

Negative Dimensions-A Patient's Account of Project MKULTRA in Ontario

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Following a case of wrongful dismissal from an Ontario government workplace in the year 2006, I found myself in the mental health court system and subsequently at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) where I was conditionally discharged after spending four months in a Schizophrenia Program inpatient unit. While I made claims initially that my plea should be overturned to “Not Guilty”, the Province of Ontario and my legal representative put forward my case as “Not Criminally Responsible”, Canadian court jargon for an “Insanity Plea”. After over 15 years in the outpatient system, through clinics like Downtown West (formerly known as “Archway”) and Downtown Central, located in the Queen St. West and Parkdale neighbourhood, I can say with some certainty that I am in fact a psychiatric victim of Project MKULTRA in the Province of Ontario. In this short account drawn from my life experiences living as a psychiatric patient between the years 2006 and 2023, I will argue that the top-secret project—and all of its negative dimensions—was secretly adopted throughout North American psychiatry, taking its toll on the mental health system in Ontario at the turn of the new millennium and into the early 2000s.

While doing a quick browser search with keywords “Project MKULTRA”, one may undoubtedly be led into thinking that it is a thing of the past. Wikipedia cites it as originating in the 1950s, while additional searches will reveal that there were subprojects—dating back to that same era—in which Central Intelligence Agency funded highly intrusive human experiments on Canadian psychiatric patients at the Allan Memorial Institute in Montreal. While an arms race for techniques of mind control were said to have culminated in the 1960s, very little records of subsequent government investment in Project MKULTRA have surfaced in more modern times, when fascist doctrines were adopted in many parts of North America, such as Donald Rumsfeld’s highly influential “War on Terror” policy, implemented in the advent of the terror attacks on September 11th 2001. While LSD (Lysergic Acid Diethylamide) is often listed on the internet as a recreational hallucinogenic drug, one has to dig deeper into its presence around the years 2000 and 2001 to understand that governments have continued to do research into its effects and potency as both a narcotic and a profit-driven neuroleptic medication. While LSD continues to be listed primarily as a ‘street drug’, its links to high profile hate crime are more evident when one explores its presence in the pharmaceutical world of today. While prescription drugs should clearly indicate a substance’s generic chemical name, pharmaceutical giants like Janssen Ortho have chosen to disguise LSD under the name Risperidone, while selling it under the trade name Risperdal. LSD is now secretly classified as an anti-psychotic, which is definitely a misnomer, given its power to cause visual and auditory hallucinations, along with a long suite of other less known top-secret negative effects on the patient consumer. While older versions of LSD have existed back in the 1960s and 1970s, the codename “LSD Program” continues to be used by drug offenders, who cash in on the substance’s

ability to enslave and corrupt its drug victims through an invisible and illicit user interface.

While LSD has been known to enslave its drug victims through a system of modern chemical parasitism, its overruling influence is tied into mental health problems such as psychiatric 'first episodes' and 'relapses'. While mental health programs and their practitioners admit to prescribing or administering Risperidone (Risperdal) to curve the effects of mental disorders and substance use, one must question government programs such as Schizophrenia Program, which upon closer inspection, are also linked to Project MKULTRA and LSD. For instance, in the Province of Ontario, Schizophrenia Program was codenamed 'QS' to avoid future patient lawsuits related to the government investment of psychiatric meds containing substances like LSD, along with the clinical evidence that hospitals like CAMH administered such drugs forcefully (or with coercion), while covering up evidence of its presence in the blood and urine samples of members of the consumer/survivor/ex-patient/mad/diagnosed (c/s/x/m/d) community. Also, Schizophrenia Program (QS) is tied into secret systems like Psychosis Program (PP), which was used under the Bush Administration on intellectuals and students in colleges and universities to slow or offset educational, athletic, social and professional development (and performance), by making substances like pharmaceutical LSD mandatory on a daily basis through dissolvable MTABS and tablets or on a bi-weekly basis through injections in a clinical setting.

Project MKULTRA and its government complicity is tied into another powerful dimension: surveillance and eavesdropping. While all the facets of "LSD Program" remain relatively unknown, well-dissimulated or hard-to-decipher in a medical and legal context, powerful technology comes into play to protect the secrecy of the project and to maintain a certain level of social control and overruling chemical supremacy. While drug traceability and its link to camera surveillance in urban contexts is known within insular groups of security personnel, patients in Project MKULTRA on psychiatric meds containing LSD, are more easy to spot and detect through modern police cameras as they routinely navigate streetscapes and public transit in a way where they are in fact victims of invasion of privacy rather than potential risks to public safety. While eavesdropping has been known to be used on victims of Project MKULTRA through phone and message wiretapping, another less known invasive tactic involves the modern use of "LSD Program" to gather confidential access codes to email accounts, banking websites and other digital applications demanding username and password coded entry. Such intrusive tactics inevitably can lead patients in Project MKULTRA to experience technological barriers while using their personal computers or their smartphones to message or make monetary transactions online. Technological barriers brought about by Project MKULTRA also exist while operating machinery including vehicles such as cars, boats and even personal aircraft. While LSD is rarely tested by police on road stops, such substances can inevitably lead to the mental impairment or interference of the driver, boater or pilot. Also, when tests for narcotics such as LSD are gathered from blood or urine by police concerned with transportation safety, the

mandatory psychiatric medications in question are rarely implicated in the incident in order to partially or fully excuse the patient involved with the failed drug test.

While Project MKULTRA is known to be involved in a hallucinogenic dimension tied to the chemical properties of LSD, it is sometimes tied into a more concrete and palpable spatial context. While the project can be proven to lead a subject on LSD to a governmental psychiatric unit or clinic in a place like the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, it is conceivable that clinical landscapes have recently been designed, built and retrofitted to contrived specifications so that powerful drugs like LSD can be dispensed and researched with severe and substantial negative consequences on patient mental health. For instance when the CAMH Redevelopment Project underwent Phase 1B between 2010 and 2012, the Administration Building—which dated back to the 1950s—was demolished by Vanbots, while construction linked to Project MKULTRA started up through contractors like Aecon and Carillion, leading to street-level retail at Queen and Ossington in areas formerly designated as government hospital spaces. The phases of construction following 1B later radically changed the site—which was last redeveloped in the 1970s—into a site heavily favoring the research, dispensing and sale of anti-psychotic medications that were also implicated—like Risperidone—in disguising their true generic chemical names and toxic consequences.

Modernization of mental health spaces in the Province of Ontario starting up after 2007 in places like CAMH's Queen St. site could in turn have additional future financial consequences. While LSD and other narcotics have been known to put a strain on mental health care and government spending throughout the year through numerous new or repeat admissions to psych units and clinics, expensive 'redevelopment' linked to Project MKULTRA through the forceful use of medications containing LSD (or other hallucinogens like BZ) will in fact have additional contrary effects on the economy and potentially dire effects on overall mental health. While patients in Project MKULTRA should be fully discharged following cases of government-implicated intoxication, systems of confinement backing such false (or counter) spatial development will inevitably lead to recession and to future lawsuits against Ontario or the government in question. While generational nomenclature changes will continue to occur to cover up past wrongs by the Province of Ontario to patients in groups like Schizophrenia Program, full chemical tests for medications must be implemented to assure that generic names fully represent the chemical substance in question, as opposed to names that disguise toxicity. Also, one is left to ponder what other government programs for mental health minorities affected by other conditions (such as autism or dementia) can also be tied into projects like MKULTRA through a different set of illicit substances, bought and sold en masse as mental health medications or remedies.