

What is psychopathy?

Psychopathy is a developmental disorder that impairs a person's ability to function in society. People with the disorder appear to lack social emotions (love, empathy, guilt and remorse). They are impulsive and do things that hurt other people. Their victims include both strangers and family members.

What causes psychopathy?

Genes play a significant role in the cause of psychopathy. However socialization and other environmental factors interact with genetics, so genes are probably not the only determinant.

How many people have psychopathy?

We do not yet know how many people have psychopathy. Some estimate the figure at approximately 1% of North Americans.

How many victims and family members are there?

Because each psychopathic person hurts many others, the number of people affected by the disorder is far greater than the prevalence of psychopathy.

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Who are we?

We are psychopathy researchers, mental health professionals, victims and family members of those affected with the disorder.

What is our purpose?

Our purpose is to provide information and support to those whose lives, health, and/or careers have been placed at risk or negatively impacted by psychopathy.

What we will be...

A **not-for-profit organization** devoted to supporting

victims and family members, public education, and psychopathy research.

What is the impact of psychopathy on society?

Psychopathy is **very costly** to society. The disorder is responsible for much human suffering. The disordered person, his/her family and nearly everyone he/she contacts is affected.

People with the disorder commit a disproportionate number of violent and non-violent crimes.

People with the disorder burden our justice system, and, by harming others, burden our health and social service systems.

People with the disorder are often addicted to alcohol and other drugs, adding burden to our health care system.

Do people care about psychopathy?

Unlike other disorders, people with psychopathy often don't recognize they have a problem. But the victims and family members of the disordered do care. The public is also very interested in finding out about psychopathy and needs accurate information.

CANCER victims have cancer societies.

DIABETES victims have diabetes associations.

What do victims of PSYCHOPATHY have?

NOTHING...

UNTIL NOW!

It is time for researchers, clinicians, victims and family members to:

**COME TOGETHER
AND ADVOCATE
FOR THOSE AFFECTED
BY PSYCHOPATHY!**



People with psychopathy and their families face stigma

It is hard to talk about psychopathy because of all the harmful things people with the disorder do. Even now people with the disorder are often considered to be **“just evil people.”**

There is more to psychopathy than evil!

People with psychopathy have abnormalities of the brain and nervous system. Scientists have linked the disorder to specific kinds of emotional processing deficits, cognitive processing deficits, and learning deficits.

What can be done?

Our group already operates a website that is a safe place for victims and family members to come together. But that is just a start. We intend to go further to

**INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS,
SUPPORT VICTIMS & FAMILIES,
LOBBY FOR MORE RESEARCH.**