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He’s experiment has also prompted criticism from the international and domestic scientific community, with some denouncing it as premature and dangerous.