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Creating the Mood for Humor: A Gender Identity Perspective

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Mood effects research in humor advertising with a focus on gender identity is non-existent. Two experimental studies found responses to different arousal and valence mood primes in humor advertising to be contingent on the individual’s gender identity. The findings provide implications for theoretical as well as practical contributions.

The Effects of Social Sharing on Consumers’ Self-Perceptions of Expertise

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This research explores how sharing preexisting online material (e.g. a news article) can enhance one’s self-perceptions of subjective expertise. Sharers believe they are acting as experts by disseminating information to others and conclude from their act of sharing that they must be knowledgeable about the topic of the shared content.

Curiosity under Bright Light: The Influence of Lighting Conditions on Innovative Product Adoption

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This paper examines the effect of lighting conditions on evaluation and purchase intention of innovative products. Four studies showed that consumers in a bright environment are more likely to adopt new products than those in the dark environment with curiosity mediating the effect. And the effect is moderated by loneliness.

From Perceived Conceptual Importance to Physical Weight Judgment: A Theme-Fit Analysis

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Prior research shows that the physical weight judgment in a prior context can influence perceived importance of the product but not the other way around. We find evidences in three experiments that the conceptual importance can also influence the physical weight judgment and that this effect occurs in theme-fit conditions.