

INVOLUNTARY ? CONTROL

16mm; 20 min., prints by Technicolor

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The development and production of this survey was designed to introduce to classroom and other audiences the recent innovations in psychology considered to be revolutionary by experts in the field.

The film is basically an extension of the concepts and techniques outlined by Dr. Neal Miller in his article in Science magazine, 31 January 1969.

The work on alpha training, related to Miller's work although he is not directly involved, has aroused great interest in audiences, especially students. The work has been given widespread attention: recently, by Life, in an article in August of this year, and by Look, 6 October 1970, in an article entitled "Brainwaves: The Wave of the Future." In addition, Mr. David Rosenboom, whose alpha training is treated in the film, was the subject of a recent article in the New York Times.

The rat experiment we have shown is an essential replication of the pioneering Miller and DiCara heartrate experiment. The performance of the rat has been idealized to provide a clear demonstration, and student test audiences have responded very favorably to this illustration.

In the interview with Dr. Miller we have allowed him to voice his reservations about some of the wild speculation regarding his work. It was our purpose to compose a chronicle of the first stages of the scientific study of the control of involuntary functions, and therefore to avoid speculation.

Most of the professional literature in this field is very recent - most within the past two years. Furthermore, the work has not yet begun to appear in psychology textbooks.

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