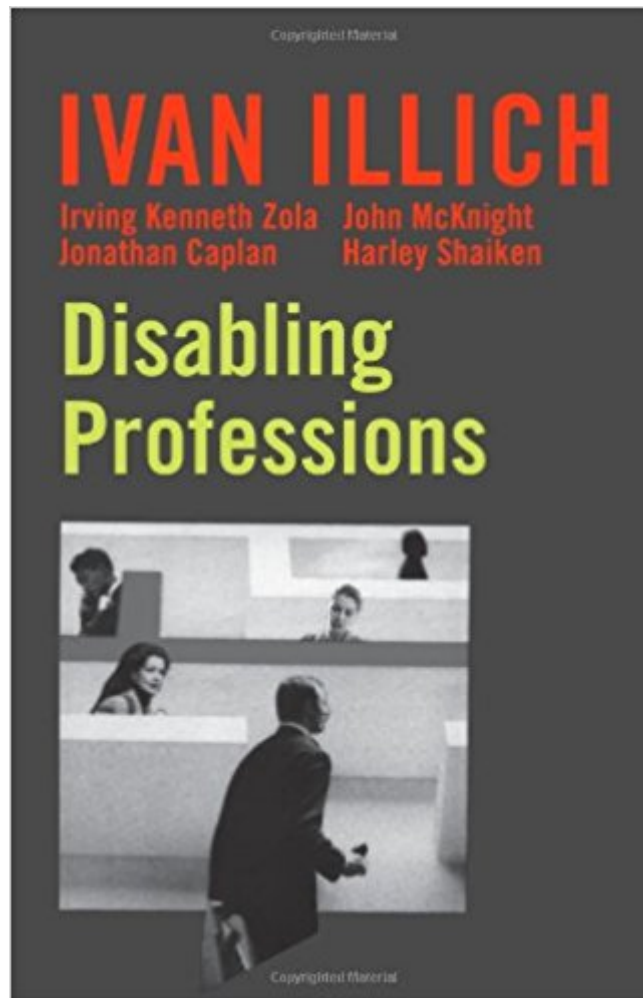




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professions to legislate political outcomes not, I repeat, not based on sound scientific basis, but mere professional or moral judgement, a modern version would be drugging of children on psychiatric drugs, redefining most behaviors of youth as abnormal, which come to represent a moral movement instead of a scientific movement to control people, but using the cover of science to persuade people to submit.

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