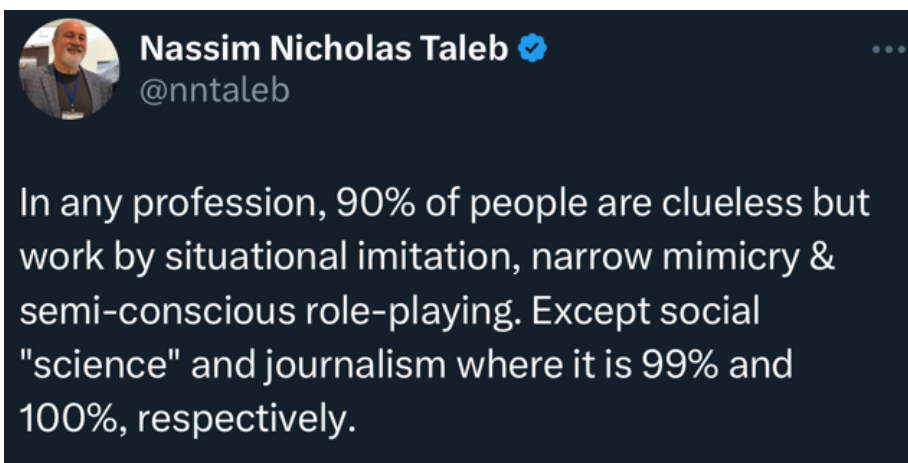


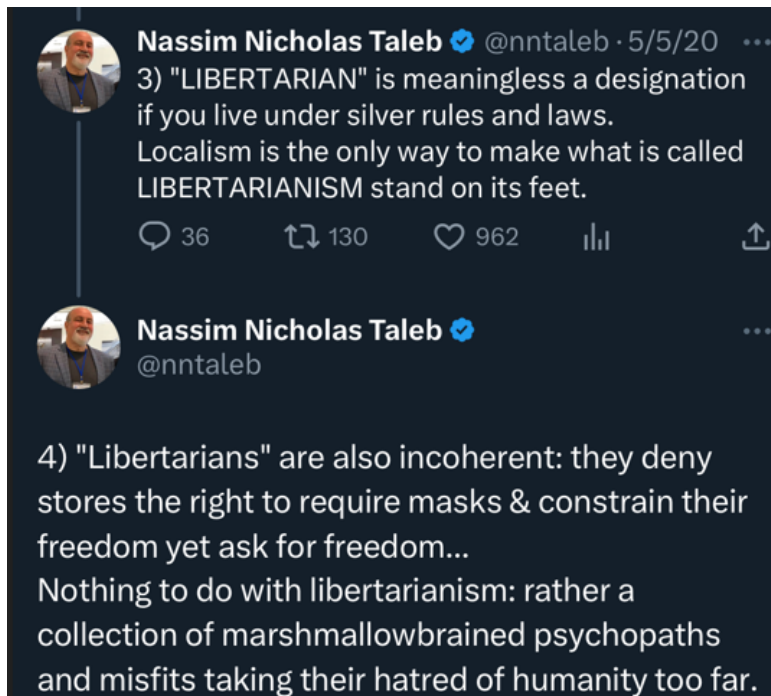
Clear Mind and Coherence

What I just presented appears to be mathematically trivial, no? So is this book a “popularization”, that is, a translation of scientific ideas for the benefit of general public? No. It’s the exact opposite. My business is making ideas clear for both professionals and the general public, finding areas that are largely misunderstood by its own professionals –a translational problem between reality and published research.

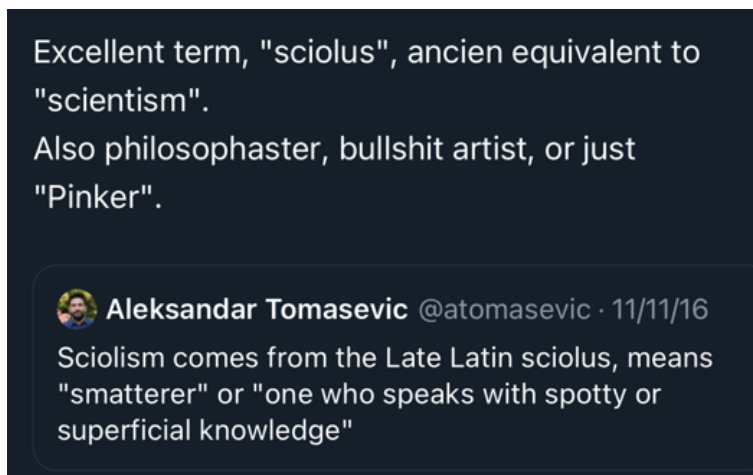
For instance, an instance of the error aboveⁱ was detected by my friends Emre Soyars and Robin Hogarth; they showed in 2012 that experts dealing in regression do not understand how it applies to particular cases. Dan Goldstein and myself found, in 2007, that “experts” who must know the problems inside out mathematically make egregious mistakes in what “volatility” (or standard deviation) means in practice.

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Ask yourself, if you truly accept a premise, what other cherished beliefs must you reject. First step to removing mimicry.



How to avoid having superficial knowledge.

My claim is that most of us overestimate our ability to recognize bullshit. I admit I consider myself good at it, and this is possibly also your case, my dear reader. And we might both be wrong in our assessments, and lacking the always needed epistemological humility.

But let us go back to Frankfurt's essay. What is the essence of bullshit, according to him?

Deceit and misrepresentation are central aspects of bullshit: the bullshitter is always trying to get away with something. But the essential aspect of bullshit is that **the perpetrator does not care about the truth in his statements.**

Do not get drown in details, verbalism, and procedures.

2) Of near-contemporaries with mental clarity: Warren Buffett, Charlie Munger, E Thorp, B Mandelbrot, S Wolfram, R Feynman, pple w/a complete grasp of their subject matter; can effortlessly spot something out of line when others drown in details, verbalisms, & procedures.