

The Unpersuadables: Adventures With The Enemies Of Science

By David Robert Grimes



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In a world increasingly defined by science and technology, it can be easy to forget that there are still many people who reject scientific evidence. These "unpersuadables" can be found in all walks of life, from politicians to celebrities to ordinary citizens. They deny the reality of climate change, the safety of vaccines, and the theory of evolution. They believe that the Earth is flat, that the moon landing was a hoax, and that 9/11 was an inside job.

What drives these people to reject science? Why are they so resistant to evidence? David Robert Grimes, author of the new book *The Unpersuadables: Adventures With The Enemies Of Science*, argues that anti-science is not simply a matter of ignorance or stupidity. Rather, it is a

complex phenomenon that is rooted in deep-seated psychological and cultural factors.

Grimes spent years interviewing unpersuadables, trying to understand their motivations. He found that many of them are driven by a deep-seated fear of change. They are afraid that science is undermining their traditional values and beliefs. They are also afraid that science is making the world more complex and incomprehensible.

Other unpersuadables are motivated by a desire for certainty. They want to believe that there is a simple answer to every question. They are drawn to conspiracy theories because they offer a sense of control in a chaotic world.

Grimes also argues that anti-science is a product of our culture. We live in a society that values individualism and autonomy. We are taught to trust our own experiences and intuitions, even when they contradict scientific evidence.

The Unpersuadables is a fascinating and thought-provoking book that offers a unique perspective on the challenges facing science in the 21st century. Grimes' writing is clear and engaging, and he provides a wealth of examples to illustrate his arguments. The book is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the roots of anti-science and the threats it poses to our society.

About the Author

David Robert Grimes is a science writer and author. He has written for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *Scientific American*. He is the

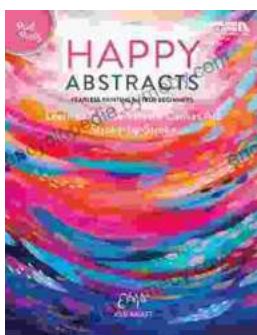
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