

## Can science risk tolerating the alternative medicine world of Oz?

*The Dr. Oz Show* provides critics with ample material: séances, energy healing, miracle diet products. Once a [media darling](#), Oz has been subjected to a steady stream of public humiliations.

A vocal minority of physicians and scientists have long claimed that Dr. Oz is a symptom, not the problem. They emphasize that Dr. Oz and universities alike endanger public health by legitimating alternative medical traditions such as naturopathy and chiropractic. This, in turn, can lead people to reject standard medical care.

Oz and like-minded doctors defend themselves by appealing to the importance of humility and open-mindedness.

It's good to be open-minded, but not, as the old saying [goes](#), "so open-minded that your brain falls out." For those who believe that past lives exist and energy healing increases our vibrational frequency, who's to say that there aren't good alternatives to vaccines, or that miracle diet pills don't actually work?

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