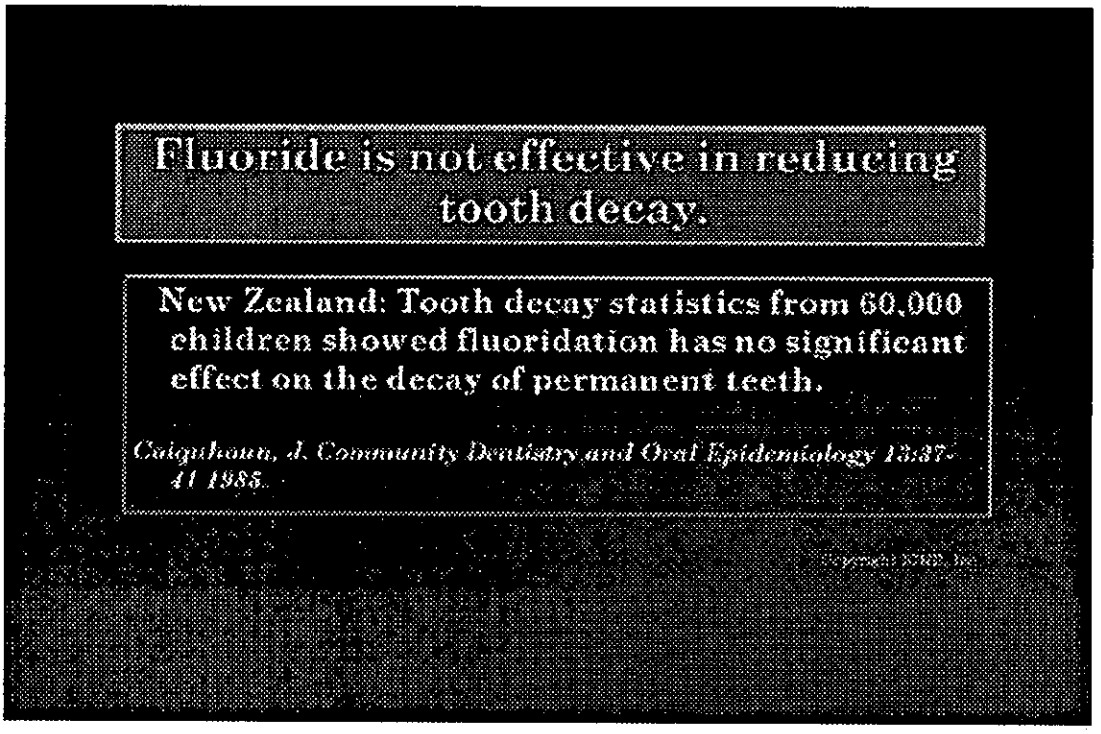


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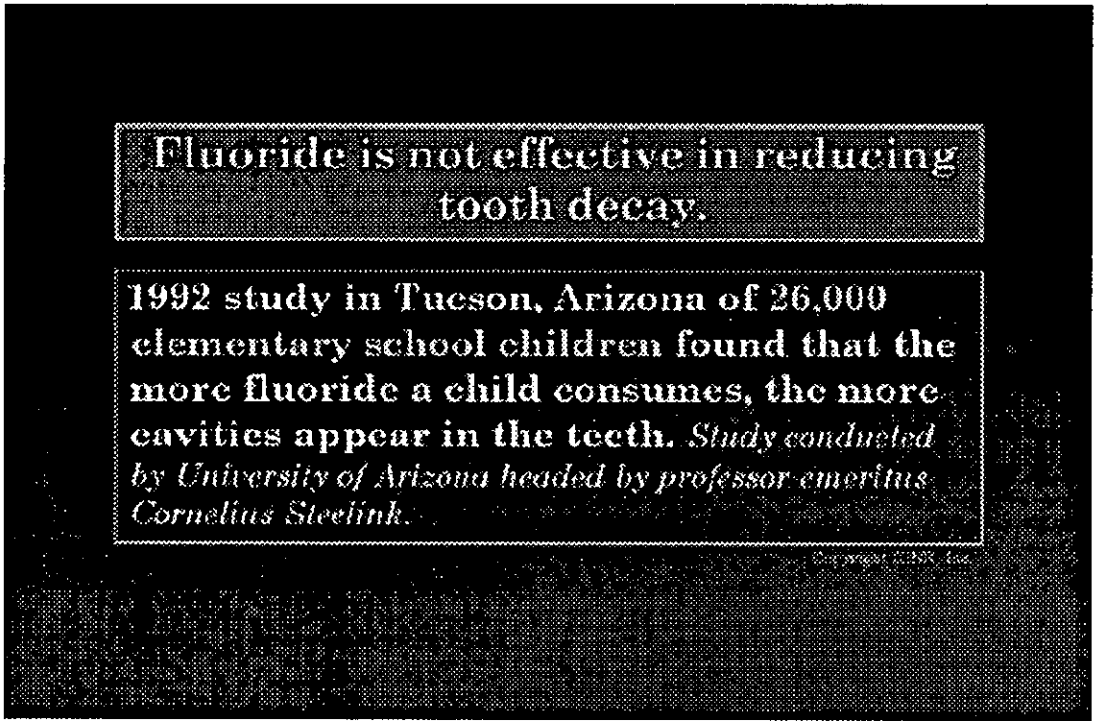


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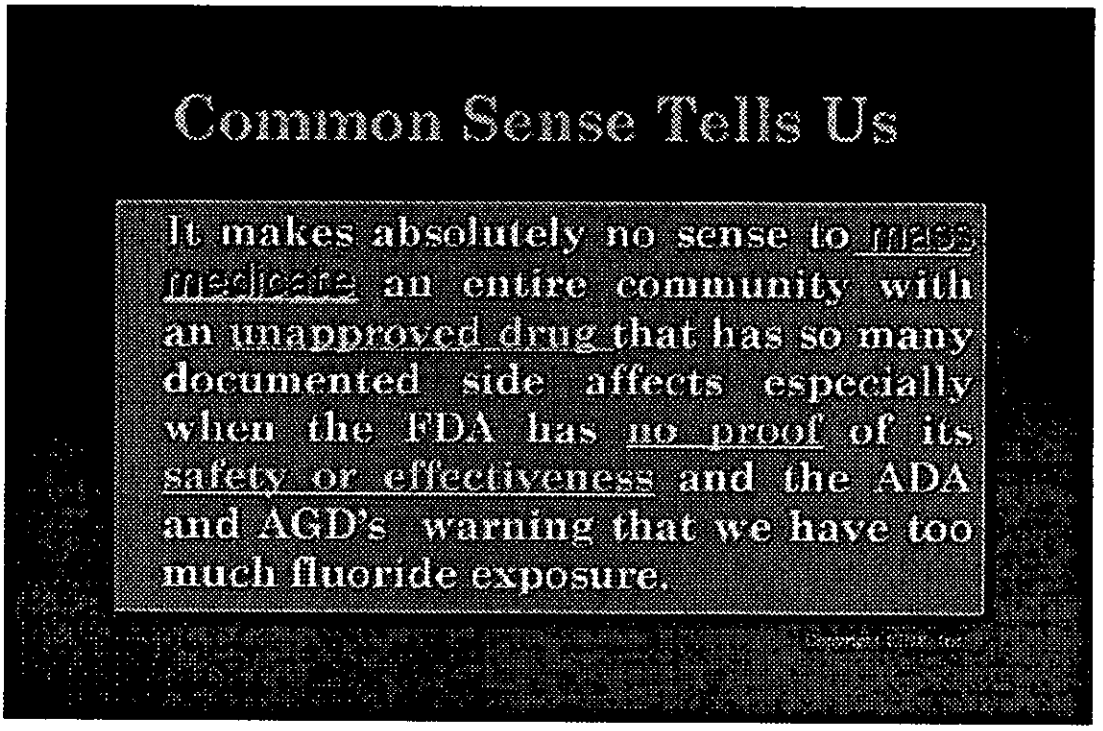


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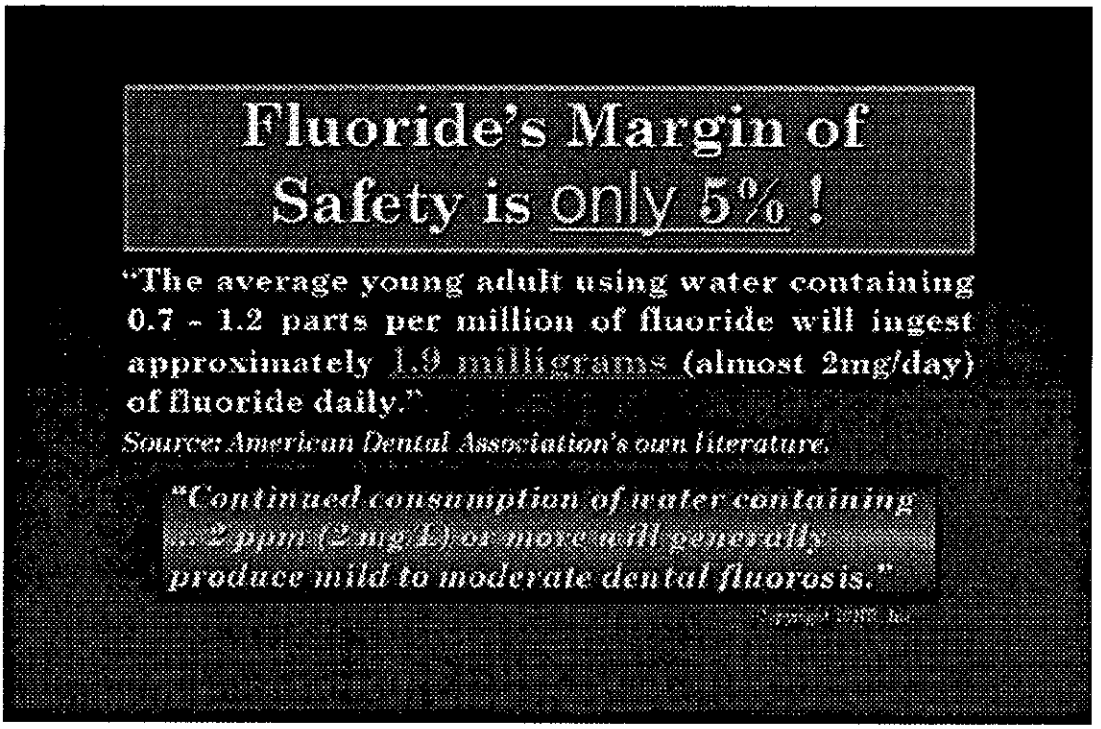


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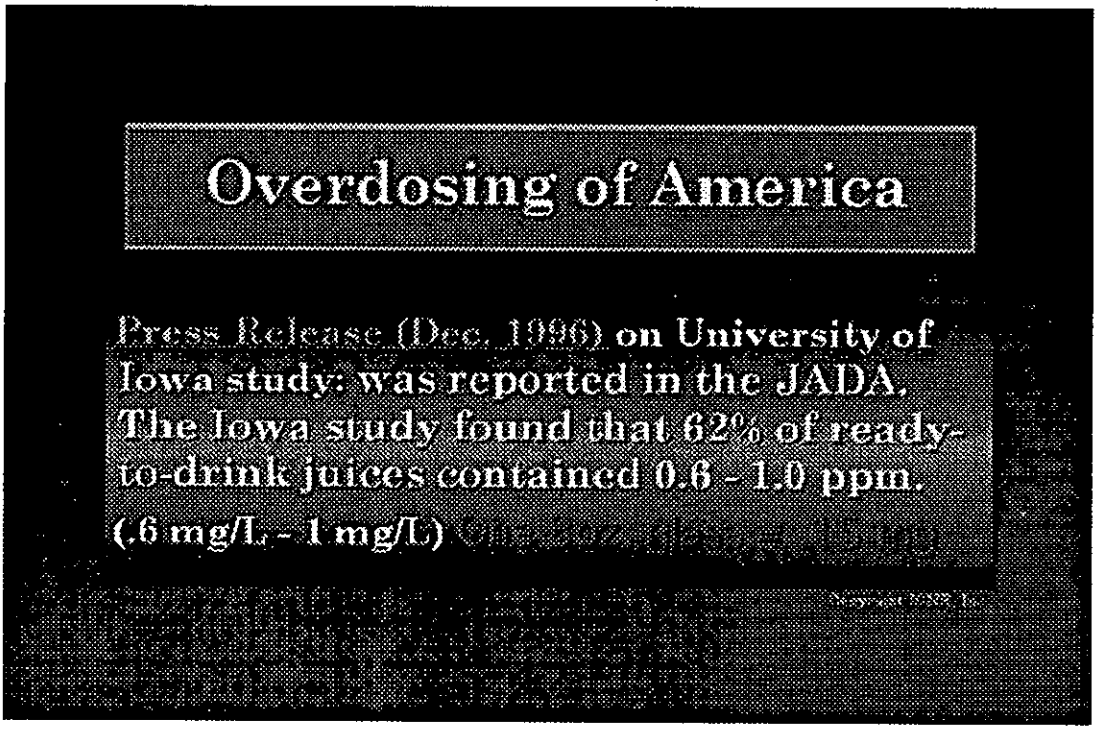


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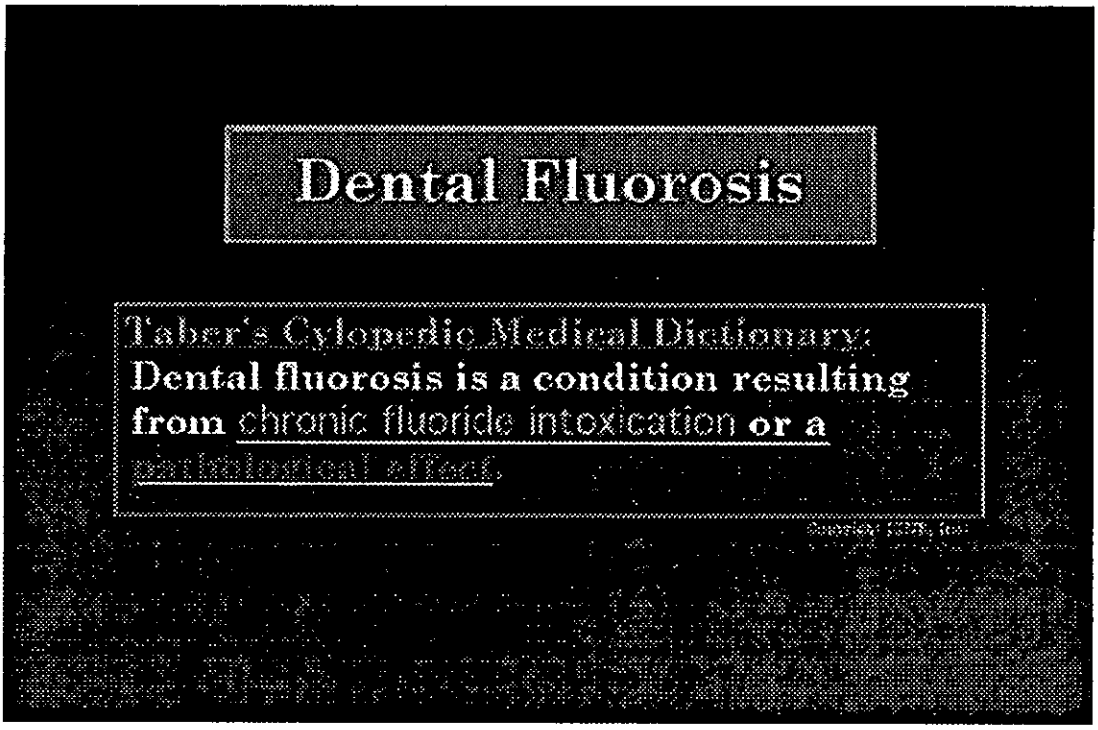


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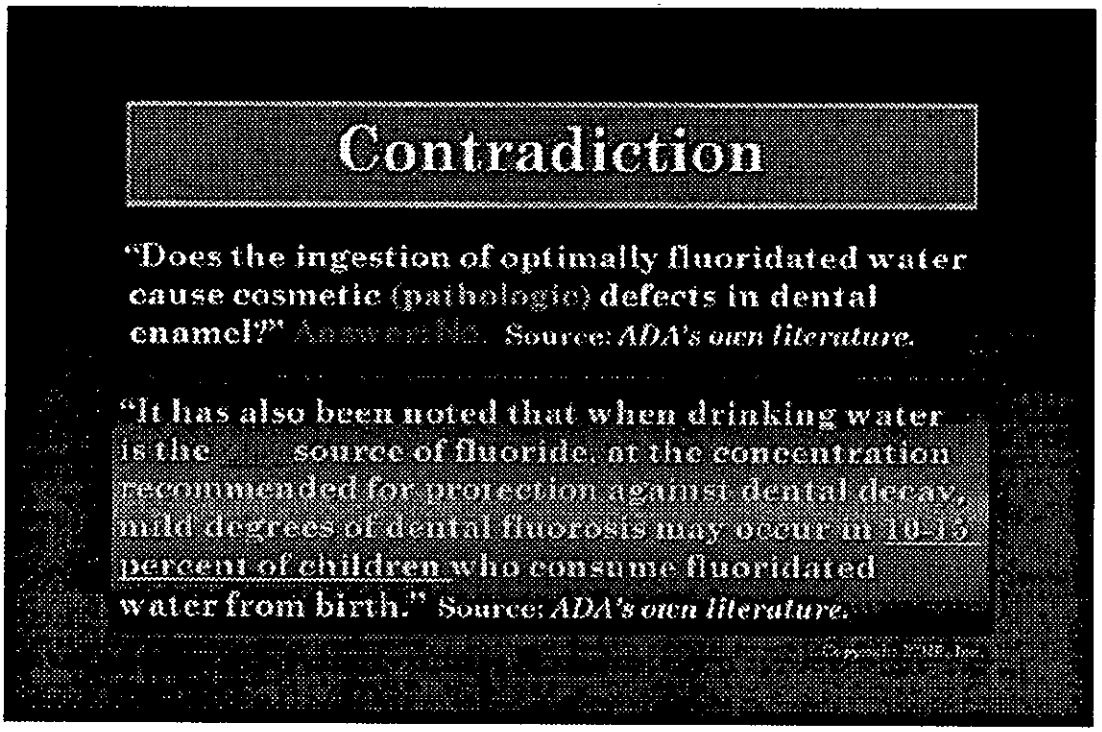


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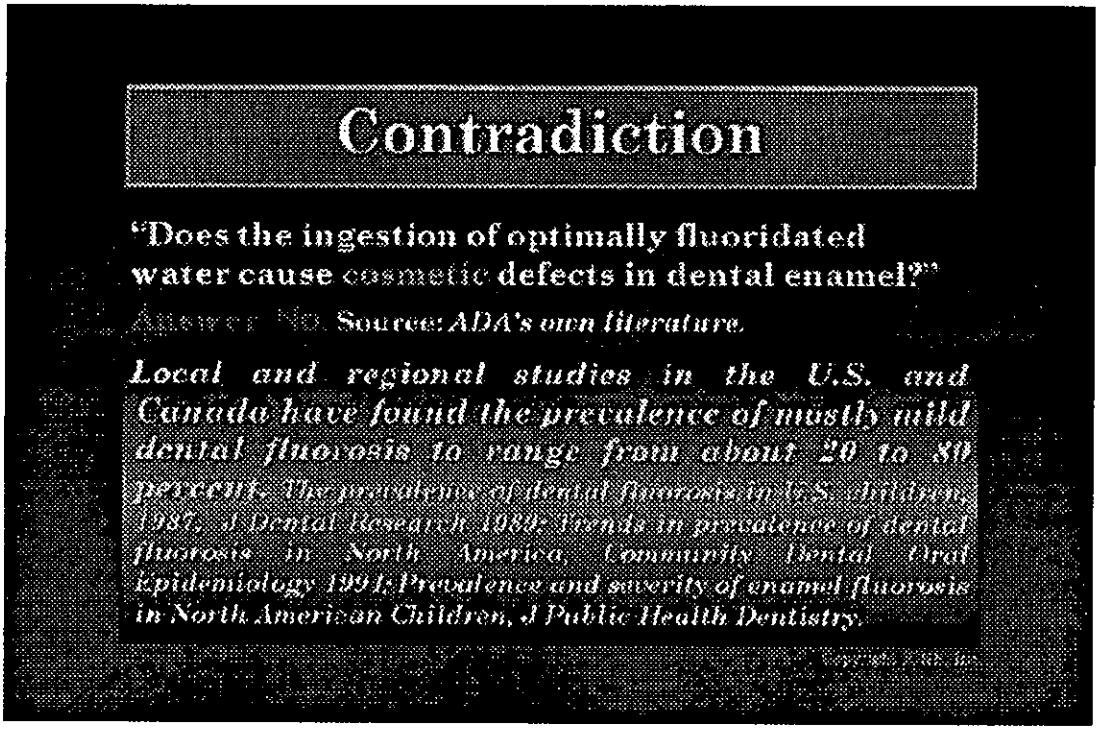


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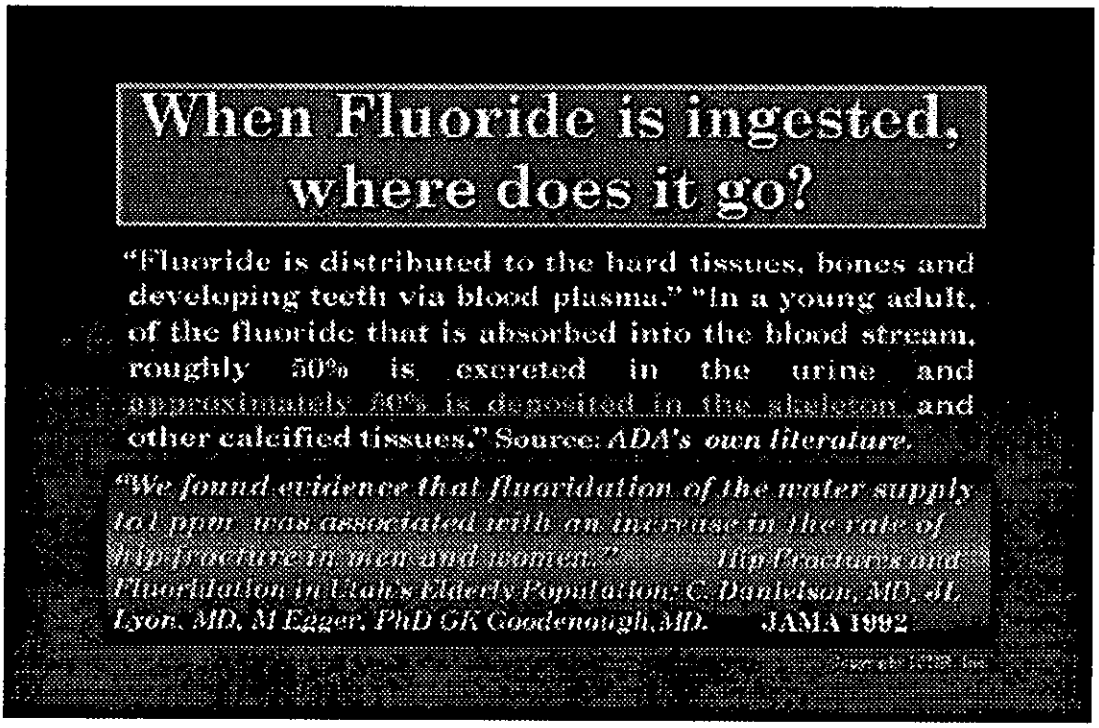
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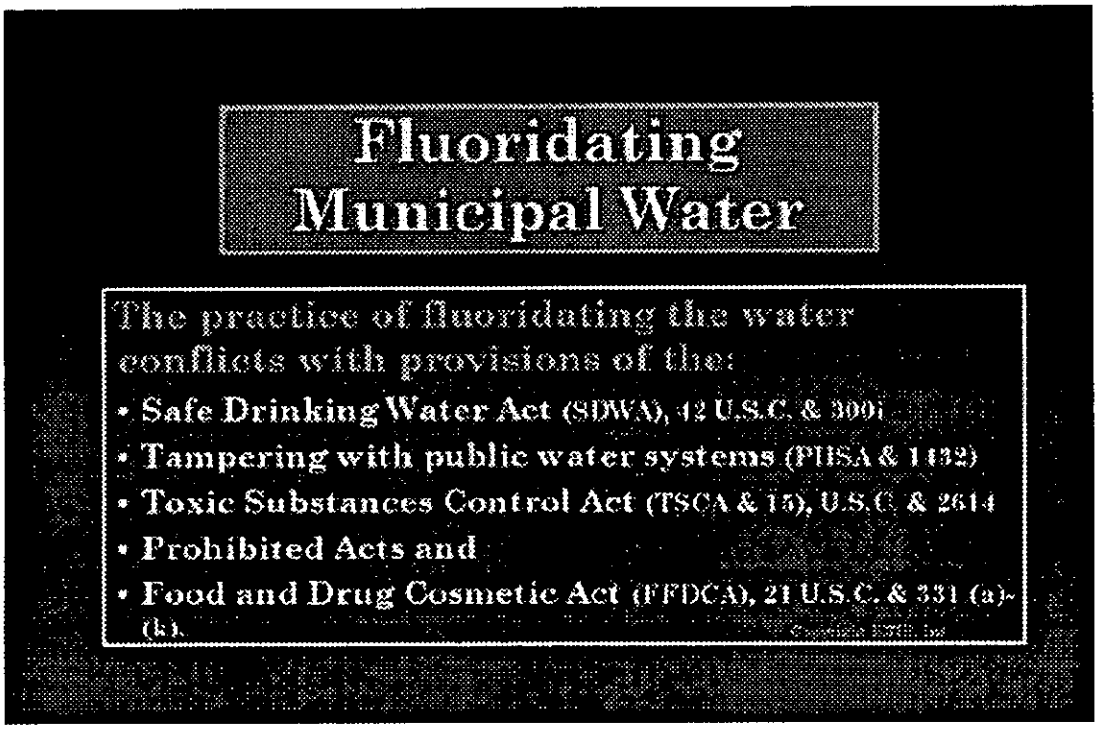


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DATE: April 18, 2000

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Rosenfield

Seconded by Rep. McGuirk

Vote: 13-1 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

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Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 13-1

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Richard C. Leone, Clerk

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Patten, Betsey L, V Chairman		1
Cote, Patricia L		
Rice, Thomas E P	1	
Brundige, Robert W	2	
Sabella, Norma A		
Griffin, Mary E	3	
Leone, Richard C, Clerk	4	
Noyes, Richard A		
Hager, Elizabeth S		
Akins, Ralph L	5	
Lovejoy, Marian E		
Lockwood, Priscilla P	6	
Kelley, William J		
Fraser, Marilyn A	7	
McGuirk, Paul A	8	
Salatiello, Thomas B		
St Cyr, Gerard L		
Sarette, John C	9	
Simon, Anthony F	10	
Zerba, Roger T	11	
Rosenfield, Jay	12	
TOTAL VOTE:	13	1

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Committee Report

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **Municipal and County Government**

BILL NUMBER: **SB 312**

TITLE: relative to fluoride.

DATE: April 18, 2000 CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☒ NO ☐

☐ OUGHT TO PASS

☐ OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

☒ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

☐ RE-REFER

☐ REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY
(Available only in second year of biennium.)

STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

This bill would have changed the percentage of town, city, or village water district voters needed to put a fluoridation question on a warrant or ballot from 10% to 5%. A change to 5% would make it easier to introduce the issue to fluoridate as well as to remove it from water supply systems. Testimony pro and con was heard from people on both sides of the fluoridation issue. The Municipal & County Government Committee felt that the status of fluoridation should not be in constant flux, and voted this bill ITL by an overwhelming majority.

Vote 13-1.

Rep. Jay Rosenfield
FOR THE COMMITTEE

4/19/00

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Municipal and County Government

SB 312, relative to fluoride. INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Rep. Jay Rosenfield for Municipal and County Government: This bill would have changed the percentage of town, city, or village water district voters needed to put a fluoridation question on a warrant or ballot from 10% to 5%. A change to 5% would make it easier to introduce the issue to fluoridate as well as to remove it from water supply systems. Testimony pro and con was heard from people on both sides of the fluoridation issue. The Municipal & County Government Committee felt that the status of fluoridation should not be in constant flux, and voted this bill ITL by an overwhelming majority. Vote 13-1.

SB 312- relative to changing the petition requirements for fluoridation warrants. ITL

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A change to 5% would make it easier to introduce the issue to fluoridate as well as to remove it from water supply systems. Testimony pro + con was heard from people on both sides of the fluoridation issue. The MCHG Committee felt that the status of fluoridation should not be in constant flux.

Vote 13-1

ITL

Rep. Rosenfield