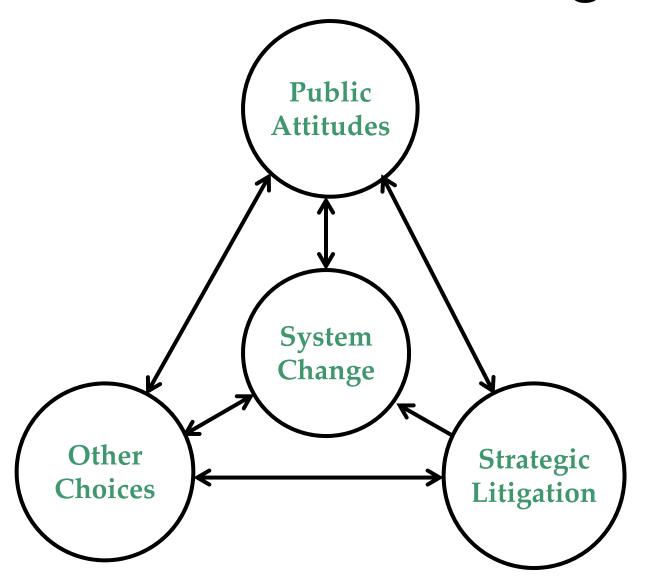


## **Transformation Triangle**



## Involuntary Commitment Permissible Under US Constitution When Proven by Clear and Convincing Evidence:

- 1. Confinement takes place pursuant to proper procedures and evidentiary standards,
- 2. Finding of "dangerousness either to one's self or to others," and
- 3. Proof of dangerousness is "coupled ... with the proof of some additional factor, such as a 'mental illness' or 'mental abnormality.'

Kansas v. Crane, 534 U.S. 407, 409-10, 122 S.Ct. 867, 869 (2002).

• Being unable to take care of oneself can constitute danger to self if "incapable of surviving safely in freedom." *Cooper v. Oklahoma*, 517 U.S. 348, 116 S.Ct. 1373, 1383 (1996).

## Forced Drugging under US Constitution: *Sell*

## **Court Must Conclude:**

- 1.Important governmental interests are at stake,
- 2. Will significantly further those state interests substantially unlikely to have side effects that will interfere significantly (with achieving state interest),
- 3. Necessary to further those interests. The court must find that any alternative, less intrusive treatments are unlikely to achieve substantially the same results, and
- 4. Medically appropriate, i.e., in the patient's best medical interest in light of his medical condition, considered on drug-by-drug basis.

Sell v. United States, 539 U.S. 166, 177-8, 123 S.Ct. 2174, 2183 (2003) (Competence to Stand Trial Case).