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Paranoid Ideation

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Synonyms

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Definition

An exaggerated or grandiose belief, usually not of a delusional nature, that one is being harassed, persecuted, or unfairly treated. A general suspiciousness of others' motives or intent. Most often associated with paranoid personality disorder but also seen in borderline personality disorder.

Cross-References

- ▶ [Borderline Personality Disorder](#)
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- ▶ [Paranoid Psychosis](#)

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