Sorrow, Grief and Loss after the DSM “normal sadness” debates

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Abstract:
Widely debated between 2010 -13 was whether depression can be separated from more appropriate and normal sorrow, suffering and distress - responses to the death of loved ones, for example. Leading up to the revised fifth edition of the American Psychiatric Association’s Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5), these debates held implications for a range of issues about the reach - or over-reach - of psychiatric medicine, and the role of societal norms and “folk psychological” explanation.

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