



Medical Model Still Holds

a Grip on Autism!

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Recently I saw this video from “Autism Speaks” posted on the Internet that really offended me. The super macho studio voice was talking smack to Autism (whoever that is?), saying: no matter how strong you think you are, we are going to take you down. So, what’s up with all of this? Why is this so offensive to me? What could be wrong with getting rid of Autism?

As a person with that particular disability, let me tell you whassup! The problem with this is that it sounds like the Medical Model, AGAIN! To me, this means they see Autism as a disease that needs to be cured, like cancer or even AIDS. I want Autism to be seen as just a part of being human, NOT something that needs fixing. I am NOT a car that needs to be taken to a repair shop! I just want to be accepted for who I am! So, please people, let’s use our energy to find better ways to accommodate the world for people with Autism, instead of trying to defeat it!