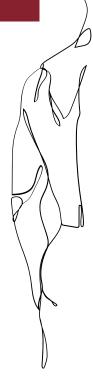
# EPISODE 4 UNTHINKING BODIES

What is medical anthropology?





### **BENEFITS OF EMPATHY**

- SURVIVAL
- CONNECTS YOU TO OTHERS
- LOWER STRESS
- WORKS AGAINST BURN-OUT
- GUIDES OUR MORAL COMPASS
- BENEFITS EVERYONE

## MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ANDREW AND SHUTING:

Agnes Varda's

Cleo from 5 to 7 (1962)

- The Reason I Jump by Jerry Rothwell
- Raging Bull (1980)

#### PLAYLIST:

MY BODY IS A CAGE BY PETER GABRIEL

SOMEBODY'S DAUGHTER BY TENILLE TOWNES

# MASS HYSTERIA / PHOGENIC DISORDERS (LE ROY)

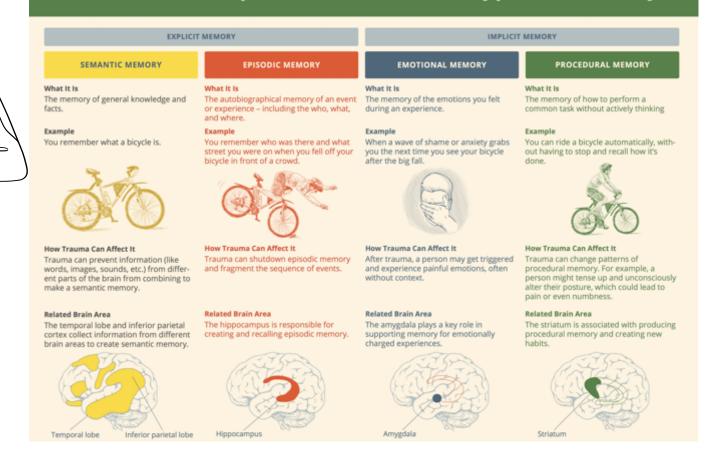
Specialists who have taken an interest in this phenomenon say that it is a type of "psychogenic illness" — that is, a condition that begins in the mind, rather than in the body. Physiological symptoms, however, are often not illusory but very much real.

Mass hysteria is also described as a "conversion disorder," in which a person has physiological symptoms affecting the nervous system in the absence of a physical cause of illness, and which may appear in reaction to psychological distress.

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- Work out a concise definition of the 'body politic.'
- How does society, in your view, 'reproduce and socialize the kinds of bodies it needs" (p. 25)?
- Can you think of examples of ways in which biomedicine serves the interests of the state' (p. 28)?
- Think about how the body politic intersects the response to the mysterious illness in LeRoy.
- Think about the term "normal"? How does this term operate and reflect moral and political commitments?

### How Trauma Impacts Four Different Types of Memory



### Scheper-Hughes & Lock:

The body as simultaneously a physical and symbolic artifact, naturally and culturally produced, anchored in a particular historical momentFour bodies individual body, social body, and body politic, the mindful body separate but overlapping units of analysis different theoretical approaches phenomenology, structuralism and symbolism, post-structuralism (practice theory structure agency)

The Individual Body --lived experience of the body-self, body, mind, matter, psyche, soul

**The Social Body**-representational uses of the body as a natural symbol with which to think about nature, society, culture

**The Body Politic-**regulation, surveillance, control of bodies(individual collective) in reproduction sexuality, in work leisure, in sickness other forms of deviance

The Mindful Body-the most immediate, the proximate terrain where-social truths and social contradictions are played outa locus of personal and social, and struggle emotions form the mediatrix between the individual, social and political body, unified through the concept of the 'mindful body.'

I have included in WEEK 5's folder to of my pieces which I reference, "Crisis of Size" and "Beauty weighs in Argentina"



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