

### Nascency and latency (the hidden allies)

Dr Frank Adlkofer: *“The mobile phone industry has taken over some methods used by the cigarette industry in the US for many, many years, to hide the truth.”*

Dr. Devra Davis: *“Scientists who showed the harmful impacts of tobacco found themselves struggling for serious attention and financial support. For health impacts from wireless radiation, a similar pattern is emerging.”*

Cardiologist, Dr Aseem Malhotra: *“It took 50 years between the first links between smoking and lung cancer were published in a British medical journal before any effective regulation happened, and that’s because big tobacco played dirty. They had a corporate playbook which basically included denying that cigarettes cause cancer, planting doubt and confusing the public, and even buying the loyalty of scientists.”*

In this picture, **nascency** and **latency** were the cigarette industry's hidden allies because they provided decades of borrowed time during which scientific truth could be suspended and massive profits generated. History is repeating itself as nascency and latency similarly serve to facilitate the rise and rise of the telecommunications industry.

**Nascency: the non-thermal biological effects that are being repeatedly observed in the independent scientific research, and which are identified precursors of disease.**

**Latency: the progression of these effects, which can take decades to cumulatively develop into overt symptoms/disease.**

**In figurative terms, nascency and latency represent the tick- tock, tick-tock, tick of a biological time bomb.**