

What Makes Someone Weird?

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- ◆ There are dangerous stims
 - ◇ Hitting oneself
 - ◇ The only reason someone should be corrected for stimming is if they are hurting themselves
 - ◆ Corrected here means directing that energy towards a safe object or different stim

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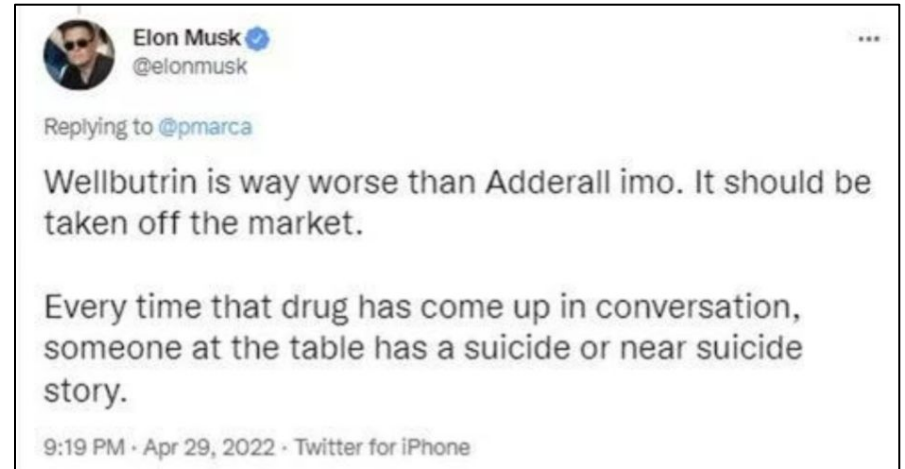
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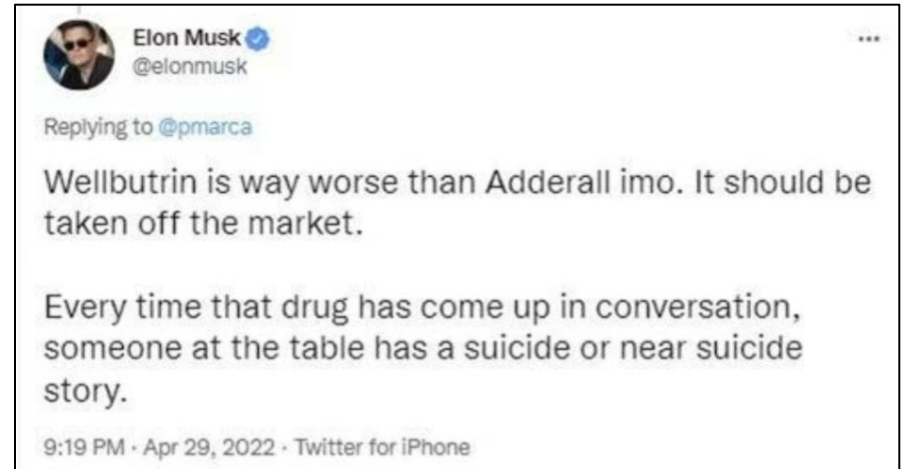
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