The importance of stupidity in scientific research

*Martin A. Schwartz 2008* *https://jcs.biologists.org/content/121/11/1771*

How in the past have you dealt with feeling stupid? Does this article change your approach? Why or why not?

What is "productive stupidity"? Is this something you have experienced? What role could it play in your research?

No, You're Not an Impostor

*Lucas Laursen 2008* *https://www.sciencemag.org/careers/2008/02/no-youre-not-impostor*

"These women do not experience an internal sense of success"

" They also attribute their successes to luck or other factors beyond their control, while attributing the successes of their peers to skill."

"very unrealistic notions of what it means to be competent"

That's What Xu Said

<https://xuhulk.tumblr.com/post/110549967516/i-do-not-have-impostor-syndrome-you-are-a>

"it is the opposite behavior—the belief that you can do anything, including things you are blatantly not qualified for or straight up lying about—should be pathologized. It has many names (Dunning-Krueger, illusory superiority), but I suggest we call it blowhard syndrome as a neat parallel."

"But I am furious at a world in which women and POC are being told to be as self-confident as a group of mostly white dudes who are basically delusional megalomaniacs."

Imposter syndrome isn’t the problem—toxic workplaces are

Christine Liu 2018

<https://qz.com/work/1286549/imposter-syndrome-lets-toxic-work-culture-off-the-hook/>

What does it mean to be incompetent? To feel incompetent?

Do you think the onus of dealing with imposter syndrome is on the individual, the group, or on the workplace?

How do you personally deal with imposter syndrome?

Is there anything wrong with painting our success optimistically?

What are good evaluation criteria?

Would it help to view how your peers assess themselves?

Is our value placed on confidence a product of American culture/exceptionalism?

Does writing a self-description when you sell yourself change how you act or view yourself?

How can academia do better?