

The Basic Laws of Human Stupidity

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The stupid are all around us: they are in every place, in every class, ready to cause damage to others and naturally (they are stupid, are they not?) to themselves. The stupid form the most dangerous category of human beings. Woe betide those who underestimate them. The historian Carlo M. Cipolla wrote this essay in a constructive effort to detect, know, and thus possibly neutralize one of the most powerful, dark forces which hinder the growth of human welfare and happiness. And if it then proves impossible to save ourselves from stupidity, at least we can take vengeance by laughing at it.

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评论

Nice title but poor content: the analysis is oversimplified and just rude. I feel I fell into the helpless category by reading this book.

非常短的小册子，但是很好，和dictator's handbook一样清晰

A stupid person causes others pain while deriving no gain

很薄的一本书，不到70页。作者是经济历史学家，从人类行为的角度把人划分了四种：保护不了自己利益的无助之人，能够双赢的聪明人，损人利己的掠夺者和损人不利己的笨蛋。作者认为掠夺者虽然损人，但始终是讲逻辑的，既然讲逻辑，就可预测可防范。损人不利己的笨蛋从不讲逻辑，行为不可预测，危害最大。一个社会一个团体的走向，要看这四类群体的比重。也许是篇幅的原因，书里没有提供充足的论据，而且人性的复杂不太可能让一个人从头至尾都只属于某个群体。有些过于简单了。

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