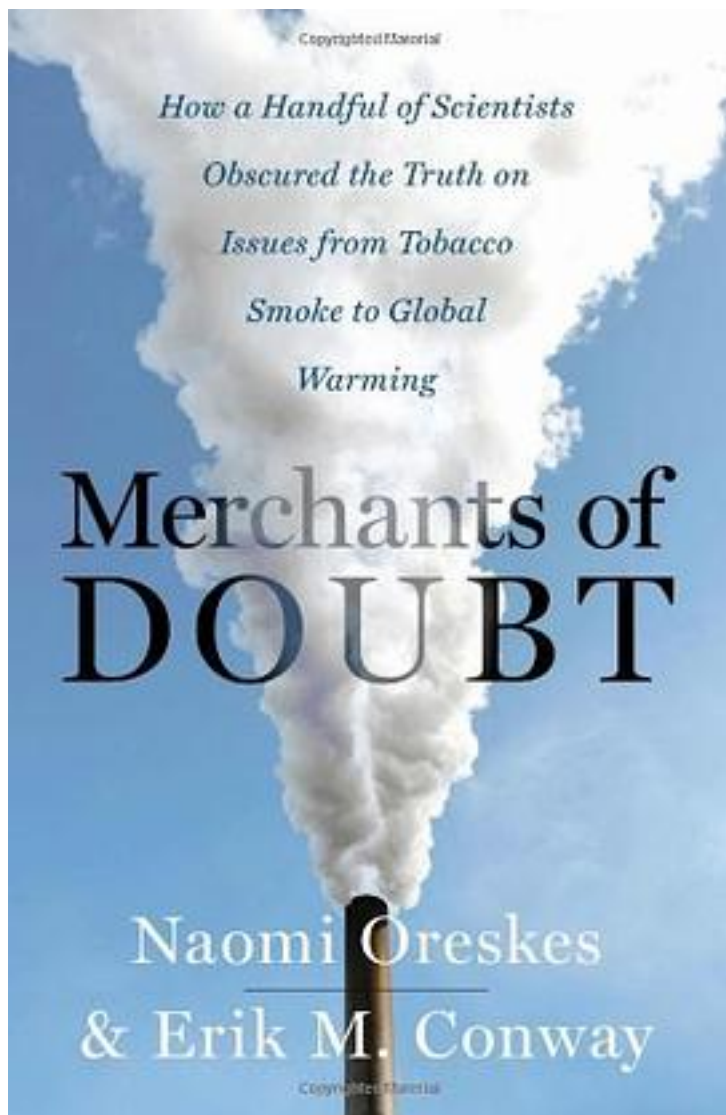


Merchants of Doubt



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The troubling story of how a cadre of influential scientists have clouded public understanding of scientific facts to advance a political and economic agenda. The U.S. scientific community has long led the world in research on such areas as public health, environmental science, and issues affecting quality of life. Our scientists have produced landmark studies on the dangers of DDT, tobacco smoke, acid rain, and global warming. But at the same time, a small yet potent subset of this community leads the world in vehement denial of these dangers. "Merchants of Doubt" tells the story of how a loose-knit group of high-level scientists and scientific advisers, with deep connections in politics and industry, ran effective campaigns to mislead the public and deny well-established scientific knowledge over four decades. Remarkably, the same individuals surface repeatedly--some of the same figures who have claimed that the science of global warming is "not settled" denied the truth of studies linking smoking to lung cancer, coal smoke to acid rain, and CFCs to the ozone hole. "Doubt is our product," wrote one tobacco executive. These "experts" supplied it. Naomi Oreskes and Erik M. Conway, historians of science, roll back the rug on this dark corner of the American scientific community, showing how ideology and corporate interests, aided by a too-compliant media, have skewed public understanding of some of the most pressing issues of our era.

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评论

不知道是不是读书的环境发生了改变，总觉得这个 Naomi 没有那个 Naomi 写的书好读。

It is not enough to get the numbers right.

比恐怖小说还吓人的真实故事。。。

其实内容不差，但是这种代入感特强，归责口吻的style不太能消化。

Insightful points of how scientific understandings is no longer understood by the public when it no longer serves certain group's interests.

"Scientists have no special purchase on moral or ethical decisions; a climate scientist is no more qualified to comment on health care reform than a physicist is to judge the causes of bee colony collapse."

唉，不明真相的吃瓜群众

看得让人非常堵心的一本书。

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书评

The point that impresses me most is “Doubt is crucial to science—in the version we call curiosity or healthy skepticism, it drives science forward—but it also makes science vulnerable to misinterpretation, because it is easy to take uncertainties out of ...

本书讲的是美国科学家的败类如何在一些科学问题上出于种种目的胡搅蛮缠影响公众判断、影响政府决策的故事。这些科学上的问题目前看科学界已经没有争议，公众也已经基本没有怀疑了：吸烟有害健康、星球大战计划根本不能有效防御核战争、酸雨对全人类有害、臭氧空洞对全人类有害...

这本书当时看的时候还没有中文版，看的时候这个爽啊，微博上好多人都能对号入座，一群伪自由主义分子，天天嚷嚷着无政府主义，媒体也是傻逼，很容易就被操纵。现在已经出中文版，英语不好的有福了。看完这本书可以扇原教旨主义市场自由派大嘴巴，自由市场是必要的，但不能像书...

即使翻译有时候没有那么顺畅 乃至文中有几处文字错误 乃至文中所说的如图 的图没有 这本书还是很值得一读。让专业的人做专业的事，对事物抱有怀疑但是要注意度，不要沦为不可知论者，科学的圈子是人类科学的代表，我们可以相信他们，但是科学人员也是有研究领域，是有专长的。...

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