

This article seeks to expose the hypocrisy of the pharmaceutical industry and medical field in regards to advocating for the overall understanding of mental health treatment and care as a basic human right. In the article it discusses specifically on biomedical science and how they have essentially become “commercialized” under the guise of mental health care. However, Lisa Cosgrove and Allen Shaughnessy do not put the blame on scientific research, but rather on the pharmaceutical industry and, further, capitalism as a whole. With this extensive analysis on how modern day capitalism and pharmaceuticals have compromised the authenticity of scientific research on medications for mental health treatment, this therefore is a more narrowed topic in my overall subject of the way mental health has been perceived over the course of decades and even centuries.

When reading works of prior scholars from the early twentieth century, many seem to perceive mental health as an issue that needs to be eradicated, or that there needs to be some sort of preventative measures taken to make sure that less people who suffer from mental differences are not produced. This strips away the basic humanity of those who are alive and bear mental health differences, and further alludes to the idea that Lisa Cosgrove and Allen Shaughnessy touch on, which is that the behavioral and mental health medical field is far too persuaded by overall capitalism and the systematically oppressive nature of the pharmaceutical industry to see that humans of all forms, including neurodivergent individuals, are deserving of human rights. This article is therefore meant to highlight this prevalent issue, trying to get more in depth in the stigmatization of mental health in society, and inspire a solution to it.

The author presents mainly statistical evidence, as well as throwing in quotes and analyses of prior research journals or articles. They not only draw on many scientific findings, but also add a hint of historical analysis, covering decades of ways mental health had been

treated in the United States specifically as an overall foundation for understanding why the biomedical field is the way it is, and the commercialization of behavioral and mental health medications. One source the authors draw on heavily for their article is sources from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM).

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