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"*Competition is Sin*"—John D. Rockefeller

The history of our current medical system is a dark and interesting drama of greedy people manipulating governments and society to implement a drug-based medical system.

Filled with intrigue, villainous personalities, persecution, and heroic characters, most of it is beyond the scope of this book. However, it's important to understand a brief history of allopathic medicine in this country in order to make an informed decision on which path of healthcare to choose.

The story of how it all began is really the story of one person: John D. Rockefeller. This story is not my opinion or a parable. This is how it happened according to historic documentation.

In an endless pursuit of money, Rockefeller sought to monopolize medicine, as he had the oil industry, and started the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research in 1901. The institute was designed to be America's first biomedical drug-based institute and, like France's Pasteur Institute, was based on Pasteur's theories.¹ The institute's director of laboratories was a man named Simon Flexner.² With powerful capitalistic motives, they wove a dark plan to dominate the healthcare business in America and then the rest of the globe.

Rockefeller sought to build a medical empire capitalizing on allopathic medicine, despite the fact that he himself flatly refused allopathic medicine. In fact, his own physician was a homeopathic practitioner named Dr. Hamilton Fisk Biggar.³

Rockefeller worked closely with the powerful philanthropic organization, The Carnegie Foundation, because he needed a layer of deniability between his interests and the healthcare system he was rigging.⁴ He influenced the Carnegie Foundation in 1908 to hire Simon Flexner's brother, Abraham. Abraham was brought onto the research staff, and his duty was to present a report to U.S. Congress. The report's subject was about the state of medical research and schools in America. The little known but incredibly impactful piece was called *The Flexner Report*. It's available on Amazon if you want to read it.

Abraham Flexner was a preacher in Massachusetts when he was hired. He was not a physician, scientist, or medical educator. He never set foot in a medical school before evaluating them for his report. In fact, his only schooling was a two-year degree in the *classics*, making him completely unqualified to decide which types of medicine were

¹ Chernow R. *Titan: The Life of John D Rockefeller Sr* (New York: Vintage Books, 2004), pp 471-2.

² Ward O. Griffen, Jr, MD, PhD. "Jacob; The Other Flexner", *Annals of Surgery*, 2004 June; 239(6): 808-817, hosted at National Library of Medicine, NIH, accessed 23 October 2013

³ Heather I. *Rockefeller was big, and his doctor was Biggar (March 2011)*. Website :<http://www.brantfordexpositor.ca/2011/03/05/rockefeller-was-big-and-his-doctor-was-biggar>

⁴ Bonner, Thomas Neville (February 1998). "Searching for Abraham Flexner". *Academic Medicine*.

scientific and valid and which were not.⁵ Regardless, his views were submitted to Congress in 1910.

Flexner adhered to the germ theory of medicine and believed anything other than this approach was tantamount to quackery. The Flexner report disseminated falsehoods under the guise of science and ruthlessly slandered all other methods of healing that competed with pharmaceutical medicine. Time-honored traditions such as homeopathy, nutrition, manipulation of the body by osteopaths and chiropractors, electromagnetic therapy, acupuncture, and others were persecuted and deemed "non-medical and unscientific."⁶

After submitting his report to Congress, he no longer needed to keep a layer of deniability between him and Rockefeller. In 1912 he was hired to the Rockefeller Foundation's General Education Board and in 1917 became its secretary.

After the Flexner Report was published, the number of medical and health colleges in America decreased from 189 to 31.⁷ A carrot and stick approach helped accomplish this.

The carrot was a big one: Tax-free donations totaling to about \$600 million (inflation adjusted) to medical colleges that "fit in" with his agenda⁸ with the requirement that he could put his people on the boards of the schools.

The stick came in multiple forms. First, licensure and accreditation was restricted to only the colleges that met the Flexner Report's requirements.

Second, the American Medical Association (AMA) and FDA were used as their henchmen. In 1910, the same year that the Flexner report was published, the AMA published *Essentials of an Acceptable Medical College* (Report of the Council, 1910), which echoed similar criteria for medical education and a disdain for "non-conventional" medical study.⁹

The AMA's head of Council on Medical Education traveled with Abraham Flexner to evaluate medical schools for the report. Medical sociologist Paul Starr wrote in his Pulitzer Prize-winning book: "The AMA Council became a national accrediting agency for medical schools, as an increasing number of states adopted its judgments of unacceptable institutions." Further, he noted, "Even though no legislative body ever set it up...the AMA Council on Medical Education's decisions came to have the force of law."¹⁰ It's important to note that the AMA is not a government agency. It is a private, for-profit organization, flush with money.

Third, they set up an attack group called, and I'm not making this up, "The Propaganda Department." The Propaganda Department's sole purpose was to run baseless smear campaigns. Dr. Fishbein, MD wrote in his autobiography, "In 1913...the AMA working with

⁵ Abraham Flexner: An Autobiography, New York: Simon and Schuster, 1960

⁶ Beck AH (2004). "The Flexner Report and the standardization of American medical education". *JAMA*. **291** (17): 2139–2140. doi:10.1001/jama.291.17.2139. PMID 15126445.

⁷ <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2967338/>

⁸ <http://www.nytimes.com/books/98/05/17/specials/rockefeller-gifts.html>

⁹ http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dana-ullman/how-the-ama-got-rich-powe_b_6103720.html

¹⁰ Starr, P. The Social Transformation of American Medicine. New York: Basic Books, 1982

Rockefeller went on a strong offensive by establishing the 'Propaganda Department,' which was specifically dedicated to attacking any and all 'unconventional' medical treatments and anyone (MD or not) who practiced them."¹¹

The AMA referred to any health practitioner as "quacks" if they were not part of their organization. They ruthlessly and doggedly persecuted anyone they perceived as competition to their business model. Medical students of the day were taught not to associate with anyone who did not follow the allopathic path of medicine as they were 'quacks and inferior.'

During this bleak period in medical history, any university not using the methods condoned by this new business model was censured. Most eventually shut down. Many holistic doctors were jailed for "practicing medicine without a license," and over the following decades, holistic methods and ancient healing techniques went underground. Sadly, some were lost entirely.

After changing the course of medical and health education in America, Flexner, with funding from the Rockefeller Foundation, was sent to Europe and according to author Thomas Bonner, came to be known "nearly as well in Europe as in America." Bonner went on to say, "Flexner exerted a decisive influence on the course of medical training and left an enduring mark on some of the nation's most renowned schools of medicine."¹² After Rockefeller controlled the legislative bodies and schools in both America and Europe, he went on to stack the FDA with his own men, ensuring rubber stamp approval for pharmaceuticals and a barrier for entry to all other forms of healthcare. This ensured that pharmaceutical companies supplied the entire nation's medicine. This began the medical system we know today. Medicine was monopolized and corporatized, into an extremely well oiled money-making machine.

Society's choice for healthcare was reduced to one: Allopathic Medicine. All other forms of healthcare were persecuted and many were eliminated. Any survivors had to go underground or practice outside the new system. The population was not made aware of any other choices of healthcare. Society was engineered to believe the illusion that Allopathic Medicine was the only form of healthcare.

Despite this obvious coup of the medical industry manipulated by Rockefeller, the Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine in 2011 wrote "The Flexner Report of 1910 transformed the nature and process of medical education in America with a resulting elimination of proprietary schools and the establishment of the biomedical model as the gold standard of medical training."¹³ These 'proprietary schools' discarded centuries of healing wisdom, taught by some of the greatest physicians in American history. The cruelty of this destruction is unfathomable when the great loss of knowledge and teachers is considered. I guess the old saying is true, "History is written by those who have killed heroes."

Dr. Benjamin Rush, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, said:

¹¹ Fishbein, M. Morris Fishbein, MD: An Autobiography. New York: Doubleday, 1969

¹² Bonner, Thomas Neville (February 1998). "Searching for Abraham Flexner". *Academic Medicine*. **73** (2): 160–166.

¹³ Duffy TP. The Flexner Report — 100 Years Later. *The Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine*. 2011;84(3):269-276.

“Unless we put medical freedom into the Constitution, the time will come when medicine will organize itself into an undercover dictatorship. To restrict the art of healing to doctors and deny equal privileges to others will constitute the Bastille of medical science. All such laws are un-American and despotic.” His words have never rung more true.