

Alice laughed. "There's no use trying," she said. "One can't believe impossible things."

"I dare say you haven't had much practice," said the queen. "When I was your age, I always did it for half an hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."



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### Thoughts Guiding Class

"Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence."

David Hume

"Keeping an open mind is a virtue, but not so open that your brains fall out."

James Oberg

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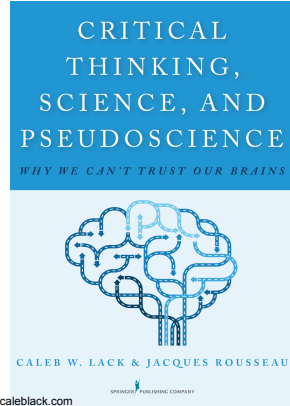
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## Required Text




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## Goals & Objectives

Increase critical thinking skills

Learn how to apply scientific / empirical modes of thinking to various phenomena

Learn the difference between science and pseudoscience and how they explain things

Understand why we are so easily fooled

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## Class Tips

Lecture slides are posted online

Read before coming to class

Come to class ready to discuss the readings

Come to class...period

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### Do not...

Talk while someone else is talking

Be afraid to ask questions

Have your phone on during class

Send me emails with any of the following:

Thx, u, r, dude, l8r, lol, omg, no capital letters, all capital letters, no name, "Mr. Lack," etc.

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### Do...

Ask questions

Think critically

Be respectful of others

Send me emails in the form of a letter

Ask questions

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### Grading

150 points – Media critiques (5 @ 30)

250 points – Exercises (5 @ 50)

100 points – Reflection questions (10 @ 10)

500 points – Pseudoscience in Health fair

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