

## Ritzler's assessment of Allyson's client

Here goes. First of all, do not worry about the previous testing. Only trust your own administration and a few others. Strange things can happen when the administration is off. Next, I pretty much agree with Allyson's results even though my coding is different in some places. The biggest discrepancy is that I have 38 response and she has 30. I did not have a location chart, but that does not seem to have made much difference. The next biggest difference is that Allyson had a significant SCZI (6!) and I have a non-significant PTI (2!). Some of that may be due to the elimination of X+%--he certainly is NOT conventional, but I also coded less Sum6 because he used many fictional characters in his otherwise disordered responses. Surely, his fantasy life, besides being very rich and immature, is strange to bizarre. However, notice his first and last responses—they are pretty good human movement responses even though they include fictional characters. He seems capable of modifying his fantasy to somewhat more appropriate proportions. Of course, if he ever let his fantasy spill out unchecked...with the high stress he currently is facing, that has to be a concern, but is he schizophrenic or does he have the potential? I don't think so. If he did, the diathesis/stress model would have him in a straightjacket and testing would not be necessary.

As I said, the remaining results are gratifyingly similar. I have a significant DEPI (S-Con of 7) and HVI, a moderately low Lambda, high EA, low D, but an average adjD, FC/CF+C heavily weighted on the right side, many space responses, very high m with a lower, but still high FM, significant C', 3 reflections and an Egocentricity Index of .37, a very high Zd, very low X+%, high X-%, high S-, and many M-s. I have one more COP and one more AG, but in a record of 38 responses, that's not a big discrepancy from Allyson's one and one.

Also, since Allyson did not list them, I'm assuming she did not have significant DQv, MOR, or ALOGs or CONTAMs. I had many FDs and vistas and I assume Allyson did, also.

I agree with Rick and others that the CS can not be used in court to predict violence, but there are certain patterns that we should be concerned about as clinicians. One is reflection with a low Egocentricity Index in the presence of significant aggression. Certainly, that is true in this protocol. Note, however, that some of the other high-risk variables are not significant (e.g., DQv, adjD, and even form quality is only at a borderline level in the midst of all the ms and FMs.) I'm also sure that Allyson got an incredible number of blends—I have 20(!) with 13 having more than 2 elements. This poor kid is inundated with emotional turmoil, but manages to keep it down to a dull roar with a low Afr., significant C', SOME intellectualization, and a fantasy life that belongs in a video arcade (probably mostly was developed there). He also is very focused on himself, not always in a narcissistic fashion. The content of several responses sounds like

he is trying to say that in spite of his sometimes-ferocious appearance, he is not as dangerous as he seems.

I sort of believe him, but if he does not get relieve from the current stress and more long-range help in identity formation, bad things could happen. For sure, I would try to get the case out of the courts and into a therapist's office. If you could fine the relief value, he could develop into a very good, hard-working client.

If he wasn't on drugs when he took this Rorschach, he should NEVER be—probably not even coffee. If he WAS on drugs, maybe he could be shown what it does to him by comparing Rorschach results with and without. However, I don't think drugs are mainly responsible for what we see, but I could be wrong, of course. In spite of everything, his X-% is not incredibly high and his distortion levels are not horrible. Can we trust his judgement? No, but he's not entirely off the wall.

He has many GHRs (9), but also a lot of PHRs (8). His Isolation Index is way up and he's HVI, but there is texture potential floating around in this Rorschach. So I do not think he's a Columbine kid or Son of Sam, but he needs a lot of attention or something bad could still happen. No one should have to carry around so much stress.