

Download The Myth Of Mental Illness Foundations Of A Theory Of Personal Conduct

The Myth of Mental Illness: Foundations of a Theory of Personal Conduct is a 1961 book by the psychiatrist Thomas Szasz, in which the author criticizes psychiatry and argues against the concept of mental illness. It received much publicity, and has become a classic, well known as an argument against the tendency of psychiatrists to label people who are "disabled by living" as "mentally ill". A study of the prevalence of mental illness published in the Archives of General Psychiatry in 2005 (13) estimated that roughly half of all Americans will be diagnosed with a mental illness by time they reach the age of 75. This estimate was based on Philosophical Papers Vol. 36, No. 3 (November 2007): 371-397 Realism and Anti-Realism about Mental Illness Anthony Wrigley Abstract: In this paper I provide an account of the metaphysical foundations of mental illness in terms of a realism debate. A mental disorder, also called a mental illness or psychiatric disorder, is a behavioral or mental pattern that causes significant distress or impairment of personal functioning. Such features may be persistent, relapsing and remitting, or occur as a single episode. Many disorders have been described, with signs and symptoms that vary widely between specific disorders.