New directions in research on well-being: psychological process in everyday contexts

CRIMINAL PSYCHOPATHY

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GOOD VS. EVIL

- “Good” and “Bad” people aren’t two different species
- We all have a more or less dormant dark side
- Mental states that allow one to perform cruel acts evolve from common psychological processes
- People has tendency to need to blame their dark side to others with the only purpose to dehumanize and victimize them
- The worst hazard lies in the denial of the existence of a bestial side of our humanity
➢ The opinion of good / evil and right / wrong is a purely cultural concept
➢ In extreme situations aggression ensures survival
➢ During the trial of Eichmann collapses the human conviction about what evil was
➢ There is a part of human beings able of hurting, killing and having pleasure in doing so: psychopathic
THEORY ON PSYCHOPATHY

➢ Sociogenic or Sociopathic theory: Society creates psychopathic profiles
➢ "Bad group" theory: groups made up by wicked criminals create psychopathic profiles
➢ Traumatogenic theory: stories of abuses, violences and humiliations create psychopathic profiles
BAD COLD AND DANGEROUS THEORY

- Genetic hypothesis
- Perversion psychology hypothesis
- «Bad man by choice» hypothesis
- Dimensional variation of amygdala hypothesis
PSYCHOPATHY CENTRAL CORE

- Emotional deficiency
- Proactive and hypertrophic cognition
- The mask
PERIPHERAL TRAITS

➢ Depression
➢ Obessions and / or compulsion
➢ Social withdrawal
➢ Sadism
➢ Paranoia
➢ Psychosis spectrum
CLECKLEY’S LIST OF PSYCHOPATHY

➢ Considerable superficial charm
➢ Absence of guilty conscience
➢ Absence of anxiety
➢ Unreliability, disregard for obligations, no sense of responsibility
➢ Untruthfulness and insincerity
➢ Antisocial behavior
➢ Inadequately motivated antisocial behavior
➢ Poor judgment and failure to learn from experience

➢ Pathological egocentricity
➢ General poverty of deep and lasting emotions
➢ Inability to see oneself as others do
➢ Ingratitude for any special considerations, kindness and trust
➢ Fantastic and objectionable behavior
➢ No history of genuine suicide attempts
➢ An impersonal, trivial, and poorly integrated sex life
➢ Failure to have a life plan
THE COMPLEX CRIMINALS PROFILES

➢ It’s a always existed profile but masked very well
➢ Hard to identify and recognize unless he wants it
➢ Antisocial, narcissistic, paranoiac
➢ He isn’t afraid to pay for the consequences of his actions and behaviors
➢ He considers other people as worthless human beings
➢ He’s a perfect predators in his usual context
MALIGNANT NARCISSISM

➢ Well integrated and structured but pathological, cruel and omnipotent magnificent Self
➢ Primitive defense mechanisms
➢ Inability to regulate their need for admiration
➢ Self destructive aspects and vulnerability to criticism
➢ Empathy defiance and inability to maintain lasting relationships
➢ Propensity to destroy, dehumanize and «castrate» other people driven by a deep sense of revenge
Patrizio Franceschelli

He throws his 16-month-old son into the Tiber from the Trastevere bridge

He admit: «It was me. I threw him out of spite and revenge to punish my ex-wife who had come back to live with her mother»

Child’s mother had moved to Trastevere
➢ Anders Behring Breivik

➢ Massacre of over 100 students, chased and freezed by a rifle, on the island of Utoya in Norway

➢ He is arrested by law enforcement without offering any resistance

➢ «I wanted to send a strong message to the people to stop the damages of the Norwegian Labor Party and to stop the deconstruction of the Norwegian culture because of the mass immigration of the Muslims»
➢ Andreas Lubitz

➢ He commits suicide crashing himself along with the whole crew and 150 passengers with the Germanwings flight 9525

➢ He suffered from a severe depression but had «overcome» all psychological tests

➢ His psychopathy was mistaken for a psychosomatic reaction with generalized anxiety
Argentinian «Dirty War»

- 730 women were thrown into the sea by military aircraft in addition to the others 30,000 dead
- Children of the so-called Desaparecidos are adopted and raised by the executioners of their parents
FAMOUS PSYCHOPATHIC

➢ Alcibiade

➢ A man of great talent and charm

➢ Capriciously to court disaster and, perhaps at the behest of some trivial impulse, to go out of his way to bring down defeat upon his own projects

➢ Disregard for accepted rules or commitments and a reckless tendency to seize arbitrarily what may appeal to him at the moment
FAMOUS PSYCHOPATHIC

➢ Leopold II

➢ Under his brutal rule in Africa, millions of Congolese people died

➢ He used forced Congolese labor that toiled under threat of horrific abuse

➢ He imposed quotas on every man in his realm for production of raw materials
Ivan The Terrible

He was marked by a number of atrocities due to his quest for expansion and his tendency to control the population via strict military rule.

His army built walls around the perimeter of the city to prevent escapees and rounded up civilians, torturing and killing between 500 and 1,000 of them in front of Ivan.

When Ivan’s son learned of his wife’s miscarriage, he confronted his father, the two fought, and Ivan ended striking his own son in the head with a staff hard enough to kill him.
➢ Adolf Eichmann

➢ He was another of the Holocaust’s main orchestrators

➢ Eichmann eluded capture for 15 years, but was eventually tried and hanged for his crimes in 1962

➢ He said that he would leap laughing into the grave because the feeling that he had five million people on his conscience would be for him a source of extraordinary satisfaction
Hare Psychopathy Checklist - Revised (PCL-R)

- It allows to evaluate the nature and manifestations of psychopathy in a wide range of situations
- Factor 1: Interpersonal / Affective
- Factor 2: Social deviance
- It provides a reliable evaluation of the psychopathy construct in a wide range of contexts
- Used for clinical purposes and in the evaluation of psychopathy in criminals and in forensic psychiatric patients
Psychopathy is a spectrum disorder and can be diagnosed using the 20-item PCL-R including traits such as sexual promiscuity, parasitic lifestyle, and impulsivity.

The bar for clinical psychopathy is a score of 30 or higher (serial killer Ted Bundy scored 39).
➢ HCR-20 v.3 by Kevin Douglas
➢ 3 scales:
  ➢ (H)istorical ➔ 10 item
  ➢ (C)linical ➔ 5 item
  ➢ (R)isk ➔ 5 item
H1. Problems with Violence: (a) under 12; (b) 12-17; (c) 18+

H2. Problems w/ Other Antisocial Behavior: (a) under 12; (b) 12-17; (c) 18+

H3. Problems with Personal Relationships
   H3a. Intimate Relationships
   H3b. Non-intimate Relationships

H4. Problems with Employment

H5. Problems with Substance Use

H6. Major Mental Illness
   H6a. Psychotic Disorders
   H6b. Major Mood Disorders
   H6c. Cognitive/Intellectual/PDD

H7. Personality Disorder (w/ Antagonism; Dominance)

H8. Victimization and Traumatic Experiences
   H8a. Victimization/Trauma
   H8b. Poor Parenting/Caregiving

H9. Violent Attitudes

H10. Problems with Compliance
C1. Problems with Insight
   C1a. Problems with Insight into Mental Disorder
   C1b. Problems with Insight into Violence Proneness and Risk Factors
   C1c. Problems with Insight into Need for Treatment

C2. Violent Attitudes and Ideation

C3. Current Symptoms of Major Mental Illness
   C3a. Current Symptoms of Psychotic Disorders
   C3b. Current Symptoms of Major Mood Disorders
   C3c. Current Symptoms of Cognitive/Intellect/PDD

C4. Instability

C5. Problems with Compliance or Responsiveness
   C5a. Problems with Compliance
   C5b. Problems with Responsiveness
Risk Management Scale

R1. Inadequate Plans regarding Professional Services

R2. Inadequate Plan regarding Living Situation

R3. Inadequate Plan regarding Personal Support

R4. Potential Problems with Compliance or Responsiveness
   R4a. Potential Problems with Compliance
   R4b. Potential Problems with Responsiveness

R5. Potential Problems with Stress and Coping