



D9 Meta-Sadism vs. Clinical Sadism

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The goals of this presentation are to differentiate conceptual and practical uses of sadism in criminology and psychology.

This paper will examine the underlying issues at hand in an effort to make conceptual and pragmatic sense relative to "Sadism" and to offer an alternative to the misuse and torture of "Clinical Sadism" as understood in DSM-VI. Clinical Sadism, as a psychological/psychiatric concept, is a specialized body of knowledge that is relative to the diagnosis and treatment of the individual. Alternatively, when the issues are crime analysis, crime behavior, and probabilities for a crime typology, the focus should be appropriately changed to a criminological assessment and the psychologist/psychiatrist should utilize the concepts of deviancy. This continuum and these learning curves are called Meta- Sadism. Accordingly, when the continuums are appropriately referenced and differentiated, the clear separation allows for a dynamic understanding of sadism.

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