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911 and 988: Both Help and Horror on Everyone's Speed Dial

The Dominant Public Narrative

Fact-check!

- People's experiences
- Legal criteria
- Rates of mental illness in prisoners and unhoused
- Bed numbers
- Detention numbers
- What's really going on: The many, varied, and expanding social uses of psychiatric coercion
- The scientific evidence
- What's truly needed...

What is Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment?

Hardly Anyone Meets the Criteria for Detention?

Imprisoned or homeless?

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Increasingly Impossible to Detain Anyone? Civil Psychiatric Detentions: Canada

Increasingly Impossible to Detain Anyone? Civil Psychiatric Detentions: U.S.

"11 State Hospital Beds per 100,000"

"11" Psychiatric Beds per 100,000?

And The Largest Funnel Into Detentions Are... (And who is getting detained?)

Funnel: 911

Funnel: NSPL/988

- NSPL/988 & Risk Assessment
- NSPL/988 Internal Survey
- 988 Developments

Social/Institutional "Management"

Between Good Pay and Profiteering

Mass-scale Fraud

Interview with attorney from DOJ health care fraud division

(Explicitly) Political Uses of Mental Health Law Powers

- Against pregnant people

- In workplaces against whistleblowers
- Against burgeoning climate activists

Scientific Evidence that Force Helps?

In Summary...

Improvements/Alternatives

Priority Actions Required for Change

Your Consent Is Not Required: The Rise in Psychiatric Detentions, Forced Treatment, and Abusive Guardianships

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Coercion in the Community: Blurring Lines Between Voluntary/Involuntary

Coercion in the Community: Wellness Checks

Coercion in the Community: Aggressive Policing

Coercion in the Community: Social Workers & Mobile "Crisis" Teams

Coercion in the Community: Training the Public

Coercion in the Community: ACT Becomes AOT

Coercion in the Community: "Leverage"

The True Extent of Community Coercion?