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Please no apologies, I meant nothing by it...I was just thinking out loud.... I'm sorry if it made you uncomfortable!

[@jwdickerson](#) Many many clinicians, have difficulty distinguishing re: diagnosus between the three because it requires not only a great deal of indepth knowledge re: forensics and behavior, but experience as well. More, most of what people know about (ASPDp) criminal psychopaths comes 1/

[@jwdickerson](#) from prison populations not the successful psychopaths that are functional enough to routinely get away with crime WITHOUT GETTING CAUGHT (these are you long running career Docs, politicians lawyers CEO'S who are typically caught late in life, if at all, and who shock everyone 2/

[@jwdickerson](#) who thought they were pillars of society or admired for great skills and wealth--sound familiar?). Even folks who study prison populations have a difficult time identifying "successful criminals" out here in the world.

That's just the clinical axis.

We on the whole, 3/

[@jwdickerson](#) we tend to automatically project our empathy, onto the behaviors of others in order to better understand them. When this occurs, it very often results in misdiagnosis. Then there's the pressure to constantly stay relevant, find new diagnoses and treatments re staying afloat 4/

[@jwdickerson](#) in research, the noteriety that brings consultation and new patients etc and the ambition to "make a name for yourself" in relation to the above. None of us is immune from our own weaknesses foibles and ambitions and we ALL have them. It takes a great deal of balance to manage 5/

[@jwdickerson](#) all the competing dynamics. For the most part, in whole, we do well enough, but on some days at some times and under some conditions when all that shows up at your door, you can get caught off guard and fall down the rabbit hole. None of us is immune from being 6/

[@jwdickerson](#) human and it's awfully hard when something runs away with you to call it back. 7)

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