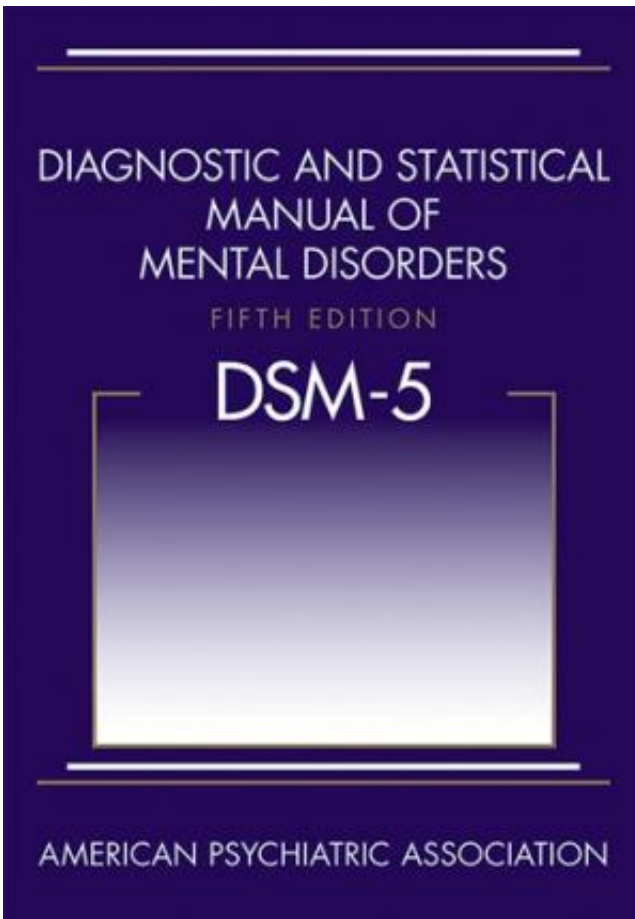


Shrinks, critics face off over psychiatric manual

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This undated image shows the cover of the revised American Psychiatric Association's guidebook of mental disorders being released in May 2013. It is the manual's first major update in nearly 20 years, but prominent critics say the APA is out of control, turning common human problems into mental illness in a trend they say will just make the "pop-a-pill" culture worse. (AP Photo/American Psychiatric Association)

(AP)—There's a new version of the world's most widely used psychiatric manual, and it's already getting lots of criticism.

Some prominent therapists and others complain that the manual turns normal conditions into mental illnesses. They say it will only make the "pop-a-pill" culture worse.

At issue is the fifth edition of the [Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders](#), widely known as the DSM-5. The DSM has long been considered the authoritative source for diagnosing mental problems.

The [American Psychiatric Association](#) is releasing the manual this weekend at its annual meeting in San Francisco. Protesters hope to steal the show.

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