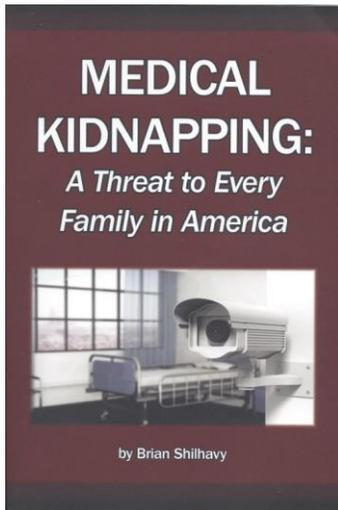


MEDICAL KIDNAPPING: A Threat to Every Family in America

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“If you live in the United States of America today, and you have children in your home under the age of 18, every day you are in danger of losing your children to the State through medical kidnapping. Something as simple as bringing your child to the local emergency room to care for an injury or sickness puts you at risk for being accused of medically abusing or neglecting your child, and having a doctor direct a social worker to remove the child or children from your custody by force.”

“The CPS [Child Protective Services] system is built around the premise that parents – accused by anyone of anything – are “guilty until proven innocent” ...an approach not terribly different from the Salem witch trials 300 years ago.”

“The CPS system is setup in such a way that its activities with specific families are secret. They hide behind confidentiality laws to prevent public oversight. They threaten parents with permanent loss of their children if they speak publicly. The family court system adds its authority to demand that parents remain silent. All the while, family after family is threatened and broken. Children are brought into drug experimentation programs, and others are provided for the adoption business, which brings even more money into state coffers.”

“The federal government played a major role in shaping the nationwide system of governmental child protective services in place today through The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1974 (CAPTA).”

“Two decades later, in an effort to avoid children languishing in foster care for years, Congress passed The Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (ASFA) which was labeled by the Washington Post in January 1998 as: “the most significant change in federal child-protection policy in almost two decades.””

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