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*For the young woman they called crazy,
for the young woman they didn't believe,
for the young woman they locked up,
we did it.*

Abstract

In this thesis, I propose an extremely simple theory: if an individual's basic needs are met, if an individual is taught to treat themselves and others with dignity and respect, if an individual sees those around them doing the same, they will choose care, compassion, and nurturance over violence, domination, and oppression. This in turn creates a healthier, more efficient, more productive society. After 30 years of lived experience and 10 years of close study, I have observed a considerable amount of evidence which supports this theory.

In this paper, I share the overarching goals and motivations of this work. I then describe the epistemological framework used to produce the theory presented in this paper. I summarize the process of theory development before presenting the central theory and discussions of three related concepts.

I will not prevaricate. The work detailed here merits the Nobel Prize in Economics. I include this note of confidence, not because I particularly value a hunk of gold embossed with the image of a man whose scientific contributions led to immense suffering, but because I refuse to stand silent in the face of trivialization and undervaluation, pernicious traditions long borne by marginalized communities across time and space. Since I am not in the business of staking claims I cannot substantiate, you can trust me when I tell you the thesis that follows is nothing short of genius.

Enjoy.