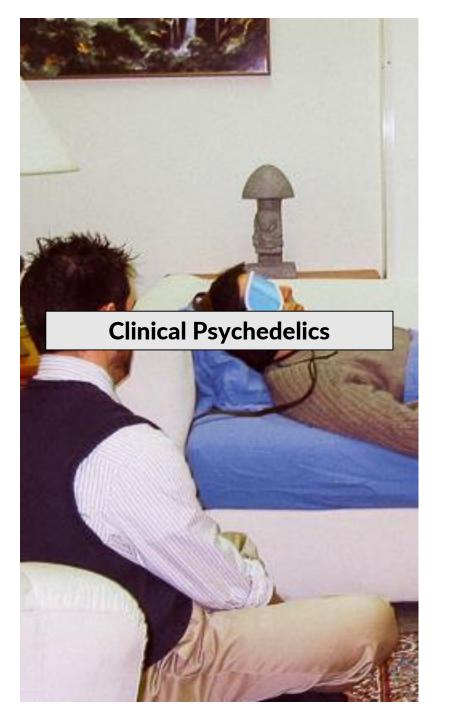
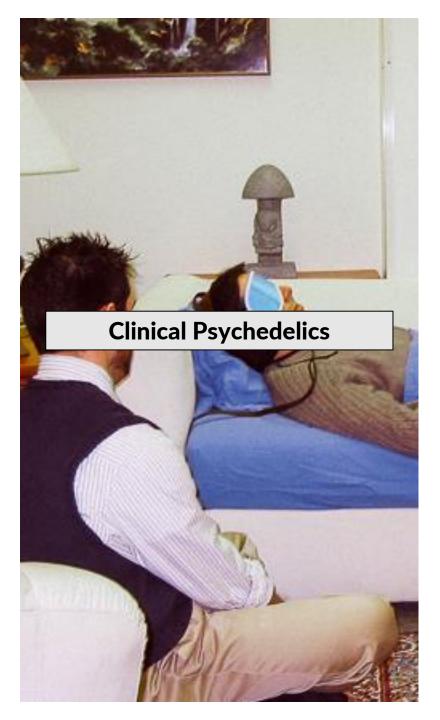
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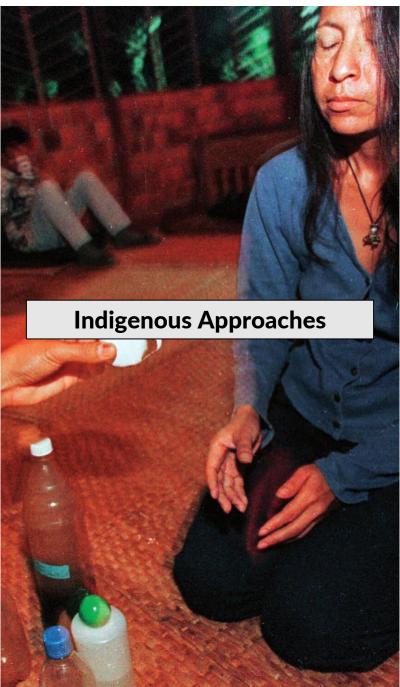
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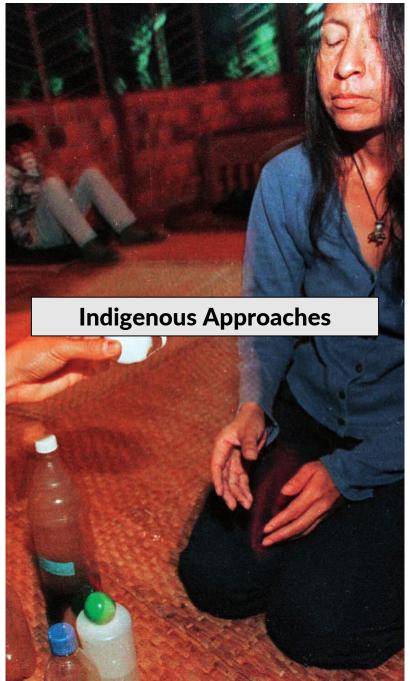


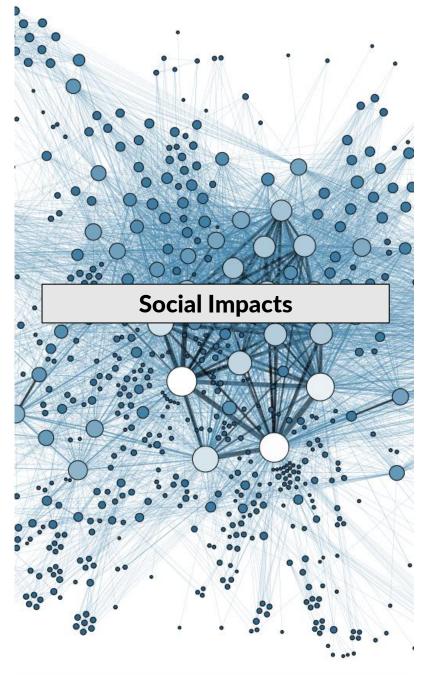


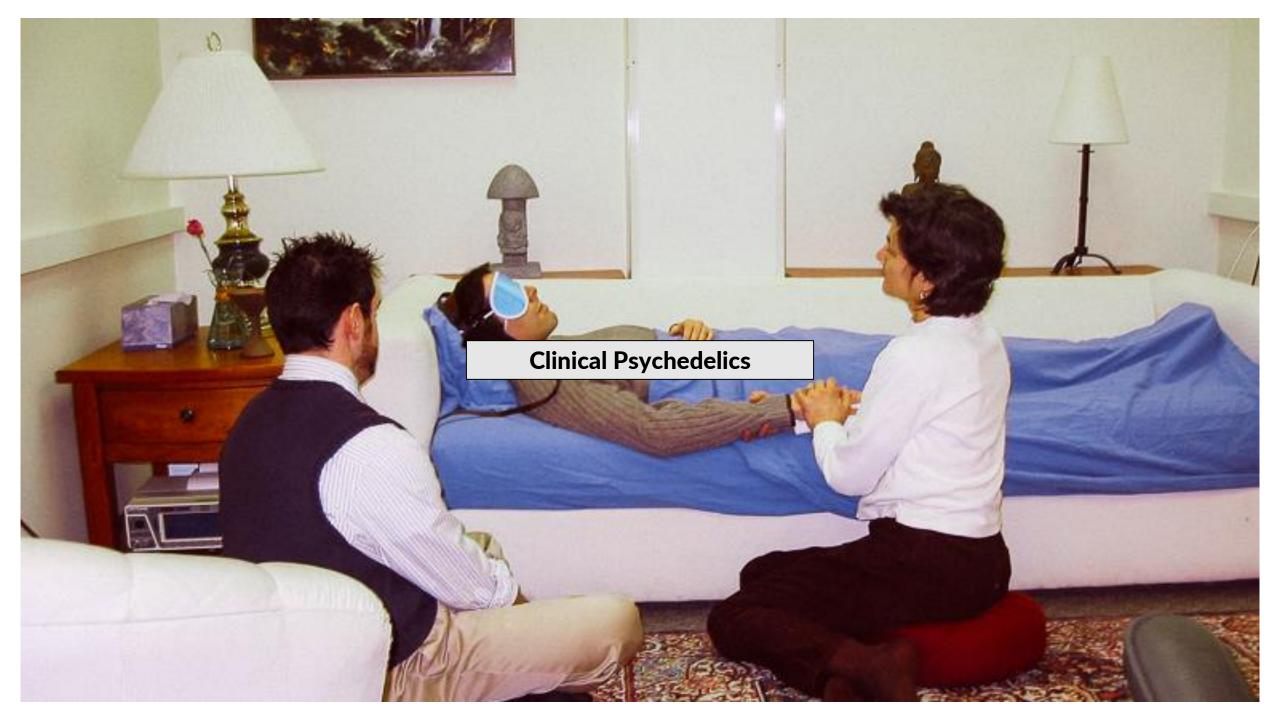












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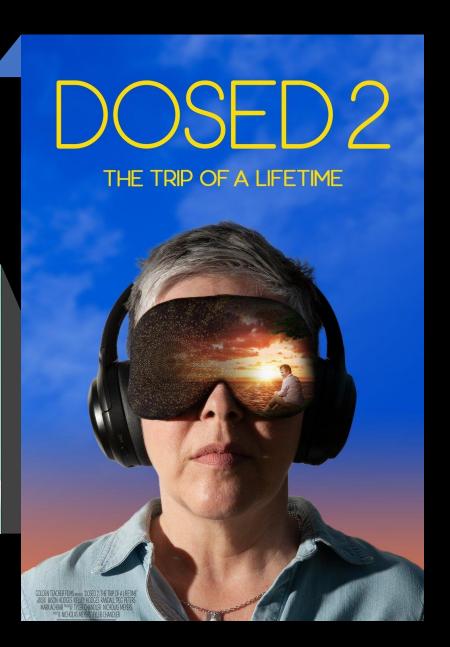
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The Government is launching a \$15 million competitive grant round to kick start

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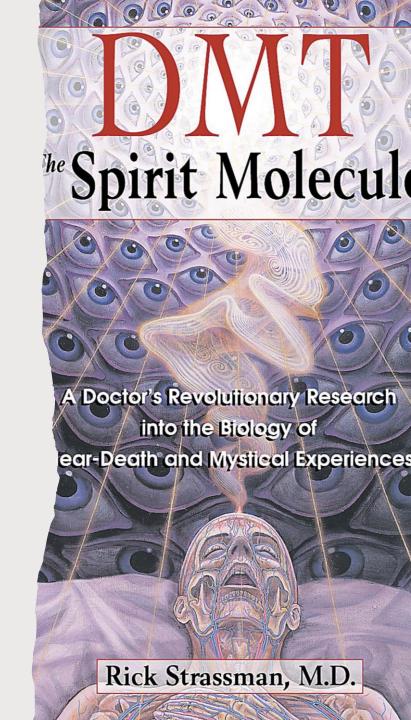
## First wave of research

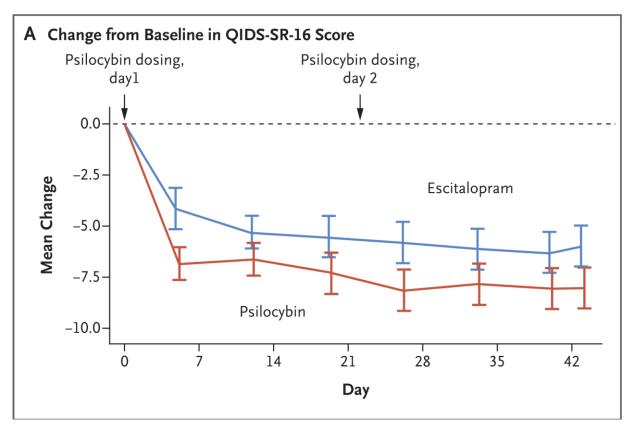
- Very promising results
- Social upheaval and turmoil
- Ultimately led to prohibition

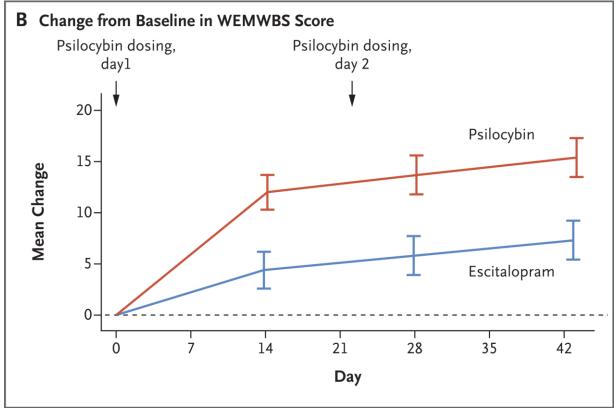


# Second wave of research

- Rick Strassman's DMT research in humans in 1990s
- Increasing human research and clinical trials
- Better research methods







#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Trial of Psilocybin versus Escitalopram for Depression

Robin Carhart-Harris, Ph.D., Bruna Giribaldi, B.Sc., Rosalind Watts, D.Clin.Psy., Michelle Baker-Jones, B.A., Ashleigh Murphy-Beiner, M.Sc., Roberta Murphy, M.D., Jonny Martell, M.D., Allan Blemings, M.Sc., David Erritzoe, M.D., and David J. Nutt, M.D.

#### Figure 1. Change in Depression Severity and in Well-Being over 6 Weeks.

Panel A shows the mean change from baseline in the score on the 16-item Quick Inventory of Depressive Symptomatology—Self-Report (QIDS-SR-16; on which scores range from 0 to 27, with higher scores indicating greater depression). Panel B shows the mean change in the score on the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale (WEMWBS; on which scores range from 14 to 70, with higher scores indicating greater mental well-being). These were the only outcomes for which there were data every week (QIDS-SR-16) or every 2 weeks (WEMWBS) and for which there were prespecified hypotheses (Section S2.1 in the Supplementary Appendix). P values are not shown because there was no correction for multiple comparisons in the analyses













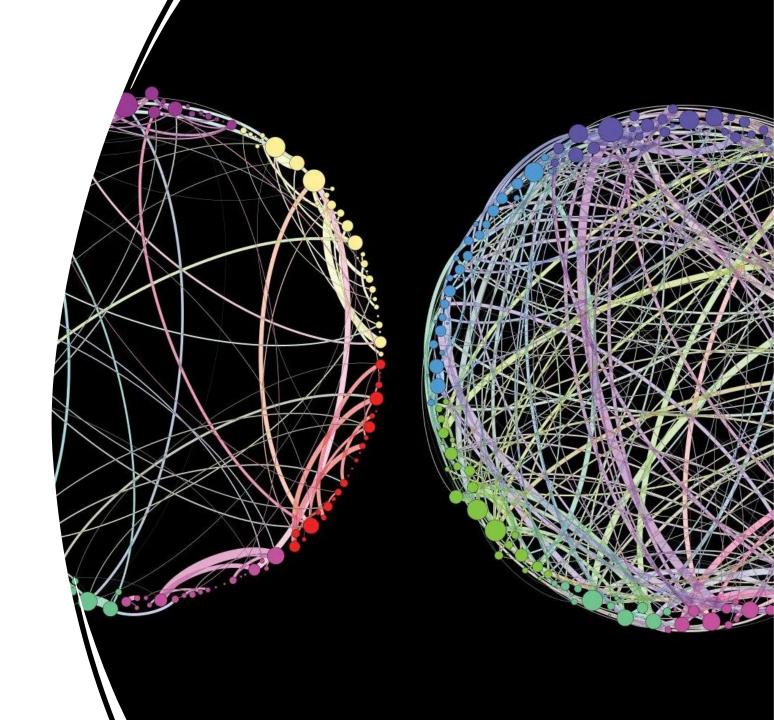






# Theories of how they work

- Set/setting
- Default Mode Network / DMN
- **RE**laxed **B**eliefs **U**nder P**S**ychedelics
  - Altering belief structures and worldviews.
  - Re-opening critical learning periods in the brain.
- Mechanistic/individual
  - Set, Setting -> "Matrix"







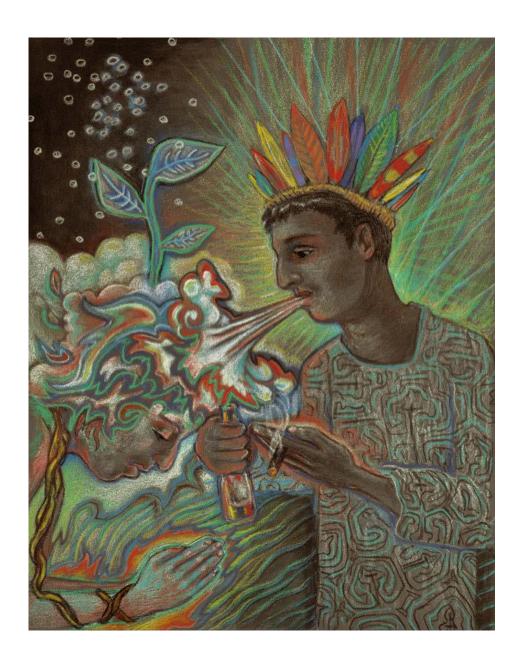


## How Indigenous rescuers turned to ayahuasca tea in search for children lost in Amazon jungle

Posted Sun 18 Jun 2023 at 9:10am, updated Sun 18 Jun 2023 at 10:19am







He was looking into his body and saw dark black leeches bubbling up to the surface of his skin. They were rising up from out of his stomach and intestines. The ayahuasca was, as the Shipibos say, driving the darkness out of him.

He took out whatever it was from the sick person's body. He took it outside. He carried it all away, all the time thinking about the person's spiritual well-being and their spirit.

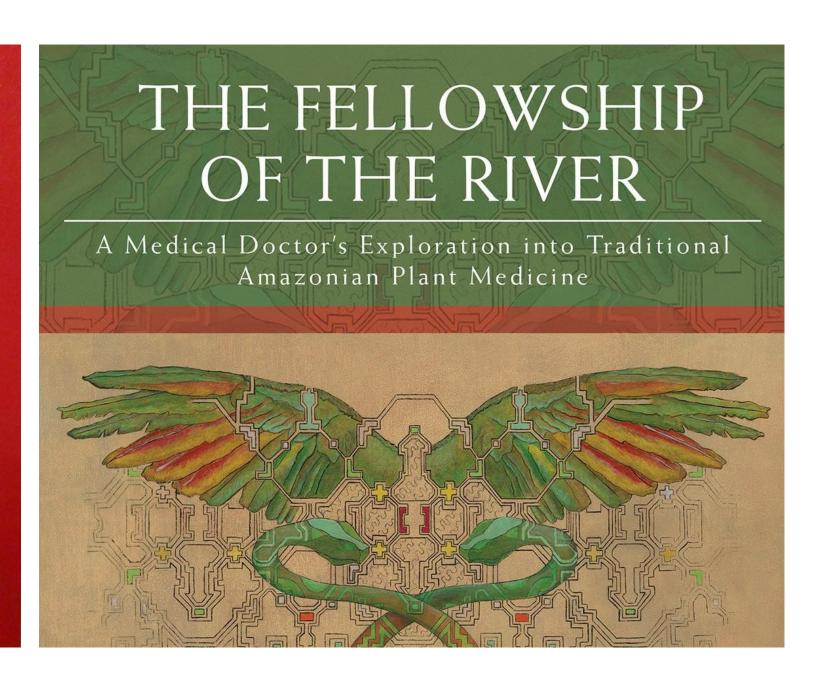
I felt so much lighter, like something had been released, it was an emotional purging, the weight and anxiety and depression had been lifted.

## Hand-in-Hand

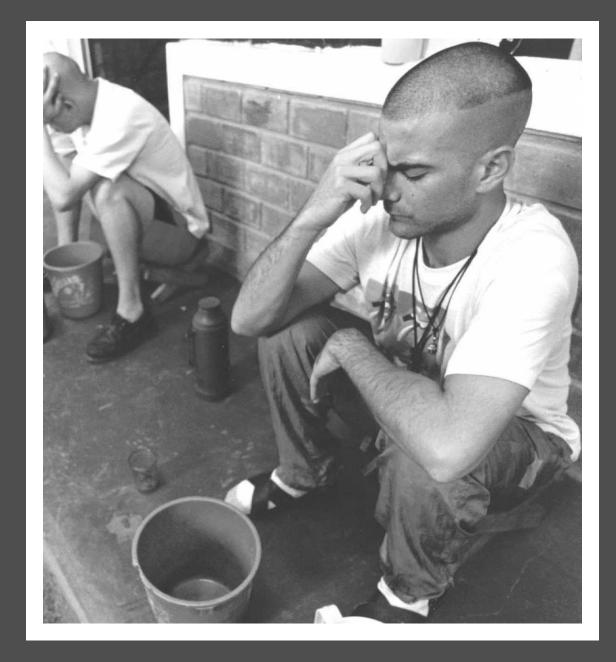


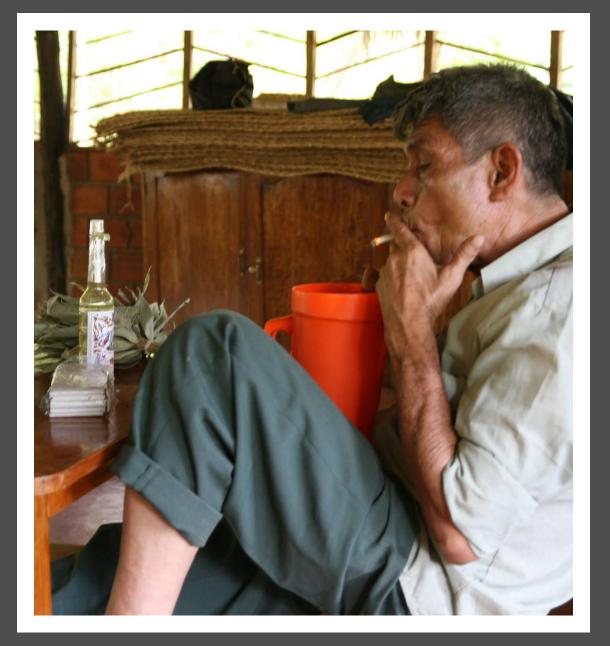
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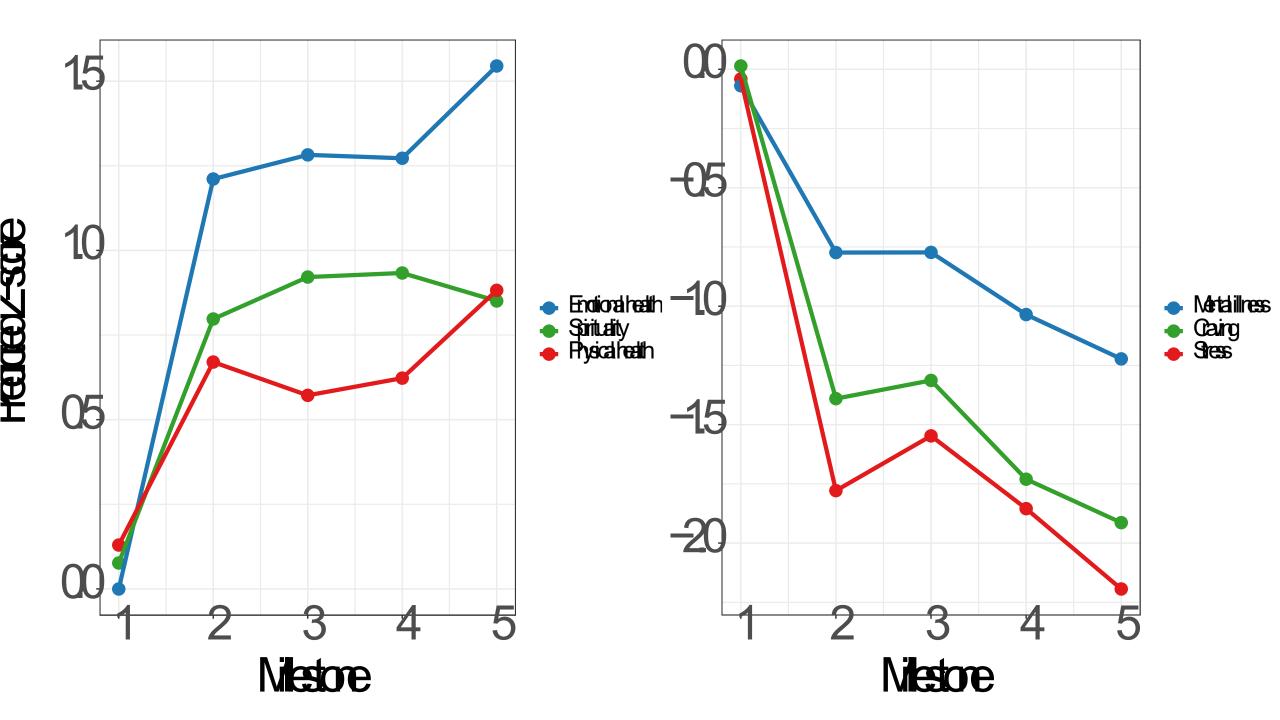
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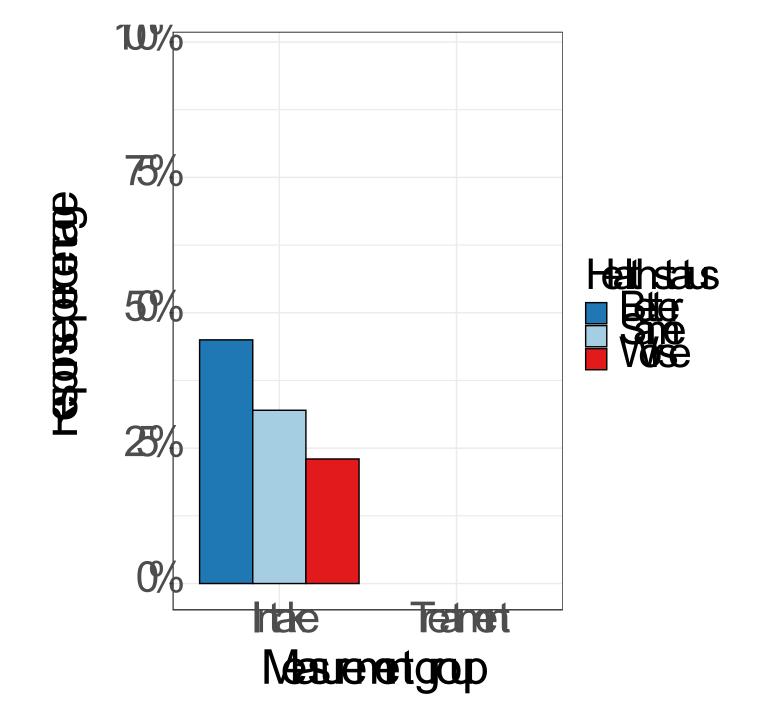


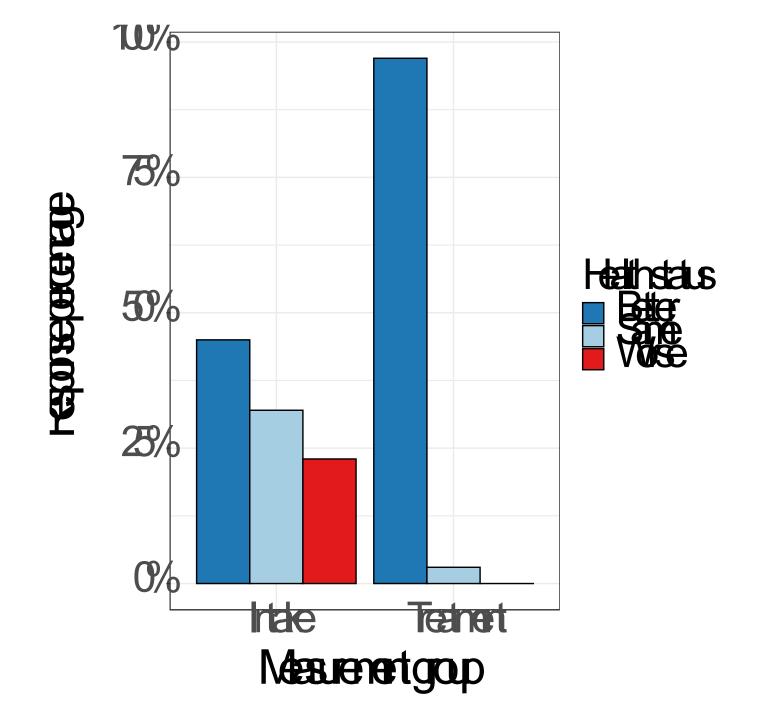
In my diets I also learned rituals, to sing as well—I have an icaro from that diet—and they have given me quite a lot of knowledge about rituals [...] An enormous ritual, with maestros from all around the world, and with tremendous octopuses, giant sea octopuses were there. The ritual took place in a huge maloca [hut] [...] they took me to that ritual in order for me to learn which ones were good and which ones were bad.

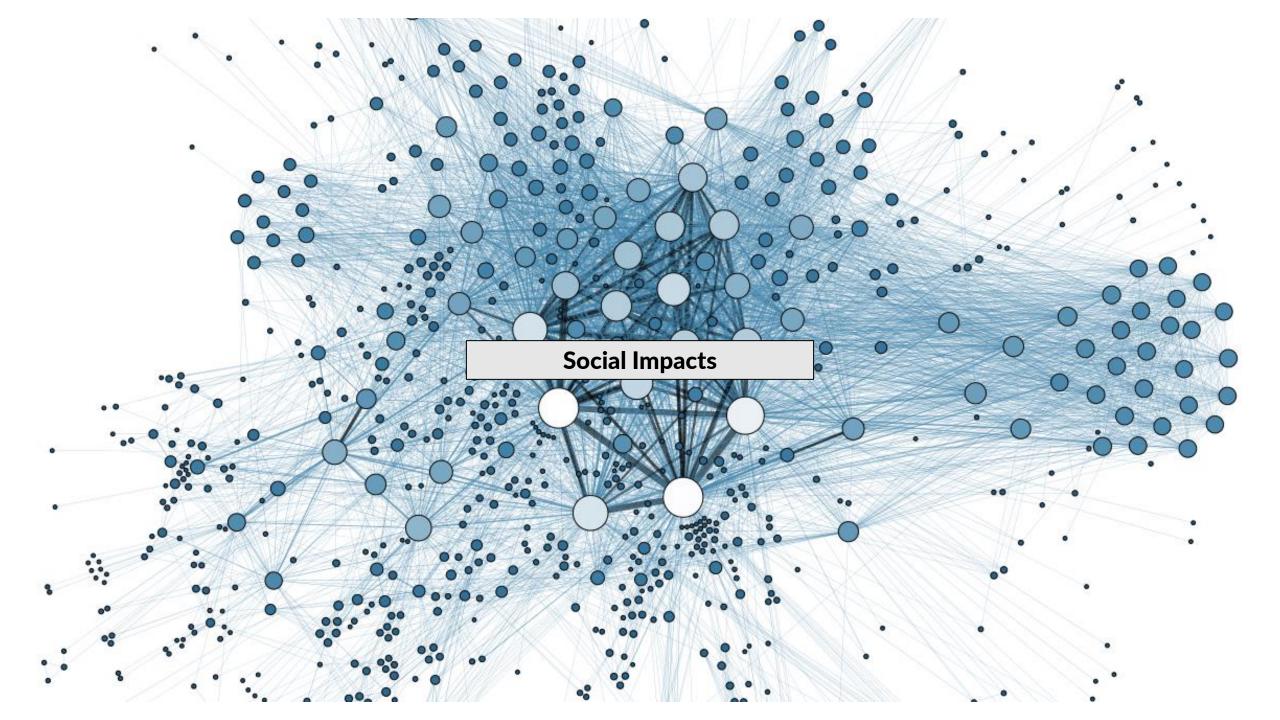




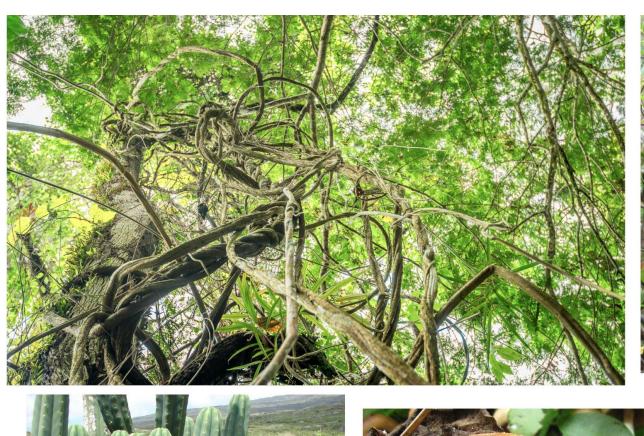


























## Models

- Ideas for political action are based on a model of the world.
- Increasingly, peoples' models of the world come from computer networks.
- Weaponization of information
- Conspiracy theories
- REBUS



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