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How Ownership Judgments Affect Brand Extension Evaluations
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We find evidence suggesting that when brands extend into contexts where the user’s ownership is ambiguous brand extension evaluations operate through how observers evaluate the user. We also demonstrate that these effects disappear when the consumer does not have a strong self-brand connection.

When Causes Change How We Think and License Indulgence
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We investigate the psychological consequences of cause-related marketing (CM) and demonstrate that cultural differences in thinking style affect and are affected by CM. We identify cultural orientation as an important moderator of previously documented licensing effects because of differences in consumers’ attribution of virtuosity.

Deny the Voice Inside:
For Collectivists, Attitude Accessibility May Hinder Decision Making
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Although accessible personal attitudes are generally seen as desirable and helpful we present evidence that for collectivists compared to individualists such attitudes may have more negative or dissonance-inducing consequences particularly when those attitudes appear to be at odds with prevailing norms and thus interfere with adapting to normative expectations.

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Not Just a Pretty Face! The Impact of Model Facial Expression and Body Mass Index on The Effectiveness of Health Advertising
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We examine the presentation of models in health advertisements. Eye-tracking experiments investigate the impact of: (1) facial expression (serious vs. fake smile vs. Duchenne smile) and (2) low versus high BMI on consumer’s visual attention and intent to eat healthy. Recommendations to guide the design of health advertisements are developed.