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Popular psychology is rife with misconceptions that can lead to harmful beliefs and behaviors. Here are some of the most common myths, along with their factual debunkings:

1. Left-brained vs. Right-brained: Myth or Fact?

Myth: People are either left-brained (logical, analytical) or right-brained (creative, intuitive). **Fact:** While brain hemispheres do specialize in certain functions, most cognitive processes involve both hemispheres working together.

2. IQ is Fixed: Myth or Fact?

Myth: Intelligence is a fixed trait that cannot be changed. **Fact:** IQ scores can change over time, and environmental factors like education and experiences can influence intelligence.

3. Subliminal Messages Control Our Minds: Myth or Fact?

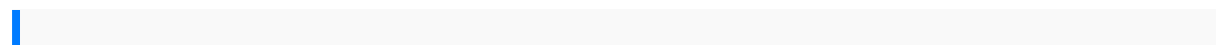
Myth: Hidden messages embedded in media can subliminally influence our thoughts and behaviors. **Fact:** While subliminal messages can briefly capture attention, they have no significant or lasting impact on our psychology.

4. Hypnosis Gives Us Superpowers: Myth or Fact?

Myth: Hypnosis can unlock hidden memories, cure phobias, and enhance our abilities. **Fact:** Hypnosis is a state of heightened suggestibility, but it does not have supernatural powers or guarantee therapeutic benefits.

5. People with Schizophrenia Have Multiple Personalities: Myth or Fact?

Myth: Schizophrenia involves multiple personalities battling for control. **Fact:** Schizophrenia is characterized by disorganized thinking, hallucinations, and delusions, not split personalities.



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