The Concerning Rise of A.D.H.D.

Mathieu Phaneuf

Western Governors University

243167

The Concerning Rise of A.D.H.D.

We all know the term A.D.H.D. as the abbreviation for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. This is the name that the FDA gave to the disorder when they officially recognized it in 1992, but the disorder itself is much older than its official name. We can trace it all the way back to the beginning of the 1900’s when Sir George Still described it as an abnormal defect of moral control in children (Holland, 2015). According to Alan Schwarz (2013), 11 percent of school-age children over all have received a medical diagnosis of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, a 16 percent rise since 2007. Although some professionals argue that the rise in ADHD prescribed medication is normal and doesn’t raise any concerns, research shows that over misdiagnosed prescribing, the potential addiction, and the business lead by the Big Pharma behind the ADHD disorder are all good reasons to be concerned.