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DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

THEORY, UNDERSTANDING, PORTRAYAL, POLICY

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- 1 If health is merely longevity and the absence of physiological morbidity then all factors impacting the dissipation of energy within human beings are determinants of health (this dissertation).
- 2 The Dutch perceive the determinants of non-clinical phenomena labeled "health" and clinical phenomena labeled "health" to be intersecting but not identical sets (this dissertation).
- 3 The Dutch ascribe importance to determinants of health in proportion to their perceived ability to influence those determinants individually (this dissertation).
- 4 To the extent that the Dutch ascribe importance to determinants of health incapable of being influenced through individual actions, they place greater faith in professional interventions to improve determinants of health (this dissertation).
- 5 The need for tailoring reveals a fundamental weakness in randomized controlled trials: individuals require different interventions to achieve comparable outcomes.
- 6 All that is beautiful is also healthy.
- 7 The determinism implied by epidemiological analysis of risk is logically incompatible with the free will assumed by behavioral health interventions.
- 8 The empirical detection of social determinants of health presupposes the existence of populational health inequities.
- 9 The secondary employment benefits of Dutch civil service are highly addictive and should therefore be enjoyed with caution by foreign nationals wishing ever to return from The Netherlands to their native lands.
- 10 If art is the animated inanimate, health is the animated animate.