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An Inquiry Into The Exercise Of Authority  
Against Perceived Wrongdoers

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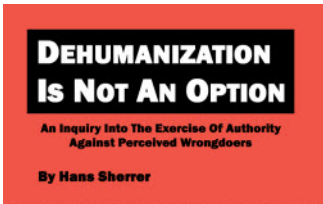
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This mistreatment is not due to the rogue actions of a few "bad apples." It is a predictable response by people placed in a position of authority over those they see as undeserving of humane treatment.

***Dehumanization Is Not An Option*** explores how the inhumane treatment of real or suspected wrongdoers is contributed to by the unleashing of authoritarian attitudes, and that bureaucratic systems contribute to barbaric behavior.

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