

Old-man finally relieves himself from burden of empirical evidence

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“[statistics] are just used by the government to manipulate us you know?” Members of the Smithson family were relieved when it was announced at their annual holiday dinner that the family’s patriarchal grandfather had finally allowed himself to shrug the heavy burden of finding empirical evidence before shaping his views.

Beloved grandfather Bert Smithson has found it much easier to maintain his previously held views without referring to any evidence.

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Smithson’s son, Jeff Smithson explained that he was thankful that his father no longer put such pressure on himself to shape his views with proof and testing.

“Certain major decisions need to be made with your gut. Should all of them? Maybe not, but you have to admire the man’s rigorous dedication to going beyond empirical evidence,” Smithson’s son said.

According to Smithson it takes great strength to stand in the face of science and disagree, and when they try to prove you wrong that just means you’re right.

Grandson Trent Smithson, Carleton University freshman and recent convert to Rastafarianism was outraged at his grandfather’s decision.

“Your views are like totally archaic old man,” Smithson’s grandson said.

Attempts to get a comment from Trent after a discussion on drug policy led to Trent storming out of the dining room.

“Quotation are frequently prone to manipulation unlike infallible statistics,” Trent said.