
Letter to the Editor – NY Times from Carolyn Reinach Wolf

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To the Editor:

Re “Uncensored, Scaramucci Rails at His Rivals in the West Wing” (front page, July 28):

Diagnoses like “paranoid schizophrenic” should not be casually thrown around as slurs, especially among those of influence, like Anthony Scaramucci, the just fired communications director. Such name-calling degrades individuals who actually suffer from serious mental illness and adds to the challenges they face each day.

As a mental health attorney, I see firsthand how the stigma of mental illness — perpetuated by the misappropriation of clinical terms as slights and insults — prevents individuals from seeking and receiving help. Offensive, inappropriate statements about serious mental health diagnoses reveal a lack of empathy and sensitivity and should not be tolerated.

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