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扯淡心理学：为什么人们喜欢扯淡？

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eg. Much of what he says is sheer bull.
他说的大部分是胡扯。

No word of a lie: scientists rate the world's biggest **peddlers** of **bull**

实话实说，一点不假

noble a. 技术，技巧

/ˈpedlər/ /bʊl/

n. 小贩 n. 胡说，废话

peddle v. 瞎吹牛，公牛

In new research, scientists claim to have identified the most common

/præktɪʃənər/

/ɪɡnəʊbl/

/ˈbʊlʃɪt/

practitioners of the **ignoble** art—**bullshit**. Their study of 40,000 teenagers

dental practitioners
牙医

n. 专门人才(艺术, 医药) a. 卑劣的, 不光彩的 n. v. 胡说, 瞎说

reveals that boys; those from privileged backgrounds; and North

Americans in particular, **top the charts** as the worst **offenders**.

跃升榜首

n. (正式) 犯罪分子

chart 图表,

每周流行唱片排行榜

nonsense (废话)

bollocks (英国)

实验结果的得出

“Everyone knows a bullshitter but there's been very little work done on them,” said John Jerrim, who led the latest study at UCL's Institute of Education. With his UCL colleague, Nikki Shure, and Phil Parker, a psychologist at the Australian Catholic University, Jerrim analysed data gathered by the **OECD** to assess how well 15-year-olds around the globe have mastered key academic subjects.

经合组织

For one of the questions, the teenagers must rate how familiar they are

with 16 mathematical concepts ranging from **polygons** and **vectors** to

quadratic

a. 二次的, 平方的

quadratic functions and **congruent figures**. Hidden among the **bona fide**

二次函数

全等图形

/ˈpaːlɪɡən/

/ˈvektər/

n. 多边形

n. 矢量, 向量

作为一个形容词

terms are **three fakes**: proper numbers, subjective **scaling** and declarative

eg. quadratic

equation

一元二次方程

functions.

假数

prime number

素数

(几何)

(日常)

congruent a. 全等的; 一致的, 符合的

/ˈsteɪlɪŋ/

n. 缩放

derivative function

导函数

eg. congruent triangles

全等三角形

eg. The rules must be **congruent** with the requirements of the law.

规定需要符合法律的要求。



由 扫描全能王 扫描创建

如何盯这一题
并且利用它的

to draw up a contract
起草一份合同.

Jerrim took the students' responses to the three fake concepts to **draw**

起草, 草拟

up a **"bullshit scale"**, which he then used to compare different groups, such

as boys and girls, high and low **socioeconomic** status, and the regions

a. 社会经济的 地位

where people lived.

socio- 与社会有关的;
社会和

受访谈的群体各有
什么共同特点

sb 倾向于认为他们自己怎么样

(Those who ranked highest on the scale) **tended to see themselves as**

more self-confident, more **persevering**, and more popular at school, than

a. 坚持不懈的

those further down the scale.

who were

a persevering person

一个坚韧的人

访谈人的心理

eg. The school has a strong culture of inclusion of students with special needs.

这所学校对于有着特殊需求的学生秉持着一种很强的包容文化.

"People are social animals and we desire feelings of connection,

/in'klu:ʒn/ n. 包括包含; 不排除任何群体, 包容

归属感

belonging, and **inclusion**, so we try to participate when it is critical to build

归属感

包容性

and maintain these relationships," said John Petrocelli, a psychologist at

Wake Forest University in North Carolina, who was not involved in the

study. ("Such situations sometimes require us to talk about things we really

know nothing about, and what comes out is bullshit.")

说出来

that
不外乎装模作样的掩饰

"I **truly** believe it is critical to better understand bullshitting behaviour

确信

/'ka:mpitantli/

before we can more **competently** detect and **dispose of** bullshit," he added.

adv. 胜任地 有能力地 解决

eg. to **dispose of** waste
处理废品

to defeat sb
to **dispose of** his opponent
击败对手

