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INTRODUCTION

Precipitated by works like B. F. Skinner's *Beyond Freedom and Dignity* and Stanley Kubrick's "A Clockwork Orange," the growing public debate over the use of behavioral techniques has now moved into legal circles. Technological aspects of the problem, however, preclude isolation of legal considerations from developments in other disciplines. Any discussion of the problem of regulating the use of behavioral techniques must of necessity be interdisciplinary. Only in this manner may the impact of regulation be predicted and measured against desired goals. Drawing from the viewpoints of lawyers, behavioral scientists, and consumers of applied behavior analysis, the dialogue developed on the following pages is such an interdisciplinary discussion. The lead articles, "Behavior Modification in Institutional Settings," by Teodoro Ayllon, and "Legal Regulation of Applied Behavior Analysis in Mental Institutions and Prisons," by Paul Friedman, present behavioral science and legal positions, respectively. Commentaries follow each article.

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