

TOK STUDY

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# CRIMINOLOGY & THE MENTALLY ILL

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The background of the slide features a dark, atmospheric image. On the left, a person is shown in silhouette, their head bowed in a contemplative or somber pose. In the background, several tall, dark crosses are visible against a lighter, hazy sky, suggesting a cemetery or a place of reflection. The overall tone is serious and thought-provoking.

## TOK QUESTION

To what extent should  
mental illness be taken into  
consideration in the handling  
of criminal cases?

# An Overview

## **TODAY'S PRESENTATION**

The reasons we choose the question

□ Definitions

Statistics

Case study

Scientific experiments

Conclusion



# Reasons we choose this question

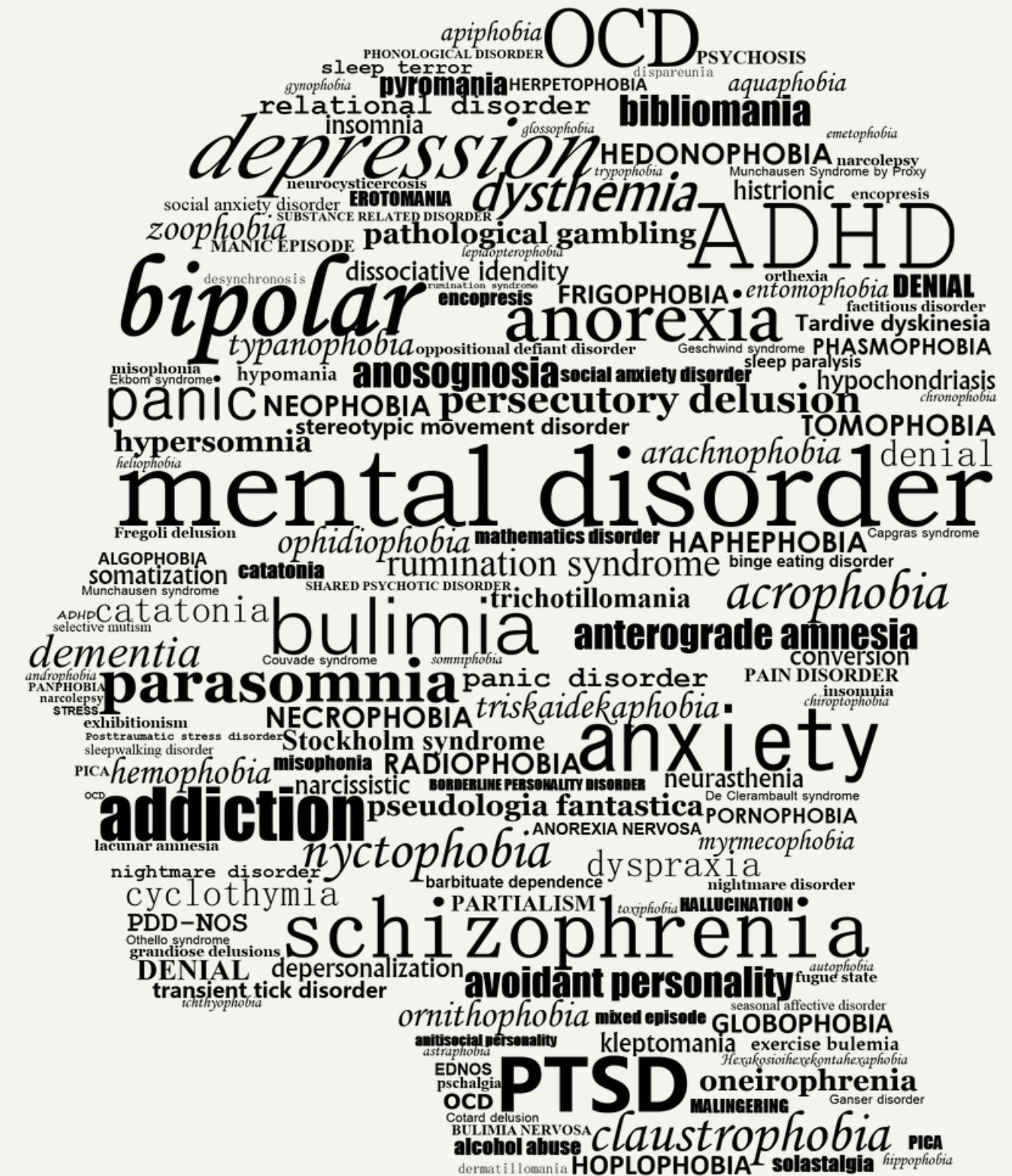
1. Criminal justice touches on concepts such as morality and ethics.
2. The difference between criminals and those with mental illness
3. How our perspective changes when we learn about the underlying causes



# Definition:

# MENTAL ILLNESS

Mental illnesses are health conditions involving changes in emotion, thinking or behavior (or a combination of these). Mental illnesses are associated with distress and/or problems functioning in social, work or family activities. Mental illnesses take many forms. Mental illness can occur at any age



MOST  
SERIOUS

- Felonies
- Intent to kill
- Execution, prison, probation

LESS  
SERIOUS

- Misdemeanor
- Intent to do more than the criminal act, cause a result, or to do something illegal
- Jail, probation

LEAST  
SERIOUS

- Infractions/ Violations
- Intent to do the criminal act

# GROUP OF CRIMINALS

## MENTAL ILLNESS CRIMINAL:

- People with mental illness and emotion dysregulation are more likely to cause violence
- Unstable mental health can cause them to commit crimes accidentally or intentionally
- Criminals with mental illness are often relieved of their crimes and are considered lesser punishments than regular criminals.

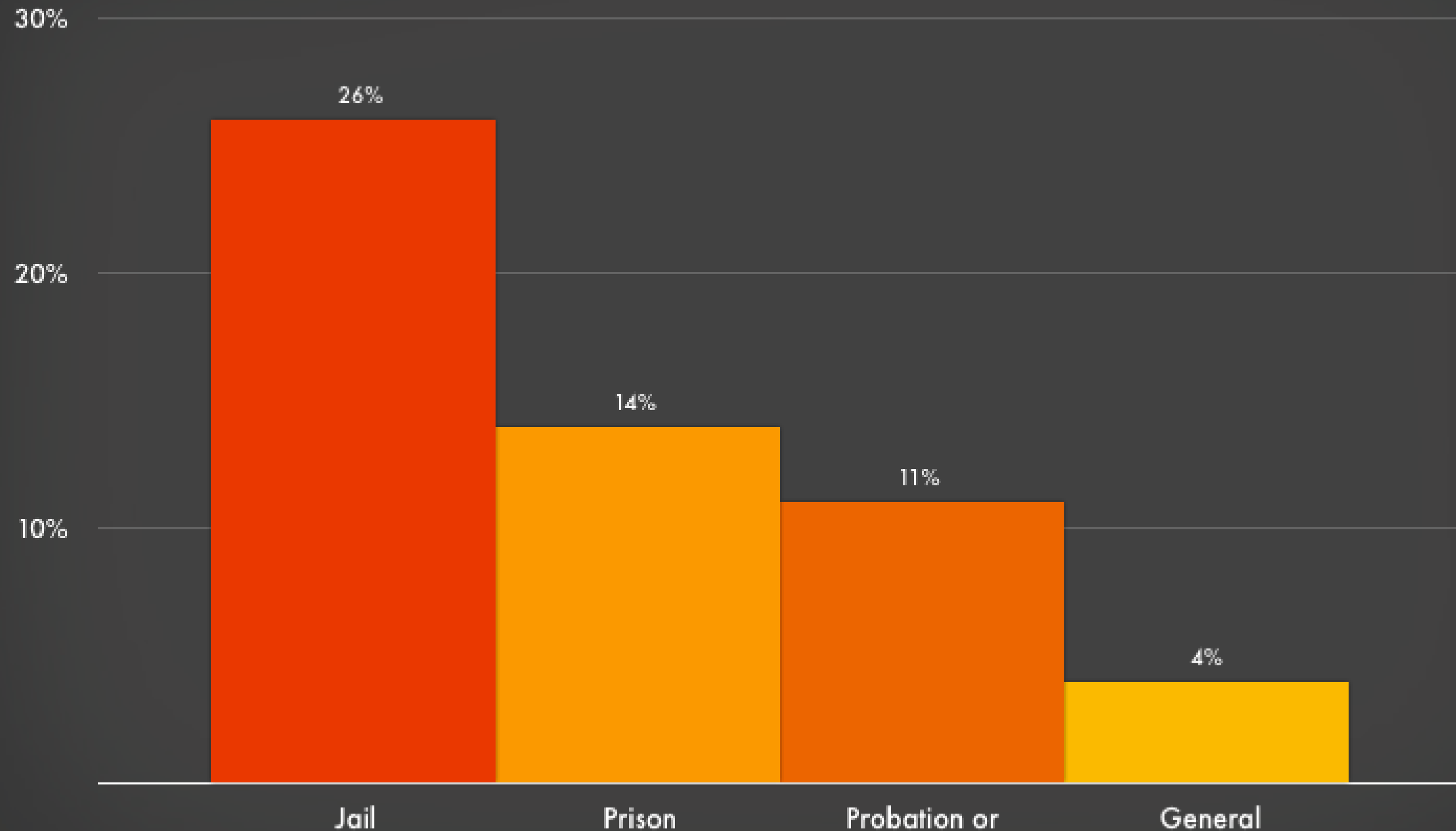




# STATISTICS

# Serious psychological distress highest in prisons and jails

Percentage of people experiencing "serious psychological distress" in the past 30 days





# CASE STUDY



girlfriend

You're really gonna  
do this?

boyfriend

Yeah !!

Okay. There's no  
turning back now

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# Suicide texting case 1

Tonight?

Exactly

I thought you really wanted  
to die, but apparently you  
don't

I feel played and  
just stupid.

See that's what I mean.  
You can't just keep  
pushing it OFF.



# CASE 2

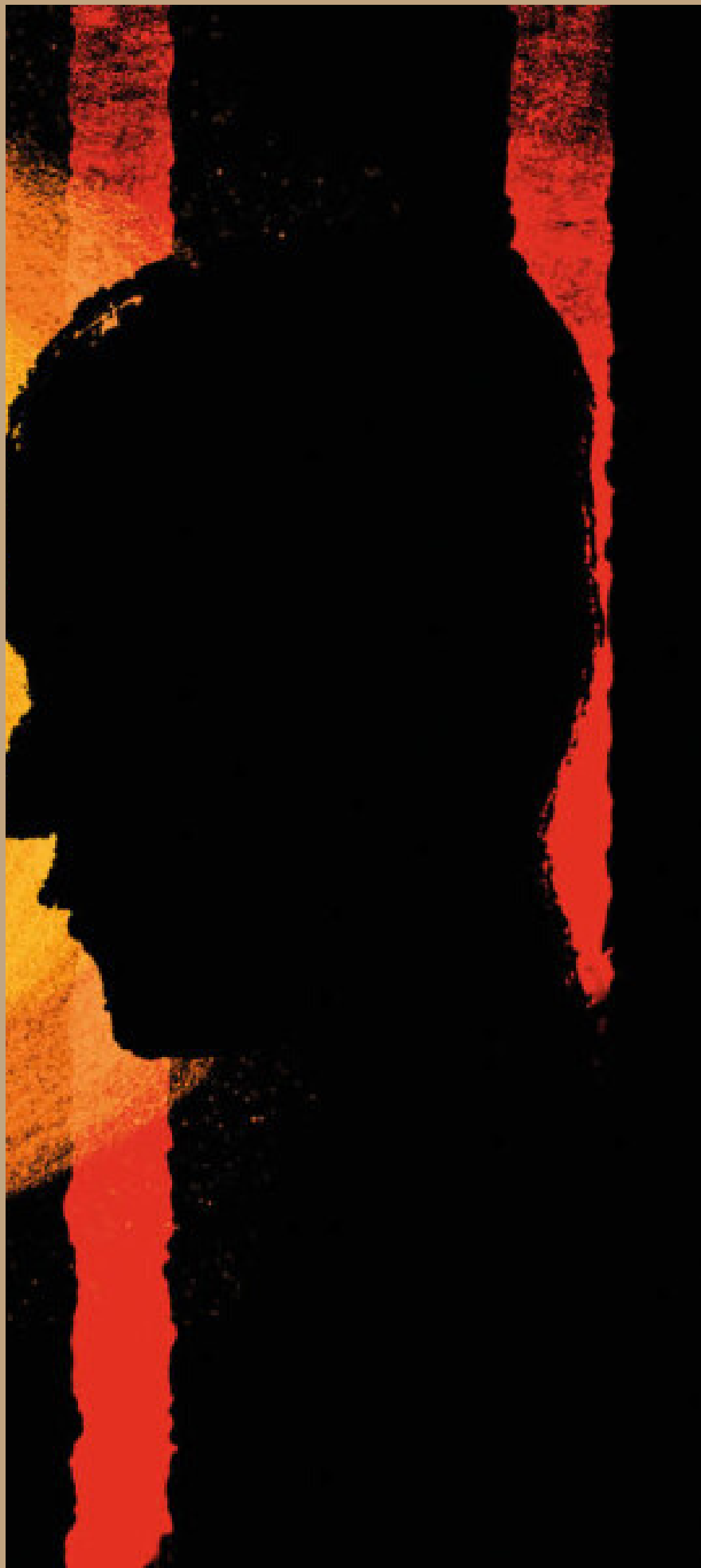
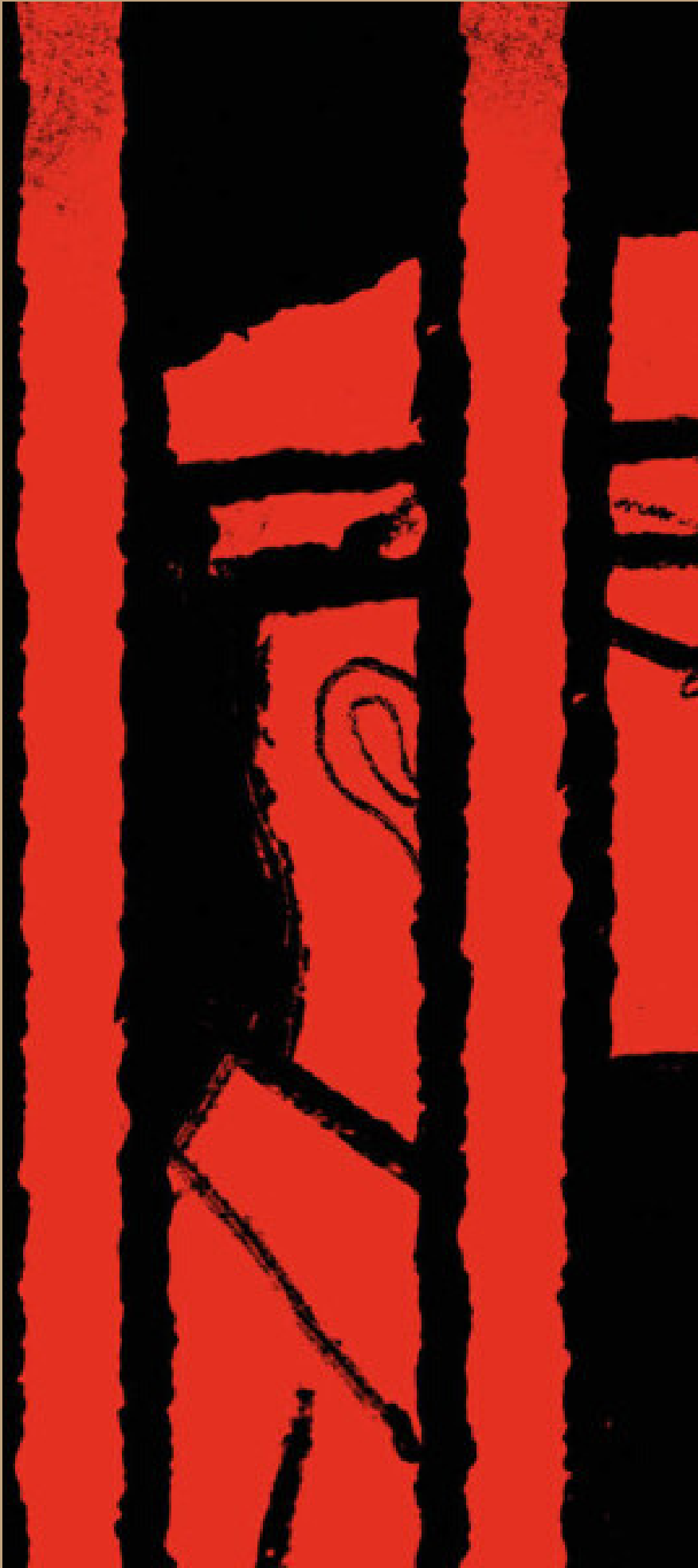


A black and white photograph of a person with long dark hair, wearing a light-colored t-shirt with dark stripes on the sleeves, sitting on a bed. The bed has a patterned sheet and a large, light-colored pillow. The room is cluttered with various items, including books, papers, and bags. The text 'Yasuma Shibuya' is overlaid in a large, white, serif font across the center of the image.

# Yasuma Shibuya



# **Scientific experiment**



**IS THE  
CURRENT  
SYSTEM  
FIT FOR  
PURPOSE  
?**



CONCLUSION



THANK FOR  
LISTENING  
& ANY  
QUESTIONS ?