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His attribution of "naivete" to Keys looking at correlational data is the ultimate in arrogance. His public emotional language speaks for itself. His personal attacks and his inability to separate personal from professional criticism make the whole a scientific disgrace. The New England Journal "has never recovered" in the minds of some scientists since publishing this. Unfortunately it has continued its downward editorial and upward publicity-seeking policy in recent years.

If your student is interested in a similarly distorted, personally vicious, uninformed and arrogant discussion of the evidence, you might refer him to an editorial by Kurt Oster in the April, 1980 issue of the American Heart Journal. Kurt Oster is another paid lecturer on the circuit for the American Egg Board. I personally don't think these two editorials should be dignified with a reply, despite the damage they do to perceptions of uninformed readers. Thanks for sending me the note.

Cordially,



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