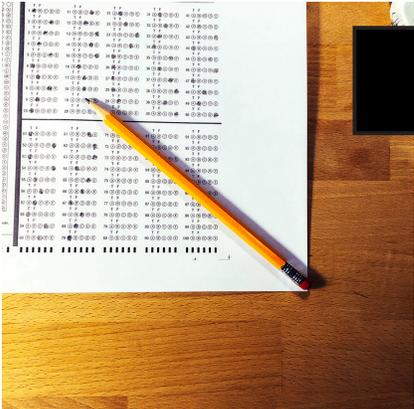


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science

ERROR IN AQ10 SCORING SYSTEM DISCOVERED

The UK's National Institute for Health and Care Excellence [announced an error](#) in the recommended scoring of the AQ10, an assessment tool clinicians use worldwide to measure autistic traits. Whereas a score of at least 7 was originally required to determine the presence of autism, the low-end cutoff should have been 6. This exclusion of lower scores has led to a decade of delayed or missed autism identification.



arts

CREATOR SPOTLIGHT: MADELEINE RYAN

Australian autistic writer Madeleine Ryan's debut novel [A Room Called Earth](#) is a breath of fresh air: a story by an autistic artist, from the point of view of a modern-day autistic woman. Ryan's representation of neurodiversity is empathetic, realistic, and beautifully executed. Check out [her NPR interview](#), [her website](#), and [my review of her book](#) (if you're so inclined).



social

MASKING AS A SURVIVAL STRATEGY

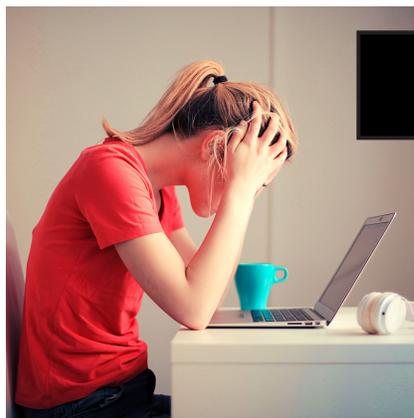
Recent online dialogue about whether autistic masking is a "privilege" revealed a lack of understanding about what masking is and its long- and short-term effects. [This article](#) defines and explores masking in great detail, and would be useful for anyone who wants to learn more on this topic or to help others understand more about what masking is.



legal

ACLU SUES COLORADO COUNTY OFFICIALS

(Trigger warning: police brutality, violence, violence against a disabled person)
The ACLU has [taken legal action](#) on behalf of an 11-year-old autistic boy who was handcuffed, arrested, and severely traumatized by the Douglas County School District and Sheriff's Office in 2019. The description of what occurred is egregious, even without watching the officers' body camera footage.



career

ADHD ADULTS STRUGGLE IN THE WORKPLACE

A [new study](#) performed in Sweden found that adults with ADHD struggle in the workforce. They earn less than their non-ADHD peers and are more likely to have stints of unemployment and to receive disability benefits because of inability to work. The study's focus on an adult population is notable; ADHD is traditionally stereotyped as a childhood disorder that's grown out of.



connect

TWITTER: @SARAHEBOON

[Sarah Boon](#) tweets regularly about neurodiversity with honesty, relatability, and humor. Her pinned tweet reads: "Being autistic in this world sometimes feels like being an anthropologist who was forced to specialise in neurotypicalism." Sarah sells merch that celebrates neurodiversity in her online shop [Neuro Pride](#).

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