

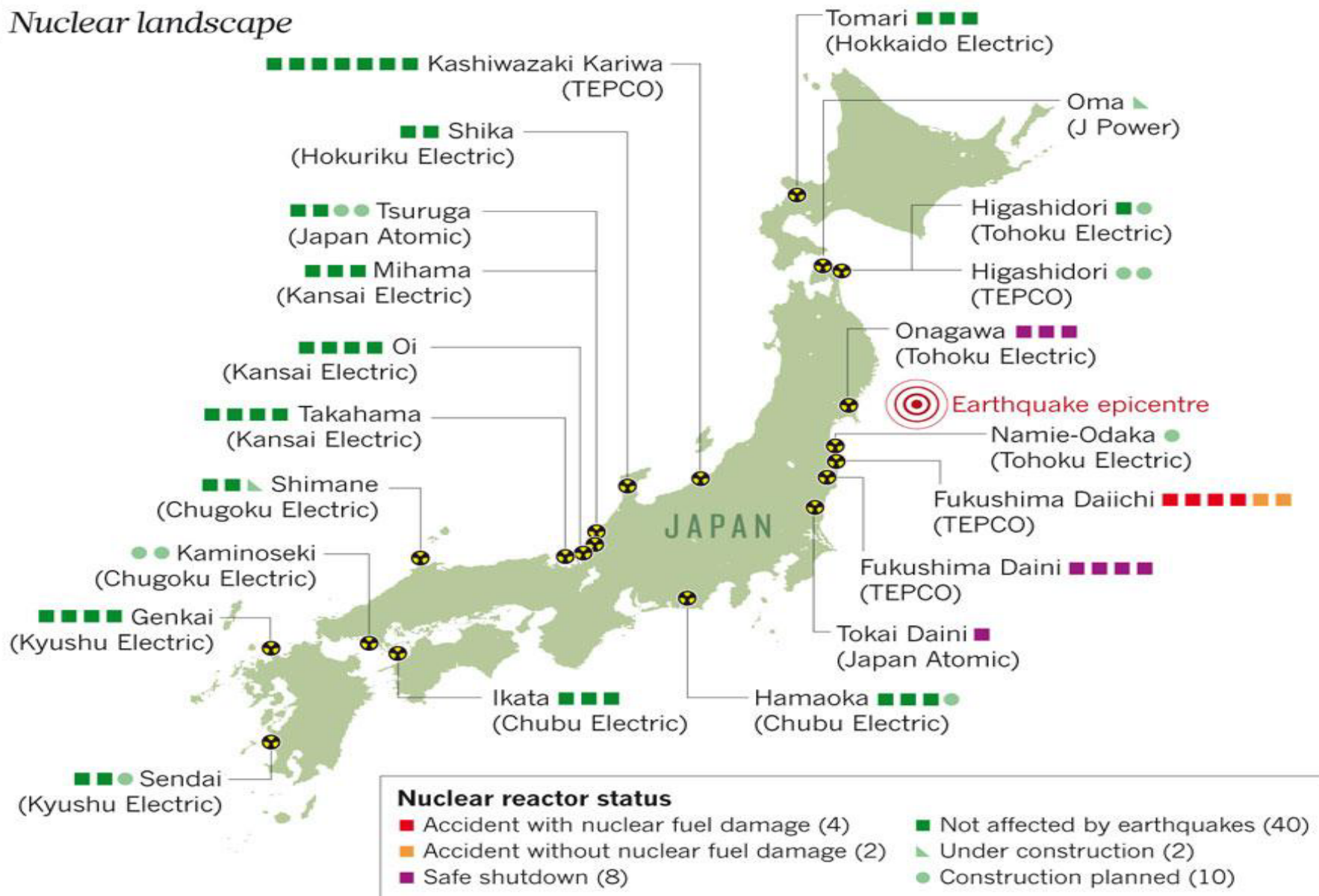
The Fukushima Nuclear Accident: A Social Science Perspective

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NUCLEAR POWER IN JAPAN

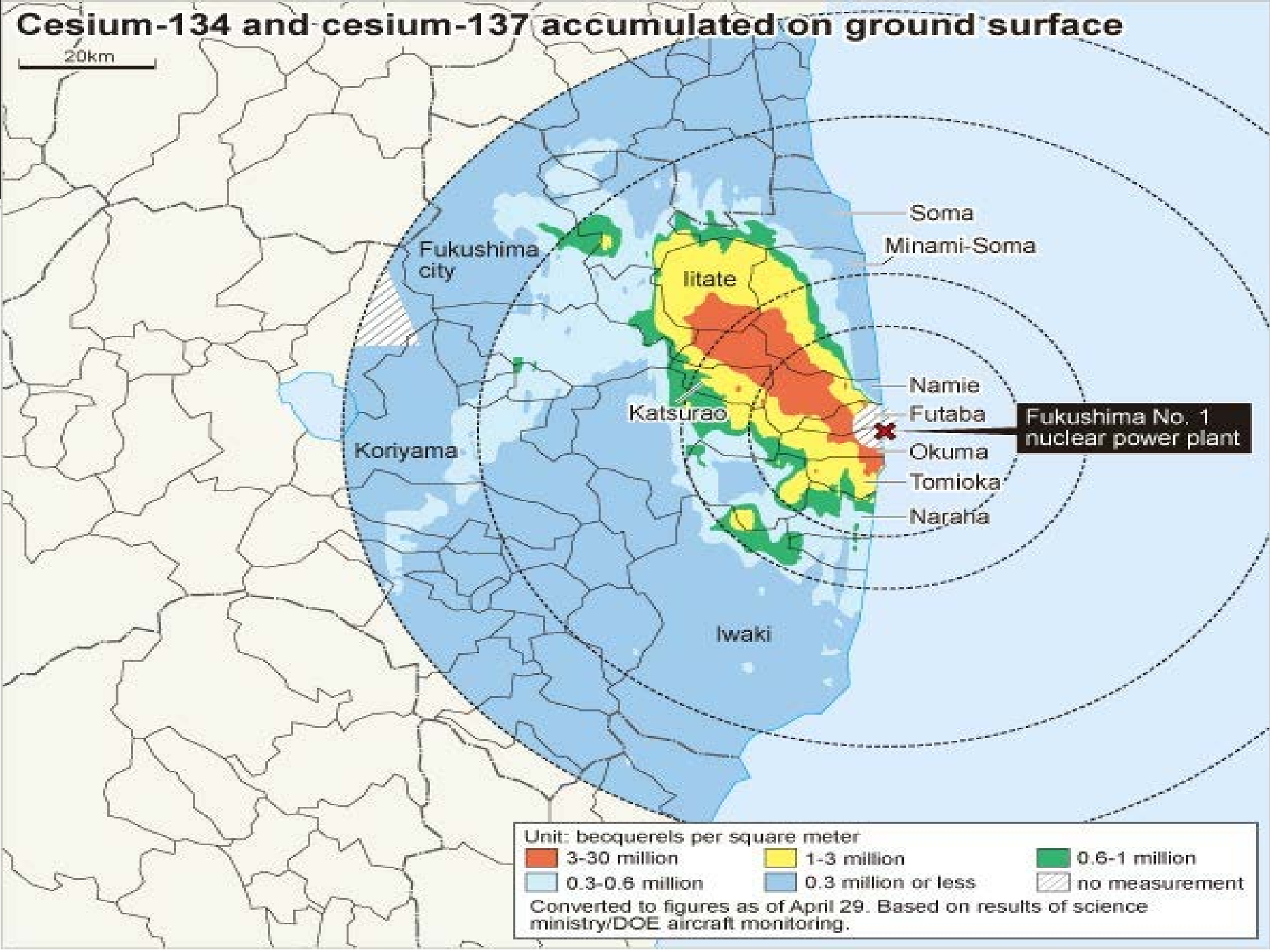
Fifty-four nuclear reactors supply about a quarter of Japan's electrical energy needs (**1**). Before the Fukushima disaster struck, new reactors and energy conservation were set to double that proportion by 2030 (**2**).

1 Nuclear landscape



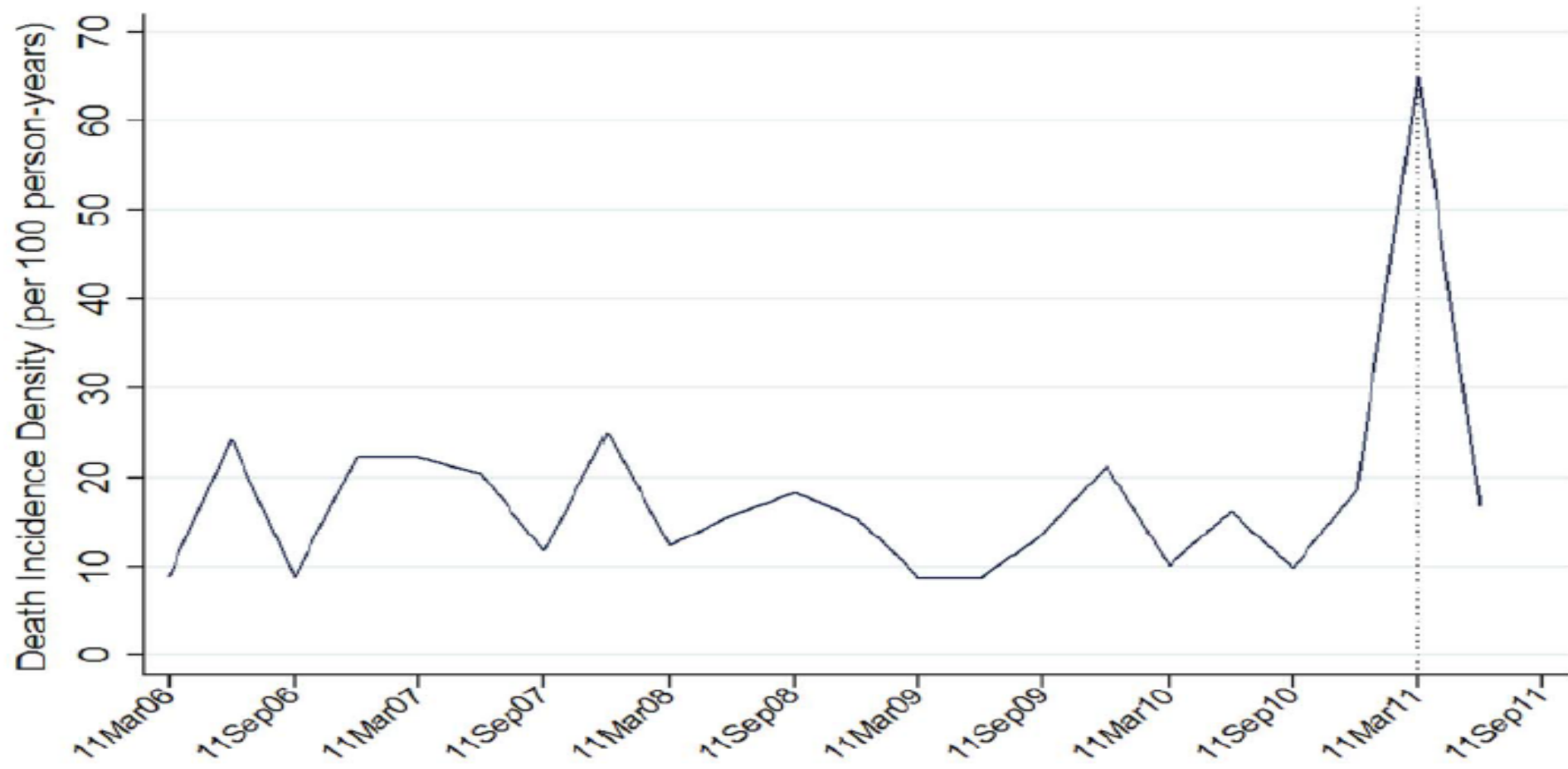
Cesium-134 and cesium-137 accumulated on ground surface

20km



Spike in elderly deaths due to evacuation (Nomura et al. 2013)

Effects of evacuation on nursing home residents in Minamisoma-city 1



Lack of Medical Care

Increasing cases of Chronic Diseases

	柚木・大野台	保健センター	玉野地区
身長・体重を測定した人数	291 人	266 人	183 人
肥満だった人の数	125 人	83 人	59 人
肥満だった人の割合	43.0 %	31.2 %	32.2 %

⑥ 血圧つづき

収縮期血圧が140mmHg以上または拡張期血圧90mmHg以上の方を高血圧としています。

	柚木・大野台	保健センター	玉野地区
血圧を測定した人数	291 人	265人	183 人
高血圧だった人の数	77 人	44 人	29 人
高血圧だった人の割合	26.5 %	16.6 %	15.8 %

1/3 of all medical consultations in Fukushima City centered on radiation



Public Opinion on N-Power

Date / Source	Increase	Maintain status quo	Decrease	Abolish	No opinion
Dec. 2005 (PM Office)	55	20	14	2	7
Oct. 2009 (PM)	59	19	14	1	5
April 2011 (Yomiuri)	10	46	29	12	3
June 2011 (Asahi)	4	41	36	16	3
August 2011 (Soka gakkai)	5	49	32	13	1

Mass Anti-Nuclear Protest




“Let's Decide Together” Anti-Nuclear Referendum



Public Backlash

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVuGwcgdlhQ>)

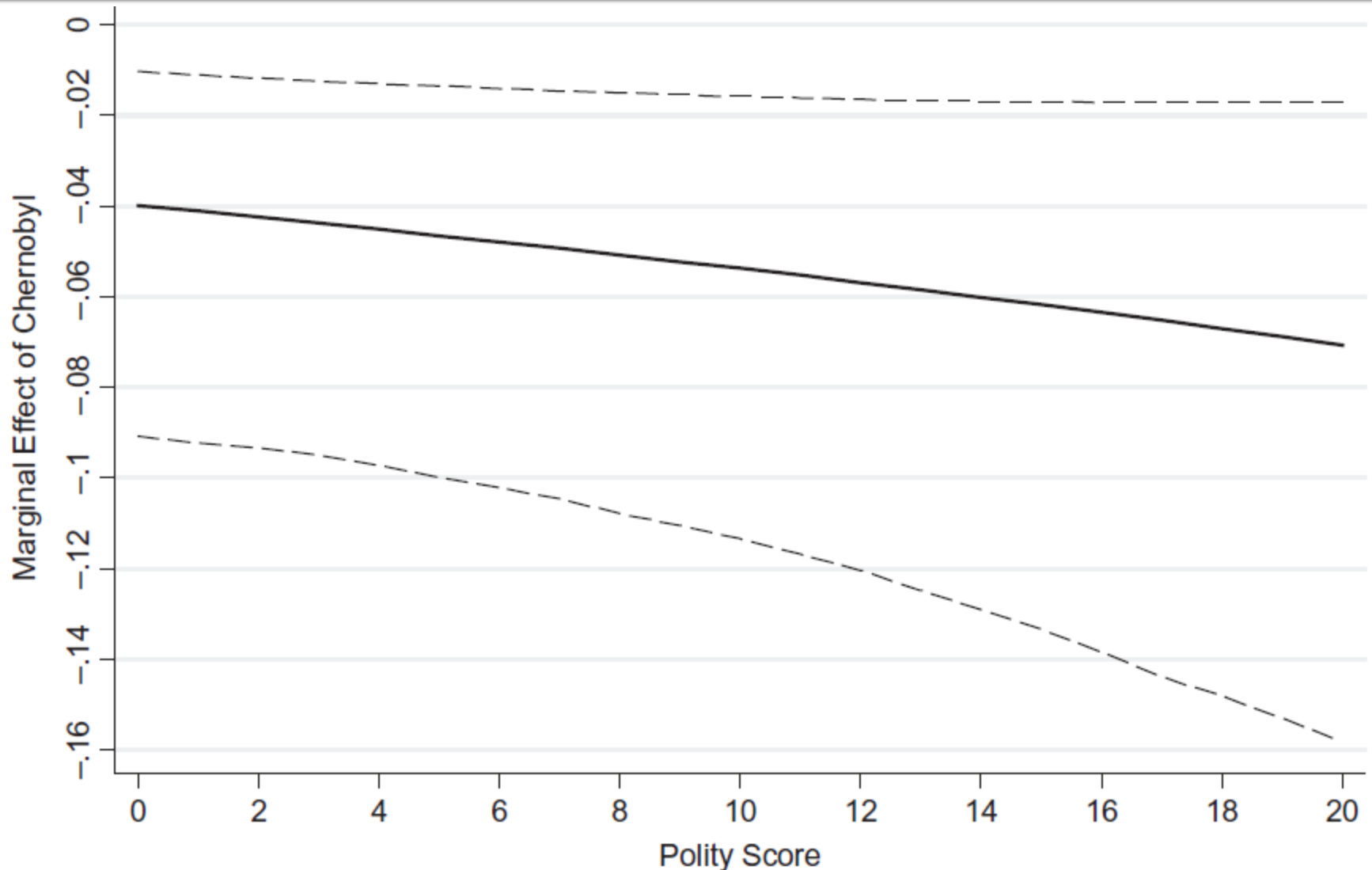
A man with dark hair, wearing a black and white checkered shirt, is shown in profile from the chest up. He is holding a black microphone in his right hand and appears to be speaking. The background is slightly out of focus, showing a white ledge and a wooden door.

So, are you saying that they don't? They have that right, don't they?

Citizen Science: SafeCast



Fuhrmann (2011): impact on nuclear development



Conclusions

Death spike among evacuees and anxiety /
confinement-related health problems

Massive loss of trust (citizen science) and anger
towards authorities (lawsuits, referenda,
protests)

Need for bottom up, citizen-based recovery
and community-based disaster planning