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Guidelines for Disinformation on Social Media

- Who is the author? Do they use their real name or fake?
- Is the author working for a reputable source e.g. newspaper or working independently?
- Are they following a political stance? Far right agenda?
- Is the source state owned? Often state-owned media is reputable.
- What other posts/ writings has the person created? do they follow a similar theme?
- What sources is the author using? Do they cite any book/research?

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Digging Deeper Case Study

- Take 3 minutes to read through the Tweet below.
- Note the number of views the tweet has had.



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Discuss through our questions how reputable this source is:

1. Explore the parts - Name, Twitter tick…
2. What exactly does the tweet tell us?
3. Is there a link to where he gets the information?
4. Digging Deeper- let's look at his account, and discuss in groups the following points



- Highlight the "skeptic" in the bio.
- The mention of mRNA vaccines.
- Looks quite professional, over 1 million followers.
- What are the dangers of this person having so many followers,

5. Have a class discussion having in mind the Guidelines!

If you are ever uncertain about a source of information a search on the Internet can help.

A search of Robert W Malone highlights an article by the New York Times

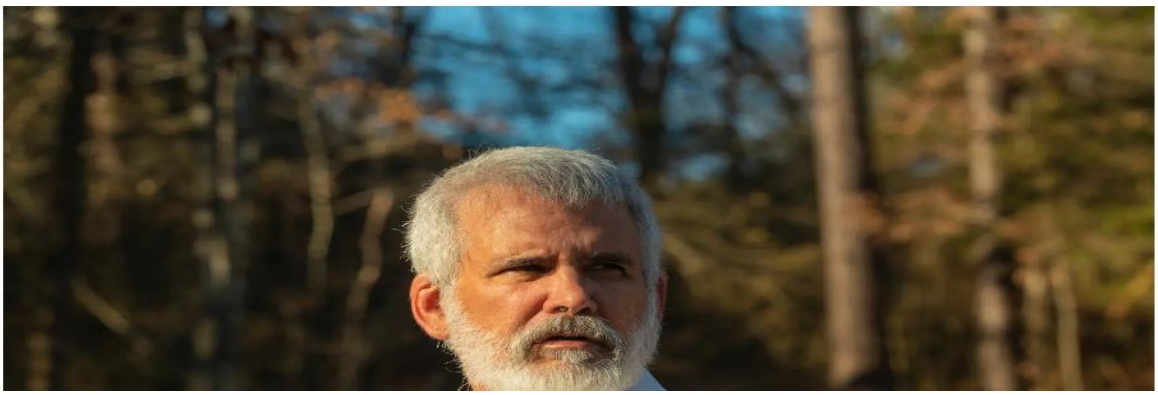
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The Latest Covid Misinformation Star Says He Invented the Vaccines

Dr. Robert Malone says he helped invent mRNA vaccines and has been wronged for decades. Now he's spreading unfounded claims about the vaccines and the virus.

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