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Psychiatrists
Say Goldwater Is
Psychologically
Unfit To Be
President!

I believe Goldwater has the same pathological make-up as Hitler, Castro, Stalin and other known schizophrenic leaders. My reasons for saying this are:

(1) Logical or scientific or truthful analysis of his statements is completely impossible. His words are double-talk!

(2) His statements and actions show distinct persecution feelings. For example, when Rockefeller repeated to the Republican Convention some of Goldwater's earlier remarks, Goldwater had a picture of himself distributed which showed an arrow in his back.

My dedication against Goldwater as President is founded in the sincere belief that he is a dangerous so-called compensated schizophrenic.

*Chester W. Johnson, Jr., M.D.
Long Beach, Calif.*

Senator Goldwater impresses me as being a paranoid personality or a schizophrenic, paranoid type. I believe that he is full of destructive hostility and aggressiveness. I think he has fragile ego controls and extreme impulsivity.

No matter how compensated he may be at present, he is a potentially dangerous man.

*[Name Withheld], M.D.
Cornell Medical Centre
New York*

I value my reputation as a psychiatrist but I am willing to stake it on the opinion that Barry Goldwater is eminently qualified—psychologically and in every other way—to serve as President of the United States.

*Corbett H. Thigpen, M.D.
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As a board certified psychiatrist with considerable clinical experience, I cannot help but be responsive to shades and nuances of Goldwater's personality as conveyed by television, newspapers, periodicals, etc. He frightens the hell out of me. It is obvious that his thinking is rigid. He lacks the ability to see more than one side of a problem. . . . I cannot help but feel that Mr. Goldwater is an unhappy man, inclined to see only the worst in people and to respond accordingly. As a human being he is to be pitied. As President of the United States he would be a disaster.

*[Name Withheld], M.D.
Seattle*

From what I have read about Goldwater's mother, she seems *not* to have been a giving, warm woman who would foster mutuality but rather one who would (perhaps prematurely) push a child to "be independent—be a man," etc.

One could speculate further that Goldwater had a rigid toilet-training period. He seems unalterably opposed to controls and authority (except in his own hands, of course). His theme is "freedom"—but from what? Unconsciously it appears to be from his mother's domination.

Barry Goldwater is a sick man who is to be pitied and feared.

*[Name Withheld], M.D.
San Rafael, Calif.*

B.G. is in my opinion emotionally unstable, immature, volatile, unpredictable, hostile, and mentally unbalanced. He is totally unfit for public office and a menace to society.

*Renatus Hartogs, M.D.
Medical Director, Community Guidance Service
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I believe Goldwater is grossly psychotic. His statements reveal a serious thinking disorder. . . . He is grandiose, which is suggestive of delusions of grandeur. He is suspicious, suggestive of paranoia. He is impulsive, suggesting that he has poor control over his feelings and that he acts on angry impulses. This *alone* would make him *extremely* psychologically unfit to serve as President. A President *must not act on impulse!* But in addition, he *consciously* wants to destroy the world with atomic bombs. He is a mass-murderer at heart and a suicide. He is *amoral* and *immoral*. A dangerous lunatic!

*Signed: A board-certified psychiatrist
Stamford, Conn.*

P.S. Any psychiatrist who does not agree with the above is himself psychologically unfit to be a psychiatrist.

Your questionnaire reflects naïveté about what a psychiatrist can or cannot do. One cannot make a meaningful appraisal of a public figure one has not personally interviewed. . . . However, if you can arrange for B.G. to see me in my office and he signs a release, I will be glad to forward my observations.

*Earl H. Cramer, M.D.
Concord, Calif.*