The OER Dilemma

A comparison of OER with Traditional textbooks and the benefits of OER in the classroom

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If OER is free why aren’t more people using it?

Will my students learn as much?
If it’s free is the quality lower?
How much time will I have to spend re-doing my course material?
Why haven’t I heard of it before?

Actually...

OER relies on word of mouth, making it a slower process before everyone hears about it
Some time will need to be spent reviewing open sources and adjusting course material, but it will be worth it in the long run for you and your students
Research has shown that students do as well and sometimes better in classes with OER implemented

Overall students do the same or better in courses with OER while saving money, making them more likely to enroll in courses and complete their educational goals