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Suicide after taking Scientology personality test

en.wikinews.org — The Norwegian press is reporting that Kaja Ballo, 20, the daughter of Norwegian MP Olav Gunnar Ballo, committed suicide two weeks ago after taking a Scientology personality test. The family decided to go public with the story, after the test along with the results and a suicide note were discovered after Kaja's death.

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
































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| | | I imagine she was already a little out of it, whether her friends and family knew it. Having someone tell you that you're depressed shouldn't lead you to immediately jump from a window (just as playing GTA shouldn't lead you to beat up strangers). Could it have been a factor? Sure, but anything and everything could have been a factor. | | | |
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DragonFire1024
on 04/17/2008

Maybe she did have an issue or two. No one is perfect. That said, if I was depressed for whatever reason, whether or not it was long term, and I willingly went to seek help and got the results that this family speaks of, I would have been sent over the edge. We don't know what she was thinking and never will. No one does. But that said, Scientology could most certainly be blamed for her death, in terms of a 'wrongful death.' Especially if she was there assuming she was going to get real and truthful help. I think we need to know what was said during the test, when Scientology met to discuss or evaluate results, and what happened thereafter. I see this as a deep and mysterious case that probably will have all kinds of twists and might never really be solved.

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on 04/17/2008

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fivo7
on 04/17/2008

thats exactly the issue, scientology targets when vulnerable, she was alive til did test if she had not done stress test, we dont know, but unfortunately for her and family she is 100% dead

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Anonakitty
on 04/18/2008

The ONLY people who endorse or place any value or credibility in the OCA test is Co\$ themselves. It has no academic backing whatsoever. Critics claim the OCA-test that Kaja took is purposely designed to trouble and depress those who are tested. The controversial personality test Oxford Capacity Analysis (OCA) is for many people their first meeting with the Church of Scientology. With 200 its questions the scientologists try to attract new members. Critics claim the scientologists want to try to pressure you into taking various courses to improve yourself, regardless of your test score. This among other ways how the church makes money. Here is an explanation of giving test results practice by Andrea Catt, former Scientology recruiter:----- "You talk to him about the things which are 'ruining' his life. You basically make the person feel really, really bad about the condition they are in. You take their problems and you magnify them. You look at how that is going to affect them in the future. You get the person into a state where they feel that their future is nothing unless they do something. Then you tell them that the only thing they can do is Scientology. More damning criticism of this test from The Swedish professor of psychology Gudmund Smith at Lund University concluded in 1981 that the test was untrustworthy and in his view unethical. The Lund professor butchered the questions as being obviously leading, unclearly stated and ambiguous The Australian Association of Psychologists, among others has labelled the OCA-test as "directly dangerous".

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