

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

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Have you ever known someone with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)? I am very reluctant to label anybody in that way. First of all, I am a follower of Thomas Szasz, who cautioned strongly against using labels. Secondly, in the broader scheme of things, evolution may look like aberration from the sanctum of the “normal.”

But, individuals are not obsessive or compulsive — although they may behave that way at times. Behaviors are obsessive and/or compulsive.

Speaking of those behaviors, however, have you noticed the collective behavior of statist politicians? Isn't it obsessive to keep doing the same things while expecting something to change? Isn't it compulsive to be running around in the same circles, screaming and shouting?

— Kilgore Forelle