Psychiatry Under the Influence
Institutional Corruption, Social Injury, and Prescriptions for Reform

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_Psychiatry Under the Influence_ investigates how the influence of pharmaceutical money and guild interests has corrupted the behavior of the American Psychiatric Association and academic psychiatry during the past 35 years.

Robert Whitaker and Lisa Cosgrove shed light on the ‘dirty little secrets’ of the industry. For example, pharmaceutical companies were allowed to filter through study results of their own drugs for decades. These companies glossed over negative results and made claims unsupported by scientific findings, grossly misrepresenting common SSRIs such as Prozac to the general public. This is just one of many instances of corruption investigated by the authors.

This book documents how the psychiatric establishment regularly misled the American public about what was known about the biology of mental disorders, the validity of psychiatric diagnoses, and the safety and efficacy of its drugs. The book also looks at how these two corrupting influences encouraged the expansion of diagnostic boundaries and the creation of biased clinical practice guidelines.

This corruption has led to significant social injury, and in particular, a societal lack of informed consent regarding the use of psychiatric drugs, and the pathologizing of normal behaviors in children and adults. This book argues that reforming psychiatry will require the neutralization of these two corrupting influences—pharmaceutical money and guild interests—and the establishment of multidisciplinary authority over the field of mental health.

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