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# CAN CRITICAL THINKING BEEN TEACHED?

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Yes, it can.

Already in 2017 there was a Lancet paper with the [super-long title](#) “Effects of the Informed Health Choices primary school intervention on the ability of children in Uganda to assess the reliability of claims about treatment effects: a cluster-randomised controlled trial”. The paper is extensively discussed at [vox.com](#)

Andy Oxman is obsessed with the study of bullshit health claims and how to prevent them from spreading.

For decades, he's been trying to find ways to get adults to think critically about the latest diet fads, vaccine rumors, or “miracle cures.” But he realized these efforts are often in vain: Adults can be stubborn old dogs — resistant to learning new things and changing their minds.

So [not only Germany](#) but also Uganda has its own bullshit hypothesis.

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