

Impossible Knowledge: Are You an Expert?

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I grew up with a habitual overclaimer. He wildly exaggerated his expertise, at times claiming knowledge of things he couldn't possibly know — people, events, ideas that simply do not exist. Being unfamiliar with overclaiming, I just called him a liar.

I couldn't have known the word “overclaimer,” nor the concept. The word didn't exist and is only used today in the world of psychological science. Even so, we're all familiar with these people who feel the need to overestimate what they know about the world. What underlies such assertions of impossible knowledge?

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