

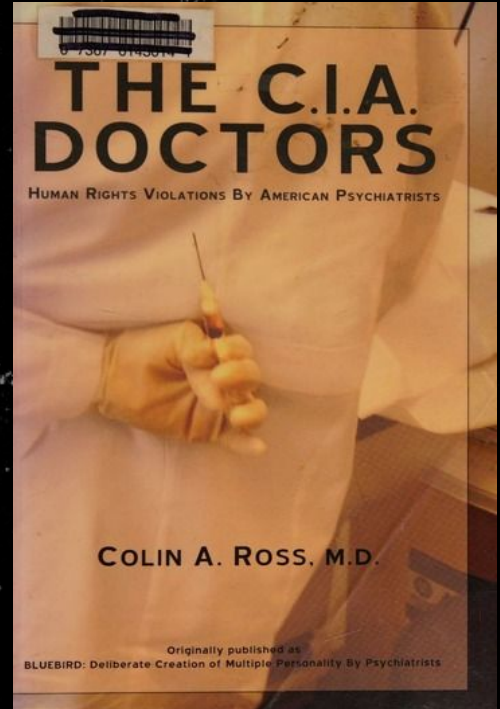
The CIA Doctors: Human Rights Violations by American Scientists

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Overview of the Book

- Psychiatrist Dr. Colin Ross analyzed 15,000 CIA documents through the freedom of information act
 - "Manchurian Candidate"
 - Dr. Colin Ross believes that the CIA violated the hippocratic oath as well as many laws and bases this in evidence found in declassified CIA documents
 - CIA violates basically every ethical theory we studied
 - Contractualism: People agree with authority for protection and benefit
 - Egoism: Prioritize self interests
 - Hedonism: Prioritize Pleasure
 - Naturalism and virtue: Prioritize character development and flourishing "lead a good life"
 - Existentialism: Prioritize individual existence and freedom
 - Kantianism: Only do something you are ok with everyone doing all the time
 - Utilitarianism: Judge actions based on their consequences
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Project Paperclip

- Post-WWII U.S. program (1945) that secretly brought over 1,600 former Nazi scientists (including known war criminals) into American aerospace and intelligence agencies.
 - Many had participated in unethical human experiments under the Nazi regime.
 - These individuals were granted citizenship and immunity despite documented war crimes.
 - Purpose: Gain Cold War advantage in medicine, aerospace, and psychological warfare.
- U.S. government prioritized national interest over justice and human rights.
 - Victims were ignored; perpetrators were rewarded; Secrecy concealed violations from the public.
- Ethical Reflections:
 - **Egoism & Altruism:** Entire decision was egotistic, aligning with a worldview that prioritizes dominance and self-interest over moral norms and the interest of others.
 - **Kantianism (Immanuel Kant):** Subjects were used purely as tools, violating Kant's principle of autonomy and failing the universalizability test: no sane person would allow this for themselves.
 - **Utilitarianism (Jeremy Bentham):** Arguably justified if the long-term benefit (e.g., Cold War tech) outweighs harm. However, the human rights cost and erosion of justice discredits this defense.

Bluebird and Artichoke

- Early CIA behavioral control projects (1950–1953), predecessors to MKULTRA.
 - Methods included forced LSD use, hypnosis, sensory deprivation, and electroshock.
 - Subjects were often prisoners or psychiatric patients: vulnerable, uninformed, non-consenting.
- Violated human autonomy and inflicted lasting psychological harm.
 - Designed to break free will, not heal or protect.
 - Conducted without transparency, consent, or ethical oversight.
- Ethical Reflections:
 - **Existentialism (Jean-Paul Sartre):** These experiments denied individuals the freedom to define themselves, violating Sartre's existential ethics. Human dignity lies in the freedom to choose.
 - **Naturalism/Virtue (Aristotle):** CIA doctors failed to embody moral virtues (compassion, justice, integrity). Ethical flourishing (eudaimonia) is impossible when individuals degrade others.
 - **Contractualism (T.M. Scanlon):** No rational person would consent to being secretly experimented on. The CIA's actions violated the principle of moral justifiability to others.

MKUltra- 1953, MkSearch-1964

- Artichoke and Bluebird later became MKUltra the largest documented mind control experiment in history
 - War on communism in Korea
 - MKUltra and mind control experiments
 - Electroshock therapy
 - Drug Induced Coma
 - Interrogation and harassment under various heavy psychedelic drugs
 - Sensory deprivation
 - Brain implants
 - Targeted: Mental Patients, Prisoners, Children, Children with mental disabilities, and Military Personal
 - Experiments were done in: Mental Hospital, Children's Schools, Prestigious Universities, Prisons, and International facilities
 - Dr. Ewen Cameron and "Psychic Driving" at Allan Memorial Institute (Mcgill University)
 - MKUltra became MKSearch in 1964, much progress had been made
 - Subjects could be activated using trigger words, phone calls, written words among other methods
 - Electroshock induced Amnesia was perfected for certain periods of time
 - After missions the CIA developed ways to implant false memories
 - In 1972 MKSearch was terminated and majority of evidence was destroyed
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