When Governmental Regulation Causes Price Increases: Is Communicating a Good Cause Always Beneficial?

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I Aspire to Give to Your Needs, I am Responsible to Give to Your Aspirations: Persuasion of Philanthropy Functions Through Regulatory Non-fit

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This research examines philanthropic giving from a goal-directed perspective. Applying the framework of Regulatory Focus Theory (Higgins 1997) a persuasion through regulatory non-fit phenomenon is identified. Individuals’ promotion focus motivates giving to prevention-focused causes whereas individuals’ prevention focus motivates giving to promotion-focused causes. Implications for theory and practice are discussed.

Brand Extensions - It’s all About Managing Accessibility

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We demonstrate that using benefit-based brand extensions and selecting extension categories that can be subsequently subsumed into more abstract categories reduces interference in memory from category associations—allowing for easier retrieval of diagnostic of brand benefit associations.

The Interaction between Moral Behavior and Social Norms

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This research uses the case of digital-content piracy to examine the behavioral consequences of engaging in socially acceptable immoral behaviors. We suggest that consumers’ willingness to pay for digital content piracy is driven by negative emotions linked to their perceived dishonesty and relevant when social norms against piracy are strong.

Comparing Prices Then and Now – the Store Price Image Determines Reference Price Dominance

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When evaluating product prices consumers compare the observed prices to an internally retrieved or externally suggested reference price. Using scanner panel data I show that while in high price image store formats the internal reference price dominates in low price image formats consumer rely more on externally suggested reference prices.

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Distant but Local: Border-Based Perceptions of Localness and Effects on Food Preference

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We first introduce and validate the Locavore scale. We then show experimentally that consumers exhibit a “border bias” in which distant (vs. proximal) food is perceived as more local when it is sourced from within their political borders and how localness perceptions interact with Locavorism to influence food choices.