

Open Your class With This Tomorrow

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Have your students watch *The Medicated Child* (<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/medicatedchild/>) – it can also be found on YouTube. I have included some reflection questions that can be used for a discussed in class.

- Judge the accuracy of Dr. Wozniak and Dr. Beiderman’s proposal that many kids with ADHD and Conduct Disorder should actually be diagnosed as having Bipolar Disorder.
- Evaluate Dr. Chang’s method of predicting Bipolar and using medication to prevent it from occurring.
- How should psychiatrists handle the ethical issues of using psychiatric medications on children?
 - Should it be illegal to prescribe psychiatric medications to children under a certain age?
 - Should we run clinical trials of experimental drugs on children?
 - Respond to: *“Our cures are only as good as our courage”*
- What role (responsibility) does each of the following parties have in this dilemma of over-diagnosing and over-prescribing of medications?
 - Pharmaceutical companies
 - Psychiatrists
 - Parents
 - Researchers
 - Anyone else???
- Do the new changes made to Bipolar in the DSM-V solve any problems? How would you change it to make it better?
- Predict what will happen in the next 10-20 years of this debate. What proposals do you have to make it better?

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