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156. Should Firms Apologize After a Crisis? The Moderating Role of Negative Publicity
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Firms often apologize to consumers after product crises. Prior work suggests apologies improve customers’ attitudes towards the firm. The present research shows apologies only work when negative publicity surrounding the crisis is low. When negative publicity is high, firm apologies do not improve attitude towards the firm.

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158. The Bad Side of Good: When More Experience Hurts Brands and Marketplace Agents
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Our framework asserts that for an omission error, observers penalize experienced brands/agents (in the form of decreased trust perceptions) more severely than inexperienced brands/agents. The mechanism responsible for this effect is that such errors are more likely to be viewed as intentional attempts to deceive when committed by experienced brands/agents.

159. Hot Brands, Hot Cognition: The Effects of Incumbency and Negative Advertising on Brand Preference and Choice—A Longitudinal Field Experiment
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The World Cup and the battle between Nike and Adidas to secure leadership of the world soccer market presented an opportunity to examine the impact of negative advertising in a natural setting, to identify the conditions under which an attack-brand might use negative advertising to capture leadership from the incumbent-brand.

160. The Company or the Crowd? The Impact of Customer-Led Service Recovery on Satisfaction
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This research explores the impact of identity on service recovery satisfaction. Study 1 shows that when recovery fails, consumers prefer customer-provided solutions. Community connectedness mediates this effect. Study 2 shows that consumers’ pursuit of individualistic goals attenuates this effect. Study 3 proposes that increasing participants’ effort mitigates the community-connectedness effect.