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The Effects of Perspective Taking on Consumer Uniqueness-Seeking Tendency
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This research shows that incidental perspective-taking experiences lead consumers to become less attracted by unique products in subsequent consumption compared with those who do not take others’ perspective. Moreover self-construal moderates this effect such that the effect is more salient for interdependent consumers.

Firm Power: On Its Construction and Consequences
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Firm power is an important aspect of the marketplace however the consumer behavior literature has limited understanding of how consumers represent firm power and the consequences of such perceptions. This research introduces and tests a model of antecedents to potential biases in and consequences of consumers’ perceptions of firm power.

How Nudity in Advertising Affects Donation Behavior
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This research finds that exposure to nudity in advertising causes consumers to engage in more altruistic behavior as manifested both in monetary donations and intentions to donate blood. This effect is found to be mediated by the feeling of guilt elicited by viewing nudity.

The Ethical Consumption Gap in Fairtrade Consumption: How Price Importance, Habit and Ego Depletion Affect Attitude-Choice Incongruence
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We examine an individual-level measure for the ethical consumption gap. In two studies involving incentive-compatible or hypothetical choices between Fairtrade and conventional products attitude-choice incongruence was significantly associated with reported price importance. In the incentive compatible design Fairtrade consumption habit and ego depletion tended to reduce the ethical consumption gap.

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