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Sham Peer Review

Thank you, Dr. Huntoon, for your excellent article on exposing the methodology of evil in sham peer review.¹ Those unfortunate souls who were victims of totalitarian systems and persecuted in Stalinist show trials or Maoist "struggle sessions" would recognize the evil tactics exposed here as the same evil used on them. "Evil" is indeed the proper word to use, as these tactics are not "stupid," "ridiculous," "crazy," or any of the other adjectives used to avoid the mention of what it truly is, namely evil.

Also, for every patient who wonders why physicians who speak with their patients, spend time with them, and truly care what happens to them are so hard to find in these United States these days, the takeover of medical care by government goons and medical corporatists, for whom physicians and our patients are no more than a commodity to be used to make money, is what has allowed and encouraged this evil to flourish.

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The Pandemic of Gambling

I enjoyed reading Mr. Schlafly's editorial about the dangers of gambling.¹ This is indeed an addiction, and the dopamine effects are not unlike

those from high carb foods, tobacco, alcohol, and other addictive substances. Engaging in one type of addictive behavior increases the chances that the individual will pursue other addictive behaviors. Gambling is a risk factor for incarceration and subsequent violence while incarcerated.

One of my law school professors (Stacey Tovino, J.D., Ph.D.) has written extensively on gambling disorder.²⁻⁴ Other readers might find her writing interesting.

The states' rights approach taken by Mr. Schlafly in the Kalshi amicus brief was outstanding. It is interesting how so many states of different political stripes are aligned on gambling prohibitions.

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