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## **SUMMARY**

A licensed mental health professional, cult expert, and undue influence expert with professional experience in the United States and abroad, including consulting, coaching, speaking, media appearances, activism, writing, researching, teaching, intervention and recovery services, and expert witness work to assist individuals and families with problems related to undue influence including brainwashing, mind control, and unethical hypnosis. Expertise includes undue influence in cases of destructive one-on-one relationships, families, parental alienation, mini-cults, religious cults, therapy, and self-improvement groups, professional abuse, institutional abuse, corporations, multi-level marketing, political groups, human trafficking, hate, and violent extremism, and other undue influence situations.

## **CREDENTIALS**

### **Ph.D.**

Fielding Graduate University, School of Leadership Studies, Doctor of Philosophy in Organizational Development and Change (ODC) (2020). Dissertation: *The BITE Model of Authoritarian Control: Undue Influence, Thought Reform, Brainwashing, Mind Control, Trafficking and the Law*. <https://www.proquest.com/docview/2476570146/>

### **M.A.**

Fielding Graduate University, School of Leadership Studies, Master of Arts in Organizational Development & Change, (2020)

### **M.Ed.**

Cambridge College, Masters in Education in Counseling Psychology, Cambridge, MA (1985)

**National Provider Identifier (NPI)**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, National Provider Identifier #1760171870

**National Certification**

National Board of Certified Counselors: Nationally Certified Counselor, Cert. No. 43226

**MA Licensure**

Board of Allied Mental Health and Human Services, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, #820 (1992-)

**Additional Professional Training**

American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law  
International Academy of Law and Mental Health  
The Program in Psychiatry and the Law- Massachusetts Mental Health Hospital (Harvard)  
American Society for Clinical Hypnosis conferences  
Attachment Pathology  
American Psychological Association  
Dissociative Disorders  
Ericksonian Hypnosis and Psychotherapy workshops and conferences  
International Academy of Law and Mental Health Congress  
International Society of Hypnosis workshops and conferences  
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children  
Neuro-Linguistic Programming Extensive Training (NLP) 1980-1981  
New England Society of Clinical Hypnosis  
Post Traumatic Stress Disorder  
Phobia and Panic Disorders  
Strategic and Structural Family Therapy

**Awards and Honors**

Fielding Scholar: Institute for Social Innovation Fellow at Fielding Graduate University, 2024/2025  
Recipient of the Margaret Thaler Singer Award, given by the International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA) 2014  
Recipient of the Jerusalem Medal given with gratitude by Nahum Itzkovitz, Director General of the Israel Ministry of Social Affairs and Services, 2010

**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

*Independent Practice* in counseling and consulting. ( MA) (1985-)  
*Founding Director & President, Freedom of Mind Resource Center Inc.* (MA) (1999-)  
*Founding Director, Freedom From Undue Influence*, a division of the non-profit Dare Association, Inc. (MA) (2017-)

*Member, Family Advocacy Outreach Network (FAON), a program of the Family Advocacy Division of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children®.* (June, 2024)  
*Presenter, The University of Pennsylvania's Practical Applications in Forensic Psychiatry Grand Rounds Seminar Series: The Influence Continuum and the BITE Model of*

*Authoritarian Control: Utilizing Trafficking Law as a Foundation for Forensic Analysis.*  
(10/1/2024) Virtual

*Presenter, Grand Rounds from The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Cleveland Clinic Akron General: Undue Influence: An Introduction to Destructive Cults, Mind Control, Brainwashing and Deprogramming for Clinicians.* (2023) Virtual

*Presenter, Grand Rounds from The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Cleveland Clinic Akron General: Assessment and treatment approaches for patients involved with undue influence.* (2023) Virtual

*Approved as a faculty member for the Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences (Grand Rounds-Akron), Cleveland Clinic Center for Continuing Education, Cleveland, OH (2023-)*

*Presenter in the course SWRK-445-002 - First Peoples and Social Work. Topic: Mind control and colonialism.* Instructor Cindy Blackstock, Ph.D. Virtual presentation. McGill University. (2023)

*Presenter in the course Law, Religion and Politics. Topic: Cults and the law.* Instructor Marci Hamilton, Ph.D. University of Pennsylvania. Virtual presentation. (2023).

*Teacher, Harvard South Shore Psychiatry Residency Training Program, Didactic Day, affiliated with Harvard Medical School at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.* Virtual presentation. (Boston, MA) (2023)

*Presenter in the course Understanding Cults.* Instructor: Wind Goodfriend, Ph.D. Buena Vista University. Virtual presentation. (Storm Lake, IA) (2021)

*Professional staff trainer.* Presented a staff training workshop at Ellenhorn, a private Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT), in Arlington, MA. (2019)

*Teacher of Elective Course for 4th Year Psychiatry Students: Helping people influenced by Undue Influence: Hypnosis, Destructive Cults, and Traffickers,* for the Harvard Longwood Psychiatry Residency Training Program, affiliated with Harvard Medical School. (Boston, MA) (2018-2019)

*Instructor, Harvard Law School Trial Advocacy Workshop* (Cambridge, MA) (2x a year 2016-2019)

*Presenter in the course Spirituality, Religion, and Psychiatry* in the Harvard Longwood Psychiatry Residency Training Program, affiliated with Harvard Medical School. (1999-2019)

*Presenter, Harvard Longwood Psychiatry Grand Rounds: Undue Influence: An Introduction to Destructive Cults, Mind Control, Brainwashing and Deprogramming,* affiliated with Harvard Medical School. (Boston, MA) (2017) <https://youtu.be/k5fASLZL14>

*Presenter, Psychiatry Grand Rounds,* Boston University School of Medicine. (Boston, MA) (2016)

*Presenter, Harvard Longwood Psychiatry Grand Rounds,* affiliated with Harvard Medical School (Boston, MA) (2003)

*Consultant/Instructor,* Fox Valley Technical College 2011-

*National Coordinator, FOCUS: Developing programs to provide information, counseling, and support to former cult members* (1985-1986)

*Founder, Ex-Moon Inc.:* Founder and first President of this nonprofit educational corporation serving as an information and support network for over four hundred former cult members. (1979-1981)

*Former Clinical Affiliate* in Psychology, McLean Hospital (Belmont, MA).

*Former Guest Faculty,* Cambridge Family Institute

*Presenter* of other lectures, workshops, and trainings at hundreds of universities, colleges, churches, synagogues, and community centers, including:

Boston Psychoanalytic Society

British Society for Medical and Dental Hypnosis – Scotland, October 2016

American Bar Association's Conference on Tort and Religion

American Psychological Association - Convened panel on Cults of Hatred 2001

American Society of Clinical Hypnosis

Eastern Regional Conference on Multiple Personality and Dissociation

The International Congress of Hypnosis

Massachusetts General Hospital

McLean Hospital

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

- Hassan, Steven (2024). *The Cult of Trump: A Leading Cult Expert Explains How the President Uses Mind Control*. Re-release with Foreword by George Conway and Afterword by Author. New York: Simon and Schuster.
- Hassan, Steven (2019). *The Cult of Trump: A Leading Cult Expert Explains How the President Uses Mind Control*. New York: Simon and Schuster.
- Hassan, Steven (2018). *Combating Cult Mind Control: The #1 Best-Selling Guide to Protection, Rescue and Recovery from Destructive Cults* Newton, Massachusetts: Freedom of Mind Press.
- Hassan, Steven (2012, 2013). *Freedom of Mind: Helping Loved Ones Leave Controlling People, Cults and Beliefs*, Newton, Massachusetts: Freedom of Mind Press
- Hassan, Steven (2000). *Releasing the Bonds: Empowering People to Think for Themselves* Somerville, Massachusetts: Freedom of Mind Press. This book has also been published in Chinese, Persian, Polish, and Russian.
- Hassan, Steven A. (1988,1990). *Combatting Cult Mind Control*. Rochester, Vermont: Park Street Press. This book has also been published in French, German, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Slovak, Spanish, and Russian.

### **Peer-reviewed Journal Articles & Book Chapters**

- Hassan, S. (2024). The Cult of Trump. Lee, Bandy (Ed.), *The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump: 40 Psychiatrists and Mental Health Experts Warn Anew- Updated and Expanded with New Essays*. World Mental Health Coalition, N.Y.
- Hassan, S., Schefflin, A. (2024). Chapter 53: Understanding the Dark Side of Hypnosis as a Form of Undue Influence Exerted in Authoritarian Cults and Online Contexts: Implications for Practice, Policy, and Education. In J. Linden, L. Sugarman, G. de Benedittis, and K. Varga (Eds.), *Routledge International Handbook of Clinical Hypnosis*. Taylor and Francis (UK).
- Schefflin, A., Hassan, S., (2024). Chapter 54: The Image of Hypnosis: Public Perception of the Negative Aspects of Trance. In J. Linden, L. Sugarman, G. de Benedittis, and K. Varga (Eds.), *Routledge International Handbook of Clinical Hypnosis*. Taylor and Francis (UK).
- Hassan, S. A., & Atack, Jon C. (2024) Assessment of Potential Harm in Eastern Religions: the Influence Continuum and the BITE Model. In Moffic & Peteet (Eds.), *Eastern Religions*,

- Spirituality, and Psychiatry: An Expansive Perspective on Mental Health and Illness. Hassan, S., Blum, A. (2025). Chapter 14: Psychotherapeutic and Pharmacological Treatment. In T. Durns, C. Scott, B. McDermott, and P. Whitehead (Eds.), *A Clinical Guide to Cults and Persuasive Leadership*. Cambridge University Press. Forthcoming
- Hassan, S.; Caven-Atack, J., Shah, M., Malhotra, S. (2022). Chapter 19: Lone-Actor Terrorism: Understanding Online Indoctrination. In J. Holzer, A. Dew, P. Recupero, P. Gill, and J. Wyman (Ed.), *LONE-ACTOR TERRORISM: An Integrated Framework*. Oxford University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1093/med/9780190929794.001.0001>
- Hassan, S., Caven-Atack, J. (2020). Anti-Semitism in Cults and Hate Groups. In: H. S. Moffic et al. (eds.), *Anti-Semitism and Psychiatry*. Springer, Cham. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-37745-8\\_23](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-37745-8_23)
- Hassan, S.A.(2020) The BITE Model of Authoritarian Control: Undue Influence Thought Reform Brainwashing Mind Control Trafficking and the Law. <https://www.proquest.com/docview/2476570146/>
- Hassan, S. A., & Shah, M. J. (2019). The anatomy of undue influence used by terrorist cults and traffickers to induce helplessness and trauma, so creating false identities. *Ethics, Medicine and Public Health*, 8, 97–107. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jemep.2019.03.002>
- Hankir A.Z., Hassan S. (2019). Psychological Determinants and Social Influences of Violent Extremism. In: Moffic H., Peteet J., Hankir A., Awaad R. (eds) *Islamophobia and Psychiatry*. Springer, Cham. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-00512-2\\_32](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-00512-2_32)
- Hassan, Steven. (1994). Chapter 6: Strategic Intervention Therapy. In Shupe, A. & Bromley, D. (Ed.), *Anti-cult Movements in Cross-cultural Perspective*. New York: Garland.

## Articles

- Hassan, Steven, Gutheil T., Shah M. (02/19/22). Putting the New Framework into Practice. Pt.1 *Psychiatric Times*. <https://www.psychiatrictimes.com/view/putting-the-new-framework-into-practice>
- Hassan, Steven, Gutheil T., Shah M. (02/12/22). A New Framework: Exploring Efficacy. Pt.2 *Psychiatric Times*. <https://www.psychiatrictimes.com/view/putting-the-new-framework-into-practice>
- Hassan, Steven, Gutheil T., Shah M. (02/05/22). Responding to Authoritarian Cults and Extreme Exploitations: A New Framework to Evaluate Undue Influence. Pt.3 *Psychiatric Times*. <https://www.psychiatrictimes.com/view/putting-the-new-framework-into-practice>
- Hassan, Steven (12/17/20). A cult expert’s advice for celebrating with politically divided family over the holidays. *The Boston Globe*. <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/12/17/opinion/cult-experts-advice-celebrating-with-politically-divided-family-over-holidays/>.
- Hassan, Steven (10/24/20). If Trump loses the election, QAnon will also lose support — and eventually disintegrate. *NBC News THINK Opinion, Analysis, Essays*. <https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/if-trump-loses-election-qanon-will-also-lose-support-eventually-ncna1244563>.
- Hassan, Steven (9/1/20). Trump's QAnon followers are a dangerous cult. How to save someone who's been brainwashed. *NBC News THINK: Opinion, Analysis, Essays*. <https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/trump-s-qanon-followers-are-dangerous-cult-how-save-someone-ncna1239828>.

- Hassan, Steven (10/13/19). Take It From a Former Moonie: Trump Is a Cult Leader: It might seem an outrageous proposition to compare Donald Trump to a murderous cult leader. And yet there are alarming parallels. *The Daily Beast*.  
<https://www.thedailybeast.com/author/steven-hassan>.
- Hassan, Steven (2017). Brainwashing Young People into Violent Extremist Cults, *Freedom from Fear magazine of The United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (Unicri.it)* <http://f3magazine.unicri.it/?p=1353>
- Hassan, Steven (1999). *Spiritual Responsibility: Cult Awareness* March/April issue of New Age Journal
- Hassan, Steven and Surya Das (1996). *Spiritual Responsibility: Avoiding Abuses and Pitfalls Along the Spiritual Path* (1996) *booklet*
- Hassan, Steven A. (1984). *Exit-Counseling: Working to Undo the Shackles of Cult Mind Control*. Reprinted in *Cults and Consequences* (1988). Los Angeles: Los Angeles Jewish Federation.

### **Courses & Curricula**

- Hassan, Steven (2022-). Understanding Undue Influence: The Essentials [Online course].  
[https://courses.freedomofmind.com/courses/understanding\\_undue\\_influence\\_the-essentials](https://courses.freedomofmind.com/courses/understanding_undue_influence_the-essentials)
- Thinkific. Hassan, Steven and John Dehlin (2022-). Recovery After Mormonism Workshop [Online course]. Thinkific.  
<https://courses.freedomofmind.com/courses/recovery-after-mormonism-workshop>
- Hassan, Steven (2022-). Understanding Cults: A Foundational Course [Online course]. Thinkific.  
<https://courses.freedomofmind.com/courses/understanding-cults-a-foundational-course>
- Hassan, Steven (2022-2025). Understanding Cults: A Foundational Course for Clinicians [Online course]. CE-GO.  
<https://freedomofmind.ce-go.com/courses/understanding-cults-a-foundational-course-for-clinicians>
- Hassan, Steven (2021-2022). Understanding Cults: The Basics [Online course]. Udemy & Thinkific.
- Hassan, Steven, Rachel Thomas, Carissa Phelps (Co-developers). Ending the Game - an intervention curriculum for women who have been sex trafficked to understand pimp/trafficker mind control [Intervention curriculum] [www.endingthegame.com](http://www.endingthegame.com)

### **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

- Hassan, Steven (9/27/2024). The Cult of Trump. Presented at the DC National Press Club with other experts. Organized by forensic psychiatrist Bandy X. Lee M.D., founder of the World Mental Health Coalition
- Hassan, Steven (7/5/24) Combating Cult Mind Control for ICSA conference, Barcelona, Spain.
- Hassan, Steven (7/22/24) Forensic Models to Update the Law Regarding Undue Influence; panel at IALMH.org in Barcelona, Spain
- Hassan, Steven (7/24/24) Social Media AI the Metaverse and a Set of Models to Help Forensically Evaluate Undue Influence. talk at IALMH.org Barcelona, Spain
- Hassan, Steven (11/3/2023). Steven Hassan: The BITE Model of Authoritarian Control: Undue Influence, Cults & Recovery. Presented virtually at The International Coercive Control Conference.

- Hassan, Steven (7/24/23). About The Cult of Trump. Presented virtually with Rep. Jamie Raskin at Democracy Summer.
- Hassan, Steven (7/12/23). Hate groups in local communities. Delaware Valley Action, Milford, PA. Virtual presentation.
- Hassan, Steven (6/30/23). Updating Undue Influence in the Law: The Journey of 47 Years. Presented virtually at ICSA Annual Conference 2023. International Cultic Studies Association.
- Chandra Ravi, Hassan S., Chandra R., Hollander N. (5/23/2023). Megalomania in the American Psyche: Dangerous Influence in Conscious and Unconscious Life. Panel presentation at American Psychiatric Association (APA) 2023 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.
- Hassan, Steven (3/19/23). Recovery after Mormonism Workshop with Dr. Steven Hassan and Dr. John Dehlin. Alpine, UT.
- Hassan, Steven (1/8/2023). Steven Hassan: 'January 6: Two Years Since the Violent Coup Attempt'. Presented at New York Society for Ethical Culture in New York, NY. <https://youtu.be/cRmKcwYDqSU>.
- Hassan, Steven (10/25/22). How to Determine the Integrity and Trustworthiness of Spiritual Teachers and Communities. Keynote presentation at MOBIUS Executive Leadership Next Practice Institute (NPI) 2022 Annual Gathering. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gj5q7KTG8FY&t=4s>
- Hassan, Steven (8/10/22). FNCARES Summer Talk 2022: Mind Control and Colonization - Part II. Online panel presentation with Dr. Cindy Blackstock, Brittany Mathews of the First Nations Child & Family Caring Society, and Dr. Steven Hassan. The panel host was Dr. Melisa Brittain of FNCARES, a partnership between the University of Alberta and the First Nations Child & Family Caring Society of Canada. <https://youtu.be/f6vuwo5DQo0>
- Hassan, Steven (7/4/22). Proposing a New Model to Conduct a Forensic Evaluation of Undue Influence. Presented at the 37th Annual Conference of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health (IALMH) in Lyon, France. <https://youtu.be/JGQmojoMdAk>
- Hassan, Steven, Thomas Gutheil, and Barry Roth (7/7/2022). Panel on Coercion and Vulnerability: The Need to Update the Law Regarding Undue Influence. Presented at the 37th Annual Conference of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health (IALMH) in Lyon, France. <https://freedomofmind.com/freedom-of-mind-evaluating-undue-influence-in-legal-mental-health-settings-ialmh/>
- Hassan, Steven (06/11/22). How do Victims Recover? Panel presentation at Multilevel Marketing: The Consumer Protection Challenge 2022, a virtual conference hosted by The College of New Jersey School of Business. <https://www.mlmconference.com/>
- Hassan, Steven (5/22/22). The BITE of Cults in Our Culture in the Age of COVID. Panel presentation at American Psychiatric Association (APA) 2022 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.
- Hassan, Steven (2/15/22). Influence, Authoritarianism, and Cults: ICSVE Panel Discussion featuring Dr. Steve Hassan, Cult Expert, and Dr. Anne Speckhard, Director ICSVE. Presented online for the International Center for the Study of Violent Extremism (ICSVE). <https://www.icsve.org/influence-authoritarianism-and-cults/>
- Hassan, Steven (12/08/21). FNCARES Fall Talk 2021: Mind Control and Colonization. Online panel presentation with Dr. Cindy Blackstock and Dr. Pamela Palmater for First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada. <https://youtu.be/NYHuBgR-Otk>
- Hassan, Steven (10/23/21). Taking a BITE out of Disinformation and Cult Effects in the Time of

- COVID. Panel presentation at American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL) 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting.
- Hassan, Steven (10/01/21). Dr. Steven Hassan - Presentation to the GEC. Presented online for the Global Engagement Center (GEC), United States Department of State.
- Hassan, Steven (09/19/21). Helping People Who Are Currently In Or Have Left a Controlling Person, Cult, or Belief. Quarterly Online Training. The New England Society of Clinical Hypnosis.
- Hassan, Steven (07/29/21). Exploring the “Coercion” Element in Labor Trafficking. Presented virtually for the Labor Trafficking Subcommittee of the LA Regional Human Trafficking Task Force.
- Hassan, Steven (07/17/21). Authoritarian Cults, Media Indoctrination, and Shared Psychosis. Truth and Restoration Town Hall virtual panel presentation. World Mental Health Coalition. <https://worldmhc.org/town-hall-07172021/>
- Hassan, Steven (07/03/21). The Cult of Trump: How to Speak Respectfully and Strategically to Promote Re-Evaluation. Presented for the 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting of the International Cultic Studies Association. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6bk1s0oXwA>
- Hassan, Steven (06/01/21). How do MLMs recruit and retain participants? Panel presentation for Multilevel Marketing: The Consumer Protection Challenge 2021, virtual conference hosted by The College of New Jersey School of Business. <https://www.mlmconference.com/>
- Hassan, Steven (05/13/21). Mind control and fact-checking with Dr. Steven Hassan. Keynote interview by Rebecca Catalanello for the PolitiFact 2021 United Facts of America: A Festival of Fact Checking. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6oExKs8oygo>
- Hassan, Steven (05/01/21). How do MLMs recruit and retain participants? Panel presentation for Multilevel Marketing: The Consumer Protection Challenge 2021, virtual conference hosted by The College of New Jersey School of Business. <https://www.mlmconference.com/video>
- Hassan, Steven (1/28/21). A Cult Expert's Advice on Dealing with Anti-Vaxxers and General Vaccine Hesitancy. Presented for Community Action Summit New England Complex Systems Institute. <https://freedomofmind.com/necsi-covid-community-action-summit-a-cult-experts-advice-on-dealing-with-anti-vaxxers-and-general-vaccine-hesitancy/>
- Hassan, Steven (10/1/2020). What can Business Psychology learn from Donald Trump and the Dark Arts of Coercive Control? Presented for the Association for Business Psychology in the UK. <https://vimeo.com/465729850/f02682cbaf>.
- Hassan, Steven (11/19/2019). *The Cult of Trump* Belmont Books Talk. Presented in Belmont, MA. <https://vimeo.com/374319091>.
- Hassan, Steven (11/10/2019). Steven Hassan: *The Cult of Trump* - 11/10/19. Presented at New York Society for Ethical Culture in New York, NY. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-JG6miuWuIY>.
- Hassan, Steven; Gutheil, Thomas G.; Carpenter, J. Tyler; Drogin, Eric Y; and Farrell, Helen. (10/26/2019). Panel Discussion: The Many Faces of Causation. Presented at the 50th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL), held in Baltimore, MD.
- Hassan, Steven, and Gutheil, Thomas G., M.D. (10/24/2019). The Need to Update Legal Systems regarding Undue Influence. Presented at the 50th Annual Meeting of the



- American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL), held in Baltimore, MD.
- Hassan, Steven (10/22/2019). Brookline Booksmith Book Launch for Steven Hassan's "The Cult of Trump." Presented in Brookline, MA.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ADHdjZRJo>.
- Hassan, Steven (9/11/2019). Proposing a New Model to Do a Forensic Evaluation for Undue Influence. Presented at The Program in Psychiatry and the Law (PIPATL) at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center, a teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School, in Boston, MA.
- Hassan, Steven (9/4/2019). The threat to cancel IALMH Congress in Rome if Hassan attends? What's the story? Presented at The Program in Psychiatry and the Law (PIPATL) at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center, a teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School, in Boston, MA.
- Hassan, Steven (8/2/2019). Spiritual Abuse and the Strategic Interactive Approach. Presented at the Spiritual Abuse Forum for Education in Portland, OR.
- Hassan, Steven (7/4/2019). The BITE Model and the Influence Continuum and its Use for Determining Undue Influence in Trafficking and Terrorism. Presented at the 2019 Annual International Conference of the International Cultic Studies Association in Manchester, UK.
- Hassan, Steven (6/26/2019). Strategies and Techniques for Recovery from Human Trafficking Programming. Presented at Light the Way to Freedom to End Human Trafficking: Human Trafficking Summit 2019 Summit in Austin, Texas, for Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, in Texas, USA.
- Hassan, Steven (6/25/2019). The BITE Model and Influence Continuum for Understanding Human Trafficking Influence. Presented at Light the Way to Freedom to End Human Trafficking: Human Trafficking Summit 2019 Summit in Austin, Texas, for Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.
- Hassan, Steven (6/19/2019). Proposing a new model for doing a forensic evaluation for undue influence. Presented at The Program in Psychiatry and the Law at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center, a teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School in Boston, MA.
- Hassan, Steven (5/23/2019). Parental Alienation and Undue Influence. Presented at a meeting of the Boston/NH/RI Parental Alienation Meetup Group in Waltham, MA.
- Hassan, Steven (7/22/2018), A Complex Systems Approach to Countering Mind Control, Trafficking, and Terrorism, Plenary presentation presented at International Conference on Complex Systems (ICCS), Cambridge, MA at New England Complex Systems Institute.
- Hassan, Steven (7/05/2018). The Freedom of Mind Approach to Helping People Raised in Destructive Environments. Presented at Annual ICSA International Conference, Philadelphia, PA
- Hassan, Steven (6/27/2018). Stop the Game to stop trafficking in persons. Presentation for the Trafficking in Persons office (J/TIP) at the U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.
- Hassan, Steven (6/27/2018). Round Table Discussion with Steven Hassan: Destructive Cults that Use Terrorism as a Tool. Presentation for the Countering Terrorism / Countering Violent Extremism office (CT/CVE) at the U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.
- Hassan, Steven (10/22/2017). Presentation at New York Society for Ethical Culture in New York, NY.
- Hassan, Steven (9/11/17). Combating Cult Mind Control. Presented at a meeting with officials at the Ralph J. Bunche Library at the U. S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.
- Hassan, Steven (July 2017). The Anatomy of undue influence by terrorist cults and traffickers by

- using helplessness and trauma to create false identities. Presentation at the International Academy of Law and Mental Health (IALMH) in Prague, Czech Republic.  
<https://freedomofmind.com/my-week-at-the-ialmh-congress/>
- Hassan, Steven. (2016). A plenary speaker at the National Amber Alert Symposium sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice about Jaycee Dugard, Elizabeth Smart, and other victims like them.
- Hassan, Steven (August 2015). Presented a countering ISIS program at the Aspen Institute. Was 1 of 25 invitation-only guests, including State Department counterterrorism officials, Secretary Madeleine Albright, former Ambassadors, and other luminaries.
- Hassan, Steven (2014). Presented a Human Trafficking training for *My Life, My Choice* in Boston.
- Hassan, Steven (2014). Presented Human Trafficking training for the Joint Regional Intelligence Organization in California to help organizations assist sex trafficking survivors.
- Hassan, Steven. (2013) Presentation for New York Society for Ethical Culture  
<https://vimeo.com/60160451>
- Hassan, Steven. (August, 2005) Training for Attorneys General of Utah and Arizona regarding how to deal with members of the FLDS cult of Warren Jeffs

## **SELECTED CITATIONS**

- Alvarez, Larry, and Cañas-Moreira, Jocelyn. (11/9/2015). A Victim-Centered Approach to Sex Trafficking Cases. *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin*, United States Department of Justice.  
[leb.fbi.gov/articles/featured-articles/a-victim-centered-approach-to-sex-trafficking-cases](http://leb.fbi.gov/articles/featured-articles/a-victim-centered-approach-to-sex-trafficking-cases)  
 Cited in many publications, including peer-reviewed journal articles and other articles.

## **SELECTED APPEARANCES**

### **TEDx Talks**

- Hassan, Steven (4/6/2022). The Psychology of Dictatorship. An online panel presentation was held with Dr. Bandy X. Lee, Dr. Steven Hassan, and Nick Carmody, JD, in conversation with TEDxMidAtlantic host David Troy. TEDxMidAtlantic.  
<https://youtu.be/yR7NMdpNtSU>
- Hassan, Steven (3/7/2022). How to tell if you're brainwashed? TEDxBoston.  
<https://youtu.be/JzSwZpHDAaU>
- Hassan, Steven; Troy, David; Stewartson, Jim; and Kane, Desiree (10/21/20). Dismantling QAnon. TEDxMidAtlantic.(currently offline)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1QbEcG8O-L8>
- Hassan, Steven (8/02/2018). Is Technology Controlling Your Mind? Presented at the TEDxBeaconStreet. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ev\\_zuiXTTzA&t=4s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ev_zuiXTTzA&t=4s)

### **Other Media**

Interviewed countless times over many decades for articles, audio, and video pieces including by media around the world such as WBUR; NPR; BBC; ABC Nightly News; NBC; MSNBC The REIDOUT and American Voices; CNN: Reliable Sources, New Day, Anderson Cooper, and Special Reports; 60 Minutes; Nightline; Dateline; Leah Remini: Scientology and its Aftermath; Oprah Winfrey; Today Show; Good Morning America; Larry King Show.

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## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

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