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Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is one of the most controversial and misunderstood medical conditions today. With skyrocketing rates of diagnosis and medication treatment, it has generated a firestorm of controversy. Alarming questions have been raised about ADHD in recent years, including: \*Why are one in nine children and adolescents in the U.S. now diagnosed with ADHD, with projected rates still rising? \*Why are nearly 70% of those diagnosed with ADHD prescribed medication? \*What is causing the fast-rising diagnosis and medication of adults? And why are over a quarter of all

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