many specialist psychiatrists and professors of psychiatry raised the issue that there could be abuse of the legislation, with attempts by the regime to admit people accused of political crimes, especially those from religious groups, into psychiatric hospitals. A young female psychiatrist working in El Abbassia Hospital (a major psychiatric mental hospital in the centre of Cairo) refused to write a medical report after she was asked to assess the mental condition of one of the leading protesters, Alaa Abdel Fattah, who was subsequently imprisoned by the regime (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alaa_Abd_El-Fattah).

Conclusion
The Egyptian revolution, which was enacted on the basis of non-violent resistance, provides a model for how peaceful protest, with people expressing their hopes through the internet and other media channels, can lead to change.

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