Open Your Class with This Tomorrow Sybil Exposed

Sybil Exposed Activity

Directions: Each of the following situations below addresses an ethical issue raised by the research in the book *Sybil Exposed* regarding the famous case of Shirley Mason (Sybil). Read each of the following scenarios, and discuss the ethical issues presented in each situation.

1. Describe the ethical issues involved if a psychiatrist/psychologist purposely falsifies information from a client in either a published account or in an official report?
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2. How could Sybil (Shirley Mason) have had more control over what occurred during her treatment? What rights do patients have in a clinical setting?
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3. What obligations did Flora Schreiber (Author of <i>Sybil</i>) have when she discovered that some of the events that reportedly happened to Sybil (Shirley Mason) could not be substantiated?
4. What are the larger ethical implications that the story of <i>Sybil</i> (Shirley Mason) has on the history of Psychology?