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**About Mad and Bad Psychiatrists**

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Medical doctors have a powerful profession with a high degree of freedom in their therapeutic relationship and treatment. Although there are some disadvantages with regard to this power and freedom. In this paper, some common vulnerabilities and psychiatric disorders in doctors/psychiatrists will be reviewed. Next, according to Gunn (2006), there are, perhaps, eight ways in which psychiatric power can be abused: 'social purification', people who are mentally normal treated as mad, psychiatric techniques used for oppression, the punishment of mentally disordered people, general maltreatment, excessive/inappropriate use of treatments, cruel and dangerous experiments, and not treating a mental disorder. Finally, the Nazi system was the most extreme example of 'social purification' using medical techniques by violent doctors.