Group Psychotherapy

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- 1 Political ralies
- 2 Rock concerts
- 3 theater performances (theater, movies,)
- 4 Sports events
- 5 Lynchings
- 6 Public executions
- 7 Military actions

Historical Aspects

- Group processes have been known since ancient times regarding leadership and human interactions.
- Political leaders, clergy, team sports, and performing arts—involves group processes.
- Beginning of the 20th Century, Joseph Pratt, a Boston Internist = beginning of group therapy.

Historical Aspects (cont'd)

- World War II, England = Tavistock groups.
- Since the 1960s in the United States, vast numbers of non-psychiatric groups emerged: support groups for medical illness, educational groups (diabetes), selfhelp groups (AA, Compassionate Friends, Recovery Inc.), awareness groups (EST, Lifespring, Forum), corporate seminars.
- Example: 12 to 14 million individuals attended some kind of self-help group in 1983.





"I'm warning all of you. In the future, only normal brutality will be tolerated."

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