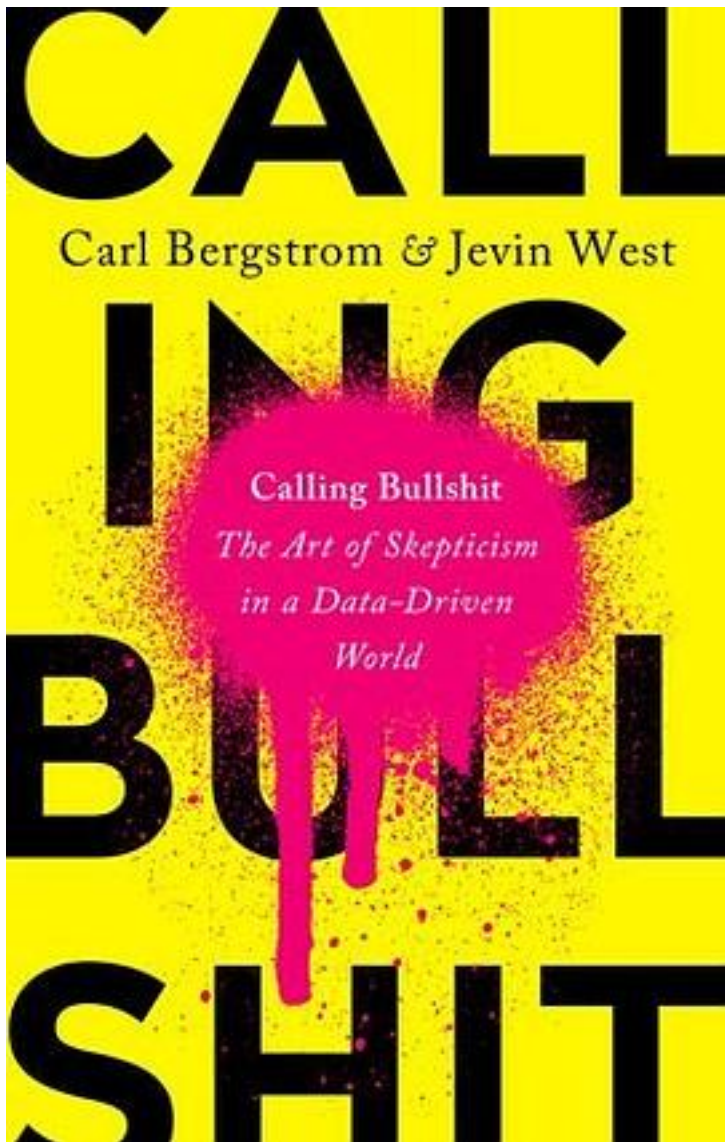


Calling Bullshit



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It's not just fake news. Bullshit is everywhere. Now, two science professors give us the tools to dismantle misinformation and think clearly in a data-saturated world.

The world is awash in bullshit, and we're drowning in it. Politicians are unconstrained by facts. Science is conducted by press release. Startup culture elevates bullshit to high art. These days, calling bullshit is a noble act.

Based on Carl Bergstrom and Jevin West's popular course at the University of Washington, *Calling Bullshit* is a modern handbook to the art of skepticism. Bergstrom, a computational biologist, and West, an information scientist, catalogue bullshit in its many forms, explaining and offering readers the tools to see through the obfuscations, deliberate and careless, that dominate every realm of our lives. They instruct readers to ask:

- Who is saying it?
- How do they know?
- What do they have to gain by persuading me?
- Are the numbers or results too good or too dramatic to be true?
- Is the claim comparing like with like or apples and oranges?
- Is it confirming your personal bias?

In this lively guide to everything from misleading statistics to “fake news,” Bergstrom and West help you recognize bullshit whenever and wherever you encounter it—in data, in conversation, even within yourself—and explain it to your crystal-loving aunt or casually racist uncle. Now more than ever, calling bullshit is crucial to a properly functioning community, whether it be a circle of friends, a network of academics, or the citizenry of a nation.

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我记得我以前非常焦虑的时候，前男友会说，别担心啦，你这么intelligent，你怎么就会过不好生活呢。当时我想你说的这都什么跟什么，聪明的人就一定过得好吗？！现在居然有点同意他，想想相比大部分人，我更会识别假新闻吧，我更理解权威≠真理吧，我更会总结规律吧，我更不容易屈服于cognitive bias吧，这就省了多少时间少走了多少弯路？ #看callingbullshit有感

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