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How insane is insane?



Some media outlets are already referring to the suspect in the Norwegian attacks, Anders Behring Breivik, as a psychopath. It doesn't take a medical evaluation to determine that someone who kills so many people is crazy, but from a legal standpoint there's a potential problem. After the Tuscon shooting in Jan., the world learned that the suspect, Jared Loughner, was a conspiracy theorist who held the U.S. government responsible for 9/11 and who warned against a New World Order. If he were declared fit to stand trial (which he has not been), it would lend a degree of sanity to these claims. The same problem could arise in the Breivik case. How can someone who is mentally fit believe, for example, that Prague is safer than Oslo "because almost no Muslims live" in the CR? It will be tempting to throw Breivik into a mental institution instead of putting him on trial for 100 counts of premeditated murder.



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