



MAKING A KILLING *The Untold Story of Psychotropic Drugging*

Drugging Children for Profit: Paying the Price in Suicide and Death

- Psychiatric drugs are prescribed to 20 million children worldwide, 9 million in the United States. These drugs potentially cause violent behavior, psychosis, hallucinations, strokes, heart attacks, obesity, life-threatening diabetes and even suicide.
- At least eleven of the recent school shootings were committed by teens taking prescribed antidepressants or stimulant drugs.
- Every 20 seconds a child in the United States takes an antidepressant so dangerous that the FDA has issued its strongest "black box" warning, alerting the public that these drugs can cause suicidal thoughts and actions.
- The number of children prescribed antidepressants has increased more than tenfold since 1987.
- In one state alone, more than 7,400 children prescribed these drugs under Medicaid were 5 years old or younger, with nearly 2,000 aged 3 or under. Over 50 percent of the prescriptions were to treat conditions for which these drugs are not FDA-approved.¹
- Psychiatric drugs do not improve academic performance. The National Institutes of Health reports "there is little improvement in academic achievement or social skills" by children taking stimulant drugs.²
- The scientific basis for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) is fraudulent. The Food and Drug Administration states, "There is no biological test for ADHD."³ It was *voted* into the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM) by members of the American Psychiatric Association in 1987. This has driven up sales of stimulants to treat ADHD to \$3 billion a year.
- Dr. William Carey, pediatrician with the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, states, "The current ADHD formulation, which makes the diagnosis when a certain number of troublesome behaviors are present and other criteria met, overlooks the fact that these behaviors are probably usually normal."⁴
- Often an undiagnosed, untreated physical condition can cause unwanted behavior or supposed psychiatric symptoms. Parents should be given the option of a nonpsychiatric medical examination and access to all educational resources to address any perceived learning or behavioral problem in their child. Many alternatives to drugging exist.

¹ "Psychotropic Drug Use in Foster Care," Florida Statewide Advocacy Council, Red Item Report, July 2003, p. 3.

² "National Institutes of Health Consensus Development Conference Statement: Diagnosis and Treatment of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder ADHD," *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*, 1 Feb. 2000, p. 4.

³ Dixie Farley, "Attention Disorder: Overcoming the Deficit Abuse of Attention Deficit Drug Can Be Deadly" US Food and Drug Administration, <http://www.verity.fda.gov>, accessed: 8 Dec. 1999.

⁴ Gina Shaw, "The Ritalin Controversy Experts Debate Use of Drug to Curb Hyperactivity in Children," *The Washington Diplomat*, Mar. 2002



The Brutal Truth: Facts & Figures About Psychiatry

Psychiatric drugs are not the only form of psychiatric abuse.

1. **Every 75 seconds someone is involuntarily committed into a mental institution** in the US alone where they can be restrained, electroshocked and drugged against their will. These victims have committed no criminal offense, yet are denied due process and imprisoned—often for years.
2. **More than 100,000 patients die each year in psychiatric institutions** around the world.
3. According to a 2004 study by the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights, **“People are being institutionalized in psychiatric hospitals unlawfully, and on the most diverse grounds. Not only did punitive psychiatry exist during the Soviet period, and not only does it exist today, unfortunately there are no grounds to hope that it will disappear in the foreseeable future.”**
4. To deflect government authorities and the public’s attention away from the brutal conditions in institutions, psychiatrists devised “Community Mental Health” where psychiatric drugs could be dispensed outside hospitals to keep more than 10 times the number of people medicated full-time.
5. **Psychiatrists continue to use electroshock and drugs to torture political dissidents.** These are precisely the same devices and means psychiatrists use on patients as “therapy.”
6. **With electroshock, psychiatrists send as much as 460 volts of electricity searing through the brain.** Three-quarters of these shock victims are women—most are elderly. Children can also be subjected to this abuse.
7. Studies show that as many as **20 percent of psychiatrists have sex with patients.** One of every 20 of their victims is a minor.
8. **20 million children worldwide are on psychiatric drugs**, which have been acknowledged by international drug regulatory agencies to cause suicide, hostility, violence, mania and drug dependence, strokes and sudden death.
9. **According to a United Nations report**, many of the 250,000 children forced into armed combat by revolutionaries and terrorists are drugged with amphetamines and tranquilizers to enable them to “go on murderous binges for days.” In Western countries those same drugs are forced onto children as “treatment.”
10. Physical restraint of psychiatric patients is commonplace. **At least 150 restraint deaths occur each year in US psychiatric facilities alone.** Many of the victims are children, some as young as 6 years old. Few, if any, of those responsible are ever criminally prosecuted.