

Police are trained under modules from the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council, to make medical diagnosis on the street. Neighbors are often quoted as experts on the illnesses of their neighbors. The office of the City Manager declared that a wife's fear and the allegation of destruction of property justified the breaking down of the door to the man's home and shooting him. This is irresponsible.

A person charged with a crime is often found to have "a history of mental illness." Or "no history of mental illness." This is a continuing slander of all persons thought to be mentally ill--hate speech. If mental illness causes crime, why not incarcerate all such persons? The sanity clause of the US Constitution denies to disabled persons all rights and privileges under law. Ask any lawyer or judge.

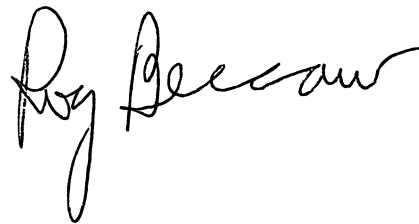
Overt bigotry toward disabled persons, is accepted in polite academic society, by police, by psychiatrists and by most people. What would never be tolerated toward black Americans, gays or women is accepted as natural toward disabled persons.

The tolerance for verbal abuse in the public discourse is what allowed the Cambridge police to break down a person's door to his own home and to shoot him dead. These are violations of City Ordinances, M.G.L. Chapter 151B, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The Cambridge police get funds from the US government.

Though the editorial alleges possible bias due to ethnicity, it omits any mention of unlawful discrimination due to disability. This is indicative of the ignorance of the editors at the newspaper of this pervasive bias. It is like asking a fish about water. The response is, "Where?"

The psychiatric industry have persuaded legislators that mental illness is the same as physical illness. When have police officers killed a man with a broken leg who cut cable tv wires? But in July, 2002 police killed two people in the Boston area that they believed were disabled.

Where is the army of alleged advocates for disabled persons now that the state budget is not under consideration? Are rights only available if the human services industry earns money?



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The Honorable City Council
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Re: Police killing of citizen

In 1990 I first wrote to the City Council about unlawful police bias and negligent police training toward disabled persons. In December 1997, I began communication about the failure of City agencies to address this unlawful discrimination by City employees. As of this date the Cambridge Human Rights Commission and the Commission for Persons with Disabilities remains silent about the murder by police of a disabled man. The Human Rights Commission was vocal about the political effort to denounce the USA PATRIOT Act, but it stands mute on issues it is charged by law to address.

On July 15, 2002 eight members of the Cambridge Police SWAT team shot and killed a man in his own home, who they believed was a mental patient. He was known to the police and he was accused of cutting a cable television wire. This is not a capital offense under Massachusetts law.

The editorial in the *Cambridge Chronicle* ("It's quiet, too quiet," July 24, 2002, page 10) shows some of the pervasive misinformation which the public, politicians and journalists accept as fact. Though the idea that not taking drugs caused the violence alleged, the essay does not address the known affects that taking drugs have on a human system. It notes the potential "side effects," but does not consider that the drugs themselves may be the cause of the acts charged.

Politicians accept money from the psychiatric industry and the human services corporations who benefit from more funding for treatment. Those harmed by psychiatric abuses are denied access to the legislative process.

The editorial does not address negligence by psychiatric professionals. Have the gene pools of psychiatrists been cleansed of mendacity, avarice, deception and sadism? Psychiatrists are unaware of all of the effects of drugs on humans. They prescribe drug cocktails, which no one knows the effects on the human body. If a person stops taking the drugs they allege that it was the stopping of the drugs, not the drugs themselves which cause violence. This is economically convenient and never challenged.

It is as if the professionals give a wood club to their patients, and tell them, "If you feel depressed, hit yourself over the head with this club. Your depression will disappear."

The use of mental illness to discredit political critics, wealthy relatives, and spouses is a common practice. Psychiatrists can find a person sane and not sane in one day. Science does not define an object "X" and "not-X" at the same time. Psychiatrists do this all of the time.

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A communication was received from Roy Bercaw, regarding lethal effects of bias towards persons with disabilities.

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