

Title: Why do we trust that the prices reported are accurate?

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I'm not talking about the price of GME being unlawfully suppressed from its actual value, or anything like that. But if the various entities involved in it can lie about things like short interest, and number of actual shares out there, why wouldn't they simply lie about how much people are paying for the stock?

After all, if they can just say that the price is lower than people are actually paying for it, that will help drive the price down (because people will ask for less, and be willing to buy for less) because that's what they think the going rate is.