Viewpoint: Gwyneth Paltrow's Goop has gone from amusing pseudoscience to dangerous quackery

Gwyneth Paltrow's beauty/health/wellness website and online store [has been] in the news a fair amount [recently]. The reason is that...every so often [Paltrow's] Goop publishes something advocating pseudoscience so outrageous that it attracts the attention of not just skeptics, but of the mainstream press and even late night comedians like Stephen Colbert.

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[Earlier in 2017], I learned that Goop was selling "jade eggs" for women to put into their vaginas for the low, low price of \$66 apiece...[Dr. Jade Gunter's blog] once again explained why leaving a polished piece of green rock in one's nether regions is not a good idea. [Goop however stated that it] just wanted to "highlight alternative studies and induce conversation." Of course, Goop hoped that conversation would lead to moving a whole bunch of \$66 jade eggs, which means that what in reality Goop was doing was advertising, not starting a conversation.

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Now, a <u>shruggie</u> might say that this is all harmless nonsense...But that's not all Goop promotes. It also promotes The One Quackery To Rule Them All, <u>homeopathy</u>, plus other quackery like <u>detox cleanses</u>, naturopathy, <u>colon cleanses</u>, <u>functional medicine</u>, and a whole lot of dubious fad diets. This dubious medical advice is then coupled with fear mongering...She's basically taken beauty woo and weaponized it into something that is no longer just a relatively harmless bit of nonsense....

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