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The Politics of Medicine and You

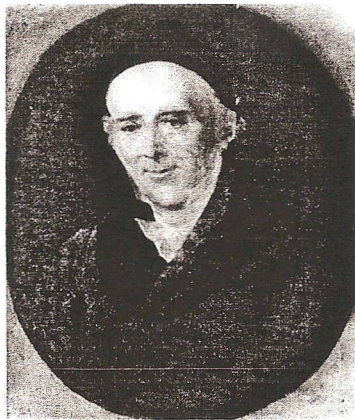
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Have you ever wondered how vivisection became so rampant and accepted in the medical establishment? If so, then the latest offering from The True Nature Network (formerly the Animal Rights Information Service) might be just what the “doctor” ordered.

Pulling from a wide array of sources, including such unexpected luminaries as Dr. Henry Heimlich, government health officials and National Institutes of Health (NIH) researchers, *The Politics of Medicine and You* weaves a slow-moving, but nonetheless, informative tale of medicine gone astray. Produced for easy broadcast on your local public access cable system, the video presents an overview of the medical system as it now stands and offers some astute, plausible explanations as to how it



Samuel Hahnemann founded homeopathy in the 18th century

obtained its stature in society today.

The program asserts, among other things, that the crusade against homeopathy and the rise of vivisection are intricately connected. The show's producer, Allan Bullington, makes his case well. There are obvious parallels between the fight against homeopathy at the turn of the century by groups like the American Medical Asso-

ciation, and the current onslaught against animal protectionists. Bullington also chronicles the state of modern medical research and the power structures that maintain it. The segment which details these similarities is particularly interesting. By placing vivisection into a greater historical context, *The Politics of Medicine and You* seems to ask, “What can we learn from the past?”

The answer is, plenty. I recommend *The Politics of Medicine and You* to anyone who is interested in the history of vivisection. Understanding the influences that support vivisection is crucial in enabling us to counter those forces more effectively. An excellent way to augment this learning process is by watching this video and then broadcasting it over your local public access cable system. ■