CHILDHOOD UNDER SURVEILLANCE

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In today's post-modern society, behavioural disorder in children and teenagers has become a matter of serious concern. Encouraged by recent research, the issue has even entered the political arena since some scientific studies claim that particular behaviour patterns point to possible future delinquency

In Europe, the United States and in Canada, scientists' research is orientated towards possible medical causes (in the psychiatric, neurological or genetic areas) for violent behaviour in youngsters and recommend screenings at an ever earlier stage.

Does this mean that delinquency is an illness? Will science and medicine be able to take on the issues that up to now had been the concern of the social and educational sector? As we meet those who are working in the field and speak to those who are involved with the issue (in France, Canada, the USA, Belgium, the UK and Germany), we understand how behavioural science looks at young children today - and how this might influence our society in the future.

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