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WEEK 4 Documentary Notes: Poisoned Lives

- Recounts human experimentation in prison for the use of new and experimental chemicals, prisoners would make only small amounts of money and did not know what they were being given or its potential risks
- These chemical companies make an exorbitant amount of money and yet are shrouded in secrecy
- 10s of thousands of victims from their pollution and toxic chemicals
- Lack of accountability is a problem as these companies still are reaping the rewards of these terrible chemicals
- The experiments done with them knowingly endanger the lives of these prisoners at holmesburg who are already at a low and susceptible to exploitation in this part of their lives is truly sickening to me.
- Dow was never prosecuted for the prisoners but also they poisoned much of midland michigan, which was their home base of manufacturing
- Secretly dumped the toxic waste into the rivers in michigan
- Dow was able to pressure the report that they were potentially harming people with their chemical dumps which shows how the big corporations can use their monetary leverage to avoid consequences, while leading to 30 years of toxic waste being dumped

- It was interesting to see how much dow had control over midland due to it financially supporting the area for over 100 years
- It was heartbreaking hearing the stories of those affected by dow chemical dumps and the bhopal chemical explosion, and the refusal to help those suffering
- The journalism done in this documentary is amazing. The questions he was trying to ask the shareholders and management at dow was truly enlightening as their refusal to comment spoke louder than admission.
- Not just dow but dupont also as their teflon coatings caused birth defects
- C-8 was the cause as 2/7 of the pregnant working women at dupont had children born with deformities
- C-8 also caused colon cancer among men
- And they knew that c-8 in the blood was a danger yet never told the workers. These were their most hard working employees and not only that others people more than just their employees were affected by the the c-8 compound
- Once again it took them going to court and being ordered to disclose the information to have the truth come out
- While they are guilty the court system is taking the cases one by one which would mean it would take over 100 years for those affected by c-8 to see any sort of justice
- Through this documentary i learned about the true depravity that these companies actively engage with due to their corporate greed as we are left to deal with the terrible after effects of their toxic waste leaving us without feeling any fort of justice for the victims of these horrible chemicals, and it sickens me to

know that companies like dow and dupont are still profiting off of these deadly chemicals.