

NOLAN

Dr. Evans, do you think a person who is afflicted by this inability to mirror is healthy?

DR EVANS

Absolutely not.

NOLAN

Even if their test scores are better than everyone else in the class?

DR EVANS

Yes. Because while the test score is relevant within the classroom, the world requires us to interact with other people. If an individual cannot interact in a way that is socially acceptable, she is not healthy.

NOLAN

Thank you.

Nolan sits. Atkins springs from his seat.

ATKINS

Doctor Evans, what was the outcome of this censure brought against The Southerland School?

DR. EVANS

It was dismissed.

ATKINS

But I thought you said this practice was in "blatant violation" of a number of psychological rules and regulations?

DR. EVANS

It was, but there was a loophole. Doctor Southerland had received signed consent from all patients taking part in the study. With informed consent, he could not be prosecuted.

ATKINS

So your claim that he was in "blatant violation" was a lie?

NOLAN

Objection!

ATKINS
I'll rephrase. It was a...dramatic
embellishment.

NOLAN
Objection!

ATKINS
An exaggeration?

JUDGE
Mr. Atkins, your cross examination
has reached its end. Sit down.

Atkins sits down, snickering.

NOLAN
May I have a re-direct, your honor?

JUDGE
Keep it brief.

NOLAN
Doctor Evans, in this signed consent
the Southerland School had received
of its participants, was it stated
that an eight-year-old *child* would
be present?

DR. EVANS
No.

NOLAN
This didn't have any bearing upon
the committee's decision?

DR. EVANS
At the time, no legal precedent had
been set.

NOLAN
At the time?

DR. EVANS
GPA bylaws, written as a result of
this incident with The Southerland
School, now forbid the practice
explicitly.

NOLAN
Thank you.

Nolan sits.