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Tilt Your Head and You’ll See Why: The Influence of Deliberating Bodily Movements on Consumer Resolution of Conflicting Information

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Experiments show that participants with their head tilted become more favorable toward companies with conflicting ad messages or companies engaging in a controversial business practice. A mediational analysis confirms that tilting one’s head induces deliberation and cognitive flexibility, thereby rendering one supportive of firms making contradictory arguments and running sweatshops.

Stock in Motion

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We propose that dynamic data presentations can bias how consumers perceive risk and value. Specifically, we demonstrate that a dynamic (vs. static) presentation of a stock price trajectory enhances risk and value perceptions of a stock. This effect might be driven by perceived movement from dynamic presentations.

Consumer Evaluations of Hybrid Products: The Role of Active Goals

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This research examines whether (1) the active goal relevant to the hybrid product can influence consumers’ inferences of a hybrid product generating multiple-category inference; and (2) the active goal can increase the preference for the hybrid product.

Two Different Paths to Savings: How Money Views and Self-Construals Influence Saving Behavior

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We propose and find that interdependent (vs. independent) individuals tend to save more when they view money as a means (vs. an end in itself) since both their money view and self-construal lead them to take the vigilance (vs. the eager) strategy in financial decision making.

Resistance is Frugal: When Ignoring Nonconscious Goals Affects Psychological Ownership of Investment Decisions

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Results of two experiments suggest that feelings of psychological ownership are greater when investment choices are incongruent with nonconsciously-activated goals, and that psychological ownership enhances subsequent word-of-mouth intentions. However, instructing investors to make decisions in the “right way” (versus instructing them to make the “best choices”) attenuates the effect.

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