

1 Q Isn't it possible that there is also another
2 reason that the fact that it was restricted to
3 volunteers impacts on its general -- ability to be
4 generally interpreted and that is that, and I think
5 this might be what the authors were getting at, that
6 people who might perceive that they might have health
7 problems, might be more likely to come forward and
8 participate in a study than, say, the average worker
9 at the other end of the scale?

10 A I think that would be particularly true if
11 you had a volunteer study of that sort today. But I
12 think that in 1976, because 1976 happens to be a year
13 when a whole spade of studies appeared, that the
14 average brake worker didn't particularly think his job
15 was anything than really dusty.

16 In fact, the better part of these people
17 were asymptomatic.

18 Q Asymptomatic, that means that --

19 A They weren't aware that they had a problem.

20 Q Okay. Nonetheless, the authors of the study
21 thought that was an important enough point to put in