## What do the voices in <u>your</u> head say?



Chapter 12- Schizophrenia and Psychotic Disorders

## Class Objectives

- What is Schizophrenia?
- Are all people with Schizophrenia the same?
- How is Schizophrenia diagnosed?

How would you describe Schizophrenia?

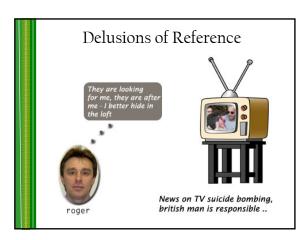
| Who has Schizophrenia?  |   |
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| <ul> <li>A middle-aged man walks the streets of New<br/>York with aluminum foil under his hat, so the<br/>Martians can't read his mind.</li> </ul>  |   |
| <ul> <li>A young woman sits in her college classroom<br/>and hears the voice of God telling her she is a<br/>vile and disgusting person.</li> </ul>   |   |
| <ul> <li>You try to strike up a conversation with the<br/>supermarket bagger, but he stares at you<br/>vacantly and will say only one or two words in<br/>a flat, monotone voice.</li> </ul>    |   |
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| How disruptive is this disorder?  |   |
| Schizophrenia is a devastating disorder that has a tremendous   |   |
| This disorder is characterized by a broad spectrum of cognitive and emotional dysfunctions, including:  |   |
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| Is this a new disorder?   |   |
| <ul> <li>The symptoms of this disorder have been examined<br/>throughout history, but it was not until 1908 that the<br/>name schizophrenia was introduced by</li> </ul>                        |   |
| Schizophrenia comes from the Greek words for <u>split</u><br><u>mind</u> , which reflected Bleuler's belief that underlying<br>all the unusual behaviors was an <u>associative splitting</u> of |   |
| the basic functions of personality.   |   |
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| What do we think about people with  |  |
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| Schizophrenia?  Society devalues and dehumanizes those with schizophrenia.  |  |
| People with these severe mental disorders are twice as  |  |
| • These disorders not only effect the patient, but the people around them, like family and friends, both emotionally and financially          |  |
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| "You are such a psycho!"  |  |
| This word is very common in our culture, but<br>what does it mean?  |  |
| • Schizophrenia is classified as a <u>psychotic disorder.</u>   |  |
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| I'LL SWEEP PSYCHOS<br>OFF THE STREETS   |  |
| Dobson to cage timebomb' fiends   |  |
| In a study conducted by Northwestern Medical<br>School, only 3 of 2122 contacts between police<br>and citizens involved violent behavior by a |  |
| mentally ill person   |  |

| Are people with Schizophrenia dangerous predators?   |  |
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| Despite evidence to the contrary, people with<br>Schizophrenia are still portrayed as dangerous and<br>violent offenders.                |  |
| Research shows that people with Schizophrenia are  |  |
| However, more than of T.V characters in prime-time dramas with schizophrenia are presented as violent more than 1/5 depicted as murders. |  |
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| Symptoms of Schizophrenia  |  |
| <ul> <li>Symptoms of schizophrenia are divided into 2<br/>categories, <u>positive</u> and <u>negative</u>.</li> </ul>                    |  |
| Positive symptoms:   |  |
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| apathy, lack of emotion, poor or non-existent social functioning   |  |
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| Positive symptoms  |  |
| • These are and the more obvious signs of psychosis- not to be confused  |  |
| with   |  |
| • <u>Delusions</u> are   |  |
| <ul> <li>This symptom involves disorder of thought content<br/>and beliefs that are misrepresentations of reality.</li> </ul>            |  |
| and benefit that are mistepresentations of reality.  |  |
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| You might be Delusional if  |          |
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| A person who believes they are from the planet "Gwarnon" is delusional  |          |
| <ul> <li>A person who believes the flickering street<br/>light is sending him messages from the aliens<br/>is delusional</li> </ul> |          |
| • A person who believes the CIA, FBI, and mafia are "out to get him" is   |          |
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| Hi, Jesus Christ. Nice to meet you.   |          |
| There are several classifications of delusions.   |          |
| are the belief that you are more important than you are.  |          |
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| Types of Delusions  |          |
| A very common delusion effecting 1/3 of people with schizophrenia is the belief that others are  "                                  |          |
| <ul> <li>These are called <u>delusions of persecution</u> (paranoid delusions) which can be the most disturbing</li> </ul>          |          |
| for people with schizophrenia   |          |
| They believe they are   |          |

## I know what that means... Delusions of reference involve a person having a belief or perception that irrelevant or unrelated things in the world



## <u>Delusions of Reference</u>

- They feel that people on television or radio are talking about, or talking directly to them.
- believing that events (even world events)
   have been deliberately contrived for them, or
   have

| Did you hear that?!  Hallucinations are also of schizophrenia that are evidence of perceptual disturbance.                       |  |  |
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| Hallucinations are, inaccuracies that affect the senses.  Causing people to hear, see, taste, touch or smell what others do not. |  |  |
| Understanding Hallucinations   |  |  |
| Research found by using SPECT scan of the brain that the area of the brain most active during hallucinations was Broca's area    |  |  |
| This research suggests that people are not hearing the voices of others  |  |  |

| Negative symptoms  |  |
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| In contrast to the presentation of new features                                |  |
| with positive symptoms, <u>negative features</u> of schizophrenia indicate the |  |
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| What's Missing?  |  |
| Negative symptoms include:   |  |
| - Apathy<br>- Poverty of   |  |
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| • 25% of people with schizophrenia display these symptoms (Ho et al., 2003)    |  |
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| More Schizophrenia please!   |  |
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