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Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and the behavior of "Che†Guevara

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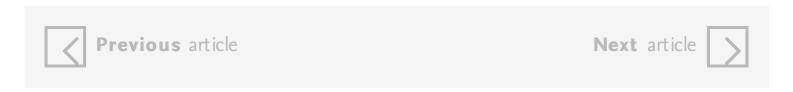
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#### **Abstract**

Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is a childhood onset neuropsychiatric disorder characterized by inattention, hyperactivity and impulsivity. ADHD is related to several co-morbidities, such as opposition defiant disorder, conduct disorder, mood and anxiety disturbances, as well as tics and Tourette's syndrome. The objective of this report is to shed an alternative light on the personality of Ernesto "Che†Guevara, discussing whether he might have had ADHD. Several published biographies of Che Guevara were reviewed. Established ADHD criteria (*Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, Fourth Edition), were used as a framework to evaluate Che's behaviour. In addition, we compared the main features of Che's reported behaviour to the set of abnormalities leading to the diagnosis of ADHD in adults proposed by Wender and colleagues and known as the UTAH ADHD criteria. Analysis of

the most renowned biographies of Ernesto "Che†Guevara suggests that he may have had ADHD.



## Keywords

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder; ADHD; Ernesto "Che†Guevara



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