DRUGS: WHO BENEFITS?



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THE DRUG INDUSTRY

SEPTEMBER 13

Three quarters of visits to doctors end with a prescription for a drug. A critical look at the drug industry and why drugs (along with surgery) have become virtually the only treatment available through traditional medicine.

PSYCHIATRIC DRUGS

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One in four prescriptions is for a mind or mood altering drug. Two thirds of these prescriptions are given to women. A look at the use, effects and hazards of drugs such as valium, thorazine, lithium and the anti-depressants, and possible alternatives to drugs.

OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS

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Billions of dollars every year are spent on over-the-counter drugs for colds, pain, stomach discomfort and a range of health problems for which we are offered "fast fast relief". How useful are these drugs, what are the dangers and what are the alternatives?

THE HAZARDS OF SYNTHETIC HORMONES

OCTOBER 4

Birth control pills, estrogen replacement therapy, Depo-Provera, DES, Provera: millions of women worldwide have been given synthetic hormones for birth control, menopausal symptoms, menstrual irregularities and to prevent miscarriage. A look at why the prescribing of hormones is so widespread, what are the dangers, and the alternatives.

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