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Abstract: Attempts to solve problems can backfire and their unintended consequences might make things even worse. Our ability to predict consequences of our decisions is limited. Furthermore we don't doubt our judgement. This causes trouble when our attempts to solve problems fail to sort them out but instead make them even worse than before. If we want to increase our chances to succeed, we should use methods of critical thinking, tame our overconfidence and think things through to their true consequences. I will demonstrate on examples how dangerous the unintended consequences may be and offer a couple of techniques designed to avoid them.

Bio: Critical thinking = skill to independently evaluate the quality of information and make reasonable decisions.

A lot of what we believe is actually wrong. I am interested in how we deceive ourselves and what mistakes in judgment we make. By teaching simple techniques based on Critical Thinking, I help people to avoid these traps. The outcome is a better understanding of what really works and what does not. That translates into greater success in reaching goals, whatever that might be. This success is based on evidence rather than chance.

I have helped to create a university course on Critical thinking at the University of Economics in Prague. I am an alumnus of the Center for Applied Rationality (CFAR, www.rationality.org). I did lectures and keynote speeches both in Europe and America. I work with companies like AVAST, SAP, J&T Bank, Unicredit Bank, also universities and intelligence agencies.



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