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Cranky Uncle game takes on climate crisis denial and fake news | The Guardian

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A new game promises to act as a "vaccination" against climate crisis denial and fake news by teaching users about misinformation tactics.

The Cranky Uncle app explains common science denial techniques, such as the use of fake experts, logical fallacies, impossible expectations and cherry-picking data, equipping users with the skills needed to spot inaccuracies in the real world and online.

The app is based on <u>inoculation theory</u>, the idea that people can be protected against influence by exposure to weakened forms of a threat – in this case, climate crisis denial.

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