

Increasing rates of depression

- Rates of depression have increased 10-20 times compared to 50 years ago.
 - The average age of a person experiencing depression has gone down.
- Seligman identifies three causes of this trend.
 - 1. **Out of control individualism/self-centeredness** - focus on individual success and failures rather than group accomplishments.

Increasing rates of depression

- 2. **The self-esteem movement** - teaching a generation of children they should feel good about themselves, irrespective of their efforts and achievements.
- 3. **A culture of victimology** - reflexively pointing the finger of blame at someone or something else.



Dysthymic Disorder (Persistent Depressive Disorder)



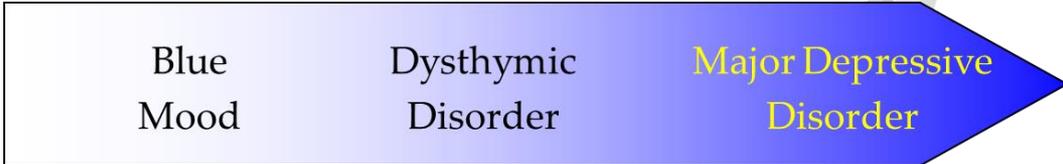
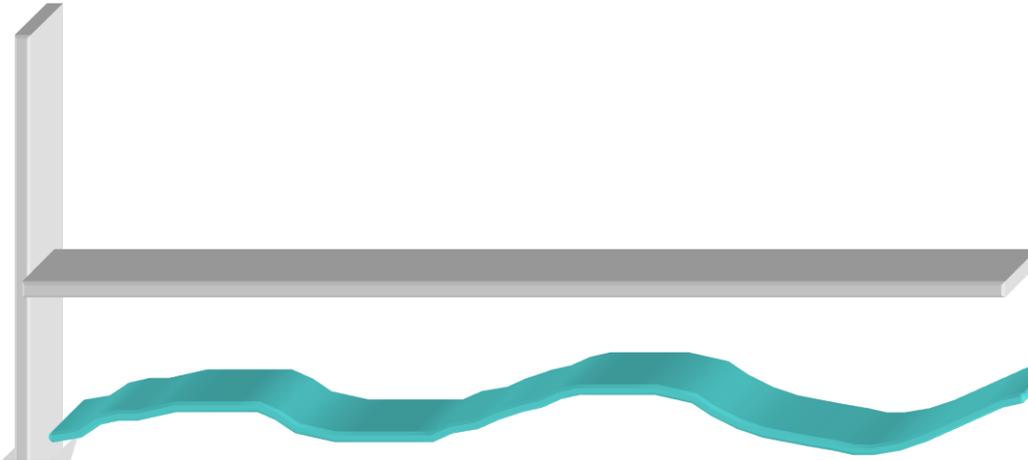
• Suffering from mild depression every day for at least two years.

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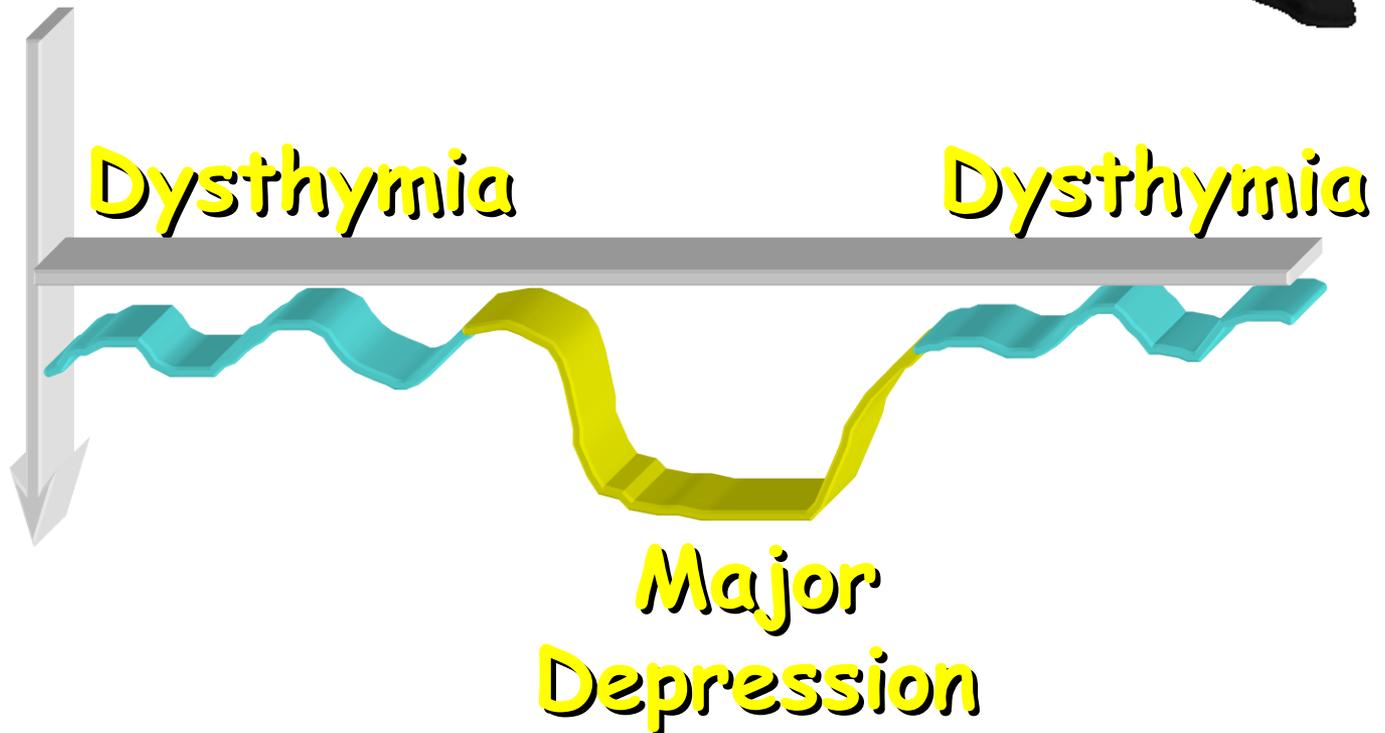
2 Years or More

1. Poor appetite or overeating
2. Insomnia or hypersomnia
3. Low energy or fatigue
4. Low self-esteem
5. Poor concentration or difficulty making decisions
6. Feelings of hopelessness



Double Depression

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Seasonal Affective Disorder [SAD]

- Seasonal affective disorder is more than simply disliking winter.
- Seasonal affective disorder involves a recurring seasonal pattern of depression, usually during winter's short, dark, cold days.
- Survey: "Have you cried today"? Result: More people answer "yes" in winter.

	Percentage who cried	
	Men	Women
August	4	7
December	8	21

S.A.D. and Light Therapy



Bipolar Disorder

- Bipolar disorder was once called "manic-depressive disorder."
- Bipolar disorder's two polar opposite moods are depression and mania.

Mania refers to a period of hyper-elevated mood that is euphoric, giddy, easily irritated, hyperactive, impulsive, overly optimistic, and even grandiose.

Contrasting Symptoms

Depressed mood: stuck feeling "down," with:

- exaggerated pessimism
- social withdrawal
- lack of felt pleasure
- inactivity and no initiative
- difficulty focusing
- fatigue and excessive desire to sleep

Mania: euphoric, giddy, easily irritated, with:

- exaggerated optimism
- hypersociality and sexuality
- delight in everything
- impulsivity and overactivity
- racing thoughts; the mind won't settle down
- little desire for sleep

Bi-Polar Disorder - Homeland

there are always two sides to a story

Depression in Bipolar I

Depression in bipolar I can be debilitating. You may feel so sad or worthless that you can't even get out of bed or tend to your responsibilities. It can even lead to suicide if left untreated.

Mania

People with bipolar I suffer from severe manic episodes. These episodes can include elevated mood, racing thoughts, dangerous impulsive behavior such as spending sprees and indiscriminate sexual activity, and inappropriate aggression.

Depression in Bipolar II

In bipolar II, depression is painful but not crippling. You can still function, though you feel miserable. You may feel like you're just going through the motions and not enjoying life.

Hypomania

In bipolar II, patients experience hypomania. Symptoms are similar to mania but are not as extreme, and don't necessarily have a negative impact on your life like mania does.

Hypomania: "At first when I'm high, it's tremendous ... ideas are fast ... like shooting stars you follow until brighter ones appear... All shyness disappears, the right words and gestures are suddenly there ... uninteresting people, things become intensely interesting. Sensuality is pervasive, the desire to seduce and be seduced is irresistible. Your marrow is infused with unbelievable feelings of ease, power, well-being, omnipotence, euphoria ... you can do anything ... but somewhere this changes."

Mania: "The fast ideas start coming too fast and there are far too many ... overwhelming confusion replaces clarity ... you stop keeping up with it ... memory goes. Infectious humor ceases to amuse. Your friends become frightened ... everything is now against the grain ... you are irritable, angry, frightened, uncontrollable, and trapped."

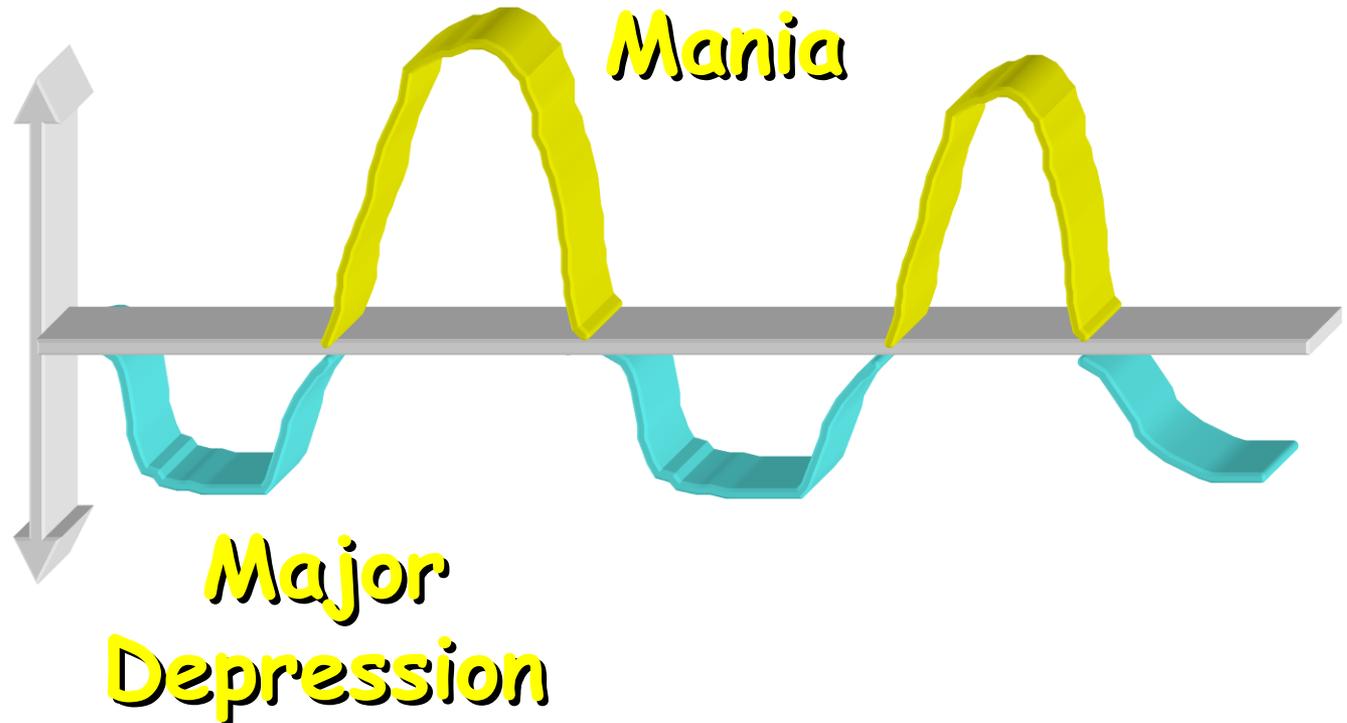
Bipolar Disorder.

About one-half to two-thirds of people with mania have psychotic symptoms.

In hypomania, no psychotic symptoms are present.

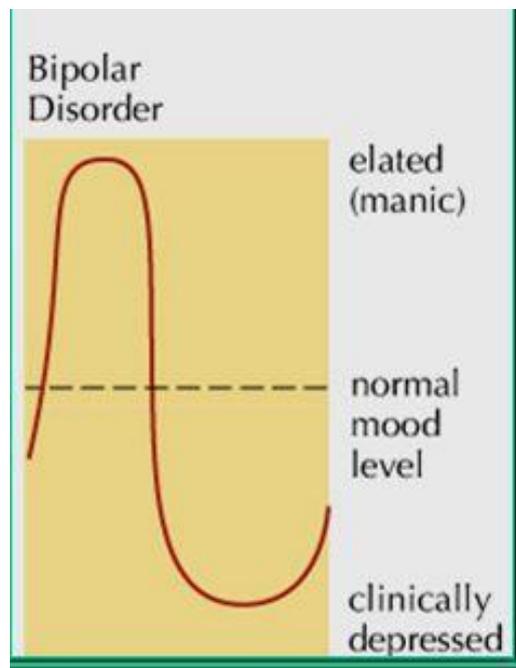
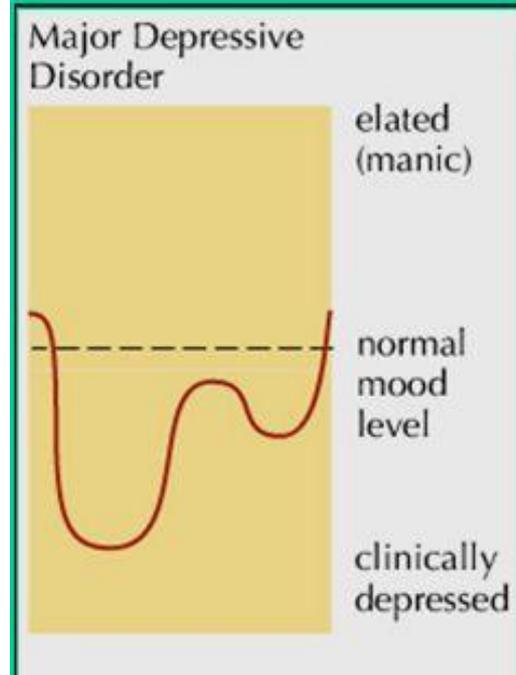
- more than "mood swings."
- depression plus the problematic overly "up" mood called "mania."

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MDD

Long-lasting depressed mood that interferes with the ability to function, feel pleasure, or maintain interest in life.

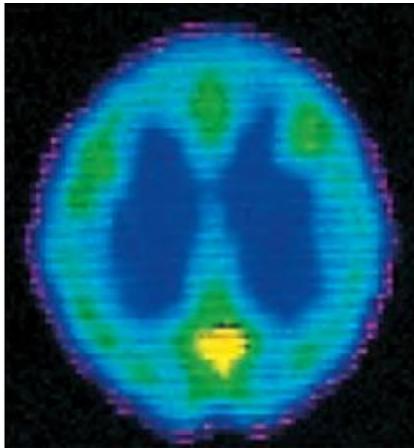


Bi-polar

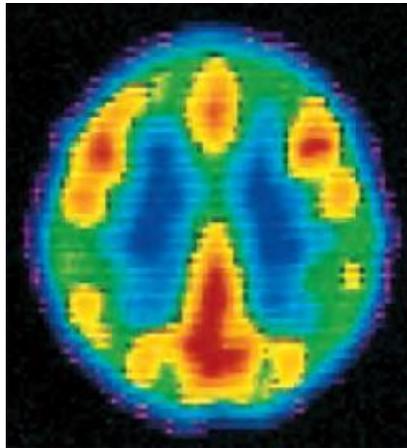
Repeated episodes of mania and depression

Biology of Depression: The Brain

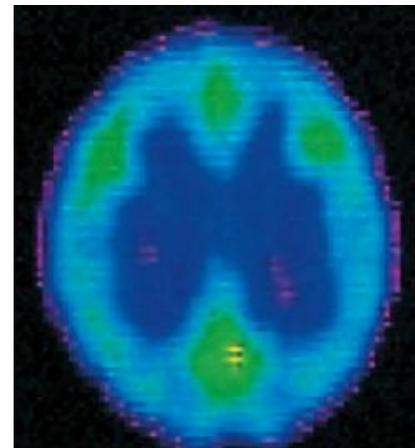
- Brain **activity** is diminished in depression and increased in mania.
- Brain **structure**: smaller frontal lobes in depression and fewer axons in bipolar disorder
- Brain cell **communication (neurotransmitters)**:
 - more norepinephrine (arousing) in mania, less in depression
 - reduced serotonin in depression



Depressed state
(May 17)



Manic state
(May 18)



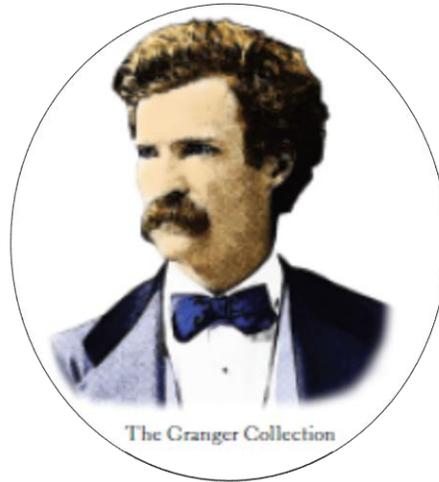
Depressed state
(May 27)

Bipolar Disorder and Creative Success

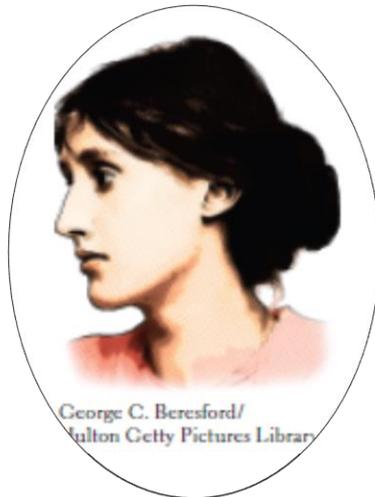
Many famous and successful people have lived with the ups and downs of bipolar disorder. Some speculate that the depressive periods gave them ideas, and the manic episodes gave them creative energy. Any evidence of mental wings here?



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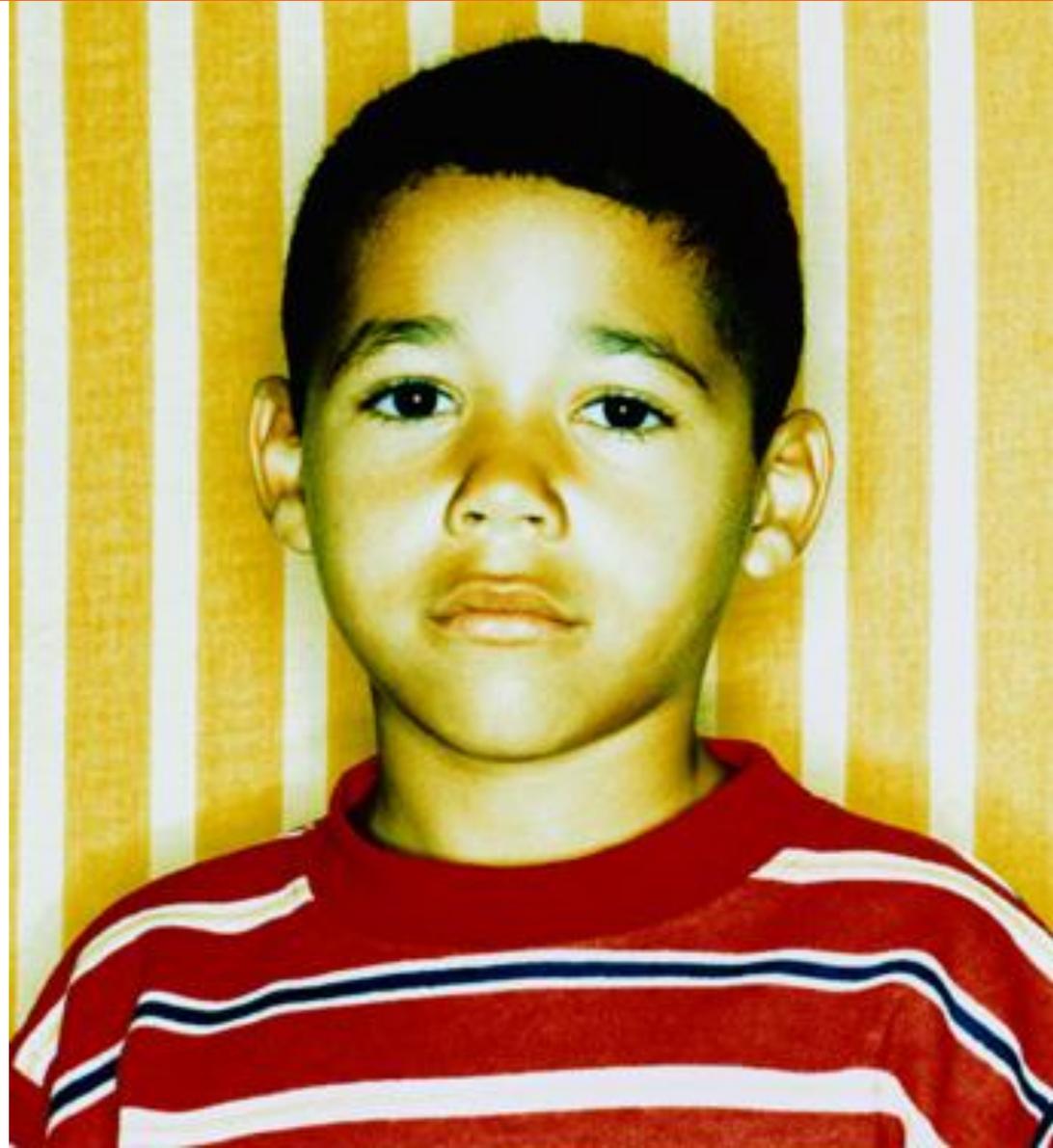
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Bipolar Disorder in Children and Adolescents

- Does bipolar disorder show up before adulthood, and even before puberty?
- Many young people have cycles from depression to extended rage rather than mania.
- The DSM-V may have a new diagnosis for these kids: **disruptive mood dysregulation disorder**.



Bipolar Mysteries - Chase

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Bipolar Mysteries - Kelsey

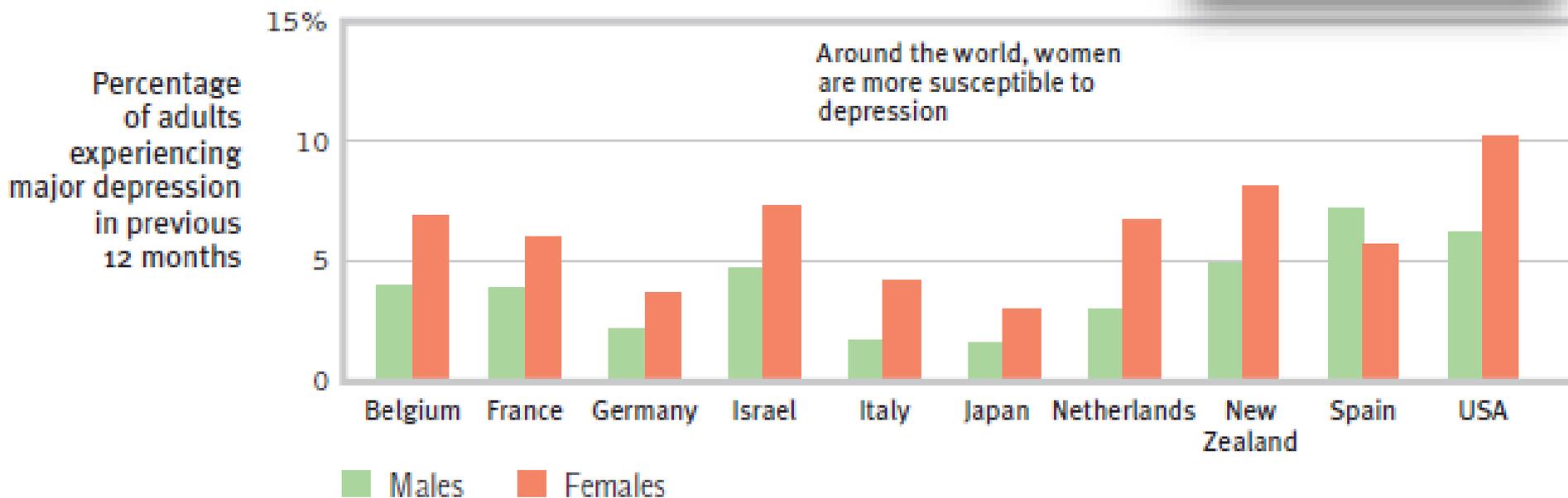
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Understanding Mood Disorders

Why are mood disorders so pervasive, and more common among the young, and especially among women?

FIGURE 15.4

Gender and major depression Interviews with 89,037 adults in 18 countries confirm what many smaller studies have found: Women's risk of major depression is nearly double that of men's.



Why Does Depression Have so Many Symptoms?

Emotional symptoms

- Feelings of sadness, hopelessness, helplessness, guilt, emptiness, or worthlessness
- Feeling emotionally disconnected from others
- Turning away from other people

Behavioral symptoms

- Dejected facial expression
- Makes less eye contact; eyes downcast
- Smiles less often
- Slowed movements, speech, and gestures
- Tearfulness or spontaneous episodes of crying
- Loss of interest or pleasure in usual activities, including sex
- Withdrawal from social activities

Cognitive symptoms

- Difficulty thinking, concentrating, and remembering
- Global negativity and pessimism
- Suicidal thoughts or preoccupation with death

Physical symptoms

- Changes in appetite resulting in significant weight loss or gain
- Insomnia, early morning awakening, or oversleeping
- Vague but chronic aches and pains
- Diminished sexual interest
- Loss of physical and mental energy
- Global feelings of anxiety
- Restlessness, fidgety activity



Understanding Mood Disorders

Can we explain...

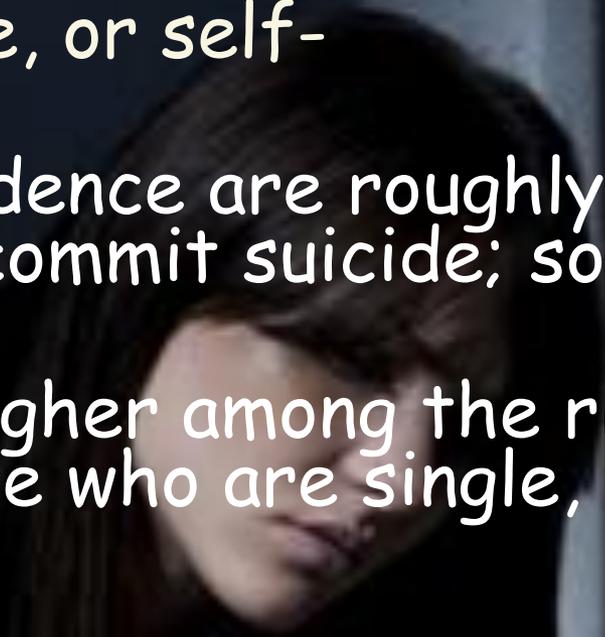
- why does depression often go away on its own?
- the course/development of reactive depression?

Often, time heals a mood disorder, especially when the mood issue is in reaction to a stressful event. However, a significant proportion of people with major depressive disorder do not automatically or easily get better with time.



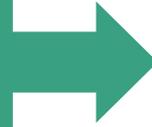
Suicide and Self-Injury

- Every year, 1 million people commit suicide, giving up on the process of trying to cope and improve their emotional well-being.
- This can happen when people feel frustrated, trapped, isolated, ineffective, and see no end to these feelings.
- **Non-suicidal self-injury** has other functions such as sending a message, or self-punishment.
- Those with alcohol dependence are roughly 100 times more likely to commit suicide; some 3 percent of them do.
- Suicide rates are much higher among the rich, the nonreligious, and those who are single, widowed, or divorced



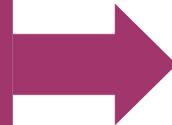
Understanding Mood Disorders

Biological aspects and explanations



Evolutionary
Genetic
Brain /Body

Social-cognitive aspects and explanations



Negative thoughts and negative mood
Explanatory style
The vicious cycle

Schizophrenia

A psychotic Disorder



Schizophrenia

A TYPE OF PSYCHOSIS:

Psychosis: mental disorders characterized by major departures from reality

Schizophrenia: a psychosis marked by disturbances of thought, language, and behavior that are not due to a primary mood disorder or medical condition

Schizophrenia