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"A governmentally supported criminal system in sports (Doping): The roles of MDs and scientists"

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Abstract:

In most countries medals won in international competitions of high performance sports have been - and by and large still are - seen as important demonstrations of the nation's ability and "ranking" as well as an important contribution to the nation's well-being. In reality, since the mid-1960s international sports have become the battlefield of drug abusebased enhancement of performance ("doping") the true conditions of which have been - and mostly still are - kept secret. Drug-induced enhancement of performance, publicly denied and pseudo-controlled, is a field of systematic abuse of science and medicine, knowingly taking into account such risks as, e.g., virilization, damaging changes of sexual organs, a series of drug-induced tumors from specific hepatomas to androgen receptor-promoted breast carcinomas, cardiac hypertrophies, blood clotting and infarctions, including death. The public, notably medical scientists, most media organs and politicians, systematically contributed to this culture of opportunistic silence and denial, once in a while sacrifying the one or other athlete caught with positive drug reactions as an "alibi case". Documents showing the truth, including top-secret doctoral theses and court cases, will be revealed and discussed, leading to the question why science and scientists have contributed to these "body-damaging activities" (judgement taken from a verdict of the German High Court, BGH) and thus have either contributed to this form of criminality or at least have remained silent, including colleagues in this state's universities. However: Cum tacent, clamant.