

Fall of Dr. Oz: Tour of the world of a celebrity medical quack

Dr. Oz is arguably the most influential health professional in America. *The Dr. Oz Show*, which started in 2009, has an average audience of more than 4 million people each day in [118 countries](#).

Oz has shared the stage with [vaccine deniers](#), and activists like the [Food Babe](#) (known to scientists as “the Jenny McCarthy of food”).

How did a gifted, award-winning cardiothoracic surgeon with credentials from three Ivy League schools become a TV star who promotes belly-fat busters and anti-aging tricks? I’m also intrigued by the hold he has on his fans. Why do so many people place their trust — and their health — in the hands of a TV personality? What does his popularity say about Americans’ attitudes toward science

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