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It Would Happen Because I’m Watching it:  
The Effect of Watching an Uncertain Event on Overestimating Subjective Probability  
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We investigate how watching an uncertain event can affect the probability estimation of that event. We propose that consumers overestimate the likelihood of an uncertain outcome, when they watch the unfolding event in front of them. This situational aspect of probability estimation has not been estimated in prior research.

The Role of Peer Identification in Shaping the Healthy-Eating Beliefs of Children  
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This research investigates how peers influence children’s beliefs about healthy food. Results show that children modify their beliefs according to the identity that is activated: a consistent social identity with that of their peers helps children avoid group exclusion. These identities influence the way children process information about healthy food.

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This research demonstrates that consumers’ satisfaction with a customizable bundle depends on (1) whether the choice options for the bundle components are presented simultaneously or sequentially and (2) whether (or not) detailed segregated prices for all choice options are provided in addition to the total price of the bundle configuration.

Interest-Free Financing Deals: How Different Labels Impact Consumers’ Preferences for Pre- versus Postpayment  
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Research has shown that people prefer to prepay for certain products even if there were no financing charges. We demonstrate that labeling an interest-free financing offer as a 0% APR special financing promotion can increase consumers’ demand for credit and that this “labeling” effect is particularly strong for experiential goods.

Negative Mood and Goal Achievement: The Role of Mindset Congruency in Goal Pursuit  
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This study investigates how negative mood influences consumers’ goal pursuit. I propose that the influence of negative mood during the preactional goal phase facilitates the formation of concrete goal-related plans. A concrete mindset, which is congruent with the mindset required during the preactional goal phase, would facilitate goal pursuit.