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Goal Failure Enhances Creativity

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We examine the cognitive consequences of failed goal pursuit and demonstrate that goal failure leads to the consideration of an array of alternative goals which induces a flexible mindset and enhances creativity. Contributions to both the goal pursuit and creativity literatures are discussed.

Empirical Generalizations of Brand Personality Dimensions: Longitudinal Analysis of a Robust Six Factor Model

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Since Aaker’s seminal paper on brand personality the validity of this proposition has not been fully investigated. We analyze 15 years of proprietary panel data with 17000 subjects and 3000 brands per year provided by BAV. We find in fact a six dimension brand personality structure that evolves over time.

The Relationship between Happiness and Perception of Purchases: Experiential Versus Material

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We examine two unanswered questions regarding happiness and the fuzzy boundary between experiential purchases and material purchases. Using a multi-method approach we found that happy people perceive their purchases as more experiential than less happy people do and people become happier when they practice ‘experiential framing’ of their purchases.

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Towards a Better Understanding of Sales Promotions’ Impact on Impulsive Purchases

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Although previous research emphasized that a significant percentage of impulsive purchases comes from sales promotions the psychological mechanisms at the origin of this influence have been understudied. To address this gap this paper investigates the mediating role of consumer affective and cognitive responses on impulse buying process of promoted products.

Webrooming or Showrooming? A Matter of Involvement

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We examine two cross-channel behaviours formed by the integration of the online and physical channels: showrooming (information offline purchase online) and webrooming (information online purchase offline). We find that involvement is higher in webrooming than in showrooming and determines the channel preferences to search for information and buy the product.