I. Purposes of the Course: To examine contemporary methods of controlling human behavior which have been developed on the basis of scientific research, such as the use of drugs, psychosurgery and the electric stimulation of the brain, and the various forms of behavior modification;

To analyze the theological and ethical issues raised by such research and control methods;

and to formulate theological and ethical viewpoints to guide social policy formation, for the individual, the churches, and for society.

II. Course Procedures:

The examination of contemporary methods will occur in class readings (detailed below), class discussions, guest resource leaders, and other media.

The analysis of theological and ethical issues will take place in class discussions, in some of the course readings, and as students prepare their individual projects.

The formulation of theological and ethical guidelines will be discussed in class and will be emphasized in the completion of individual student projects.

III. Assigned Readings: Three books will provide much of the common reading:


(These books are available in the UTS Bookstore).

Other assigned and suggested readings given below in the course outline will be on reserve in the UTS Library.

IV. Course Project: Each student will select, in consultation with the instructor, an individual study project. There may also be class presentations of these projects.

V. Course Outline, Topics, Readings:

February 5: Introduction, Procedures, Methodology, Orientation

February 12: "The Spectre and Lure of Control: Behavioral Utopias"

Read or review one or more of these works:

R. U. R., Capek
Brave New World, Huxley
1984, Orwell
Walden Two, Skinner
A Clockwork Orange, Burgess
The Ghost in the Machine, Koestler
The Measure of Man, Krutch

February 19: "The Philosopher of Control: B. F. Skinner"

Read:

Chorover, chs. 1, 2, 4, and one of the following:
February 26: "Agencies of Control: Psychosurgery and ESB"

Read:
- Chorover, ch. 7

Additional helpful readings on reserve are the following:
- Rosenfeld, The Second Genesis, 195-211
- Pines, The Brain Changers, 3-54
- Packet #900, "Behavior Control, Psychosurgery and Electrical Simulation of the Brain," Institute of Society, Ethics and the Life Sciences

March 5: "Agencies of Control: Chemical Substances"

Read:
- Chorover, ch. 6
- P. London, Behavior Control, 107-154 (on reserve)

Suggested readings:  
- Rosenfeld, 212-278  
- Pines, 86-115  
- Packet #1000, "Behavior Control Drugs," Institute of Society, Ethics and the Life Sciences

March 12: "Therapies of Control: Desensitization, Extinction, Aversive Procedures"

Read:
- Mikulas 1-75

Suggested reading:  
- Albert Bandura, Principles of Behavior Modification, 293-553 (on reserve)

March 19: No class - Alternate Week

March 26: "Therapies of Control: Modeling, Shaping, Operant Procedures"

Read:
- Mikulas, 85-148  
- London, 71-106 (on reserve)

April 2: "Institutions of Control: Corrections, Health Care"

Read:
- Chorover, ch. 8
- John Robischer, "The Right to Psychiatric Treatment: A social legal approach to the Plight of the State Hospital Patient" (Reading #805 in Packet 800). (on reserve)  
- Lloyd H. Cotter, "Operant Conditioning in a Vietnamese Mental Hospital" (Reading #802 in Packet 800). (on reserve)

Suggested Reading:

April 9: "Institutions of Control: Schools, Societies, Churches"

Read:
- Steckel, ch. 5
- Wheeler, 57-70, 170-176; Bufford, Part IV, Richard Schlotman, "Theology and Behavior Modification, Part II," The Chicago Theological Seminary Register, LXI, 5, September, 1971. (on reserve)

April 16: No class meeting: Annual Seminary Convocation
April 23: "Ethics of Control: Who Shall Decide?"

Read:
- Wheeler, 113-134
- London, 182-198 (on reserve)
- S. Halleck, "Legal and Ethical Aspects of Behavior Control" (Reading #110 in Packet #800)

April 30: "Ethics of Control: Principles for Decision-Making"

Read:
- Steckel, ch. 4
- London, 199-224 (on reserve)
- Suggested reading: Haring, pp. 1-84

May 7: "Theology of Control: Freedom"

Read:
- Ellison, 3-36, 67-90, 273-283
- Wheeler, 217-229
- Robert Neville, "Ethical and Philosophical Issues of Behavior Control," (Reading #804 in Packet #800)

May 14: "Theology of Control: God"

Read:
- Steckel, ch. 3; Bufford, Part II
- Wheeler, 230-246
- Cosgrove, ch. 9

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Supplementary Bibliography

I. General

Gardner, C. Q. "Deliberate Efforts to Control Human Behavior and Modify Personality." Daedalus 96 (Summer 1967).


II. Electrical Stimulation of the Brain, Psychosurgery


Recommendations on Psychosurgery of the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects for Biomedical and Behavioral Research, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.


III. Drugs and Drug Therapy


IV. Institution


V. Behavior Modification


VI. Ethical Dimensions


VII. Theological Dimensions


