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5-L: Psychological Drivers of Customer Compliance: Self-Identity Threats and Discrete Emotions

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This research develops and tests a theoretical framework on consumer compliance by incorporating self-identity theory and cognitive-emotion theory. We propose self-identity threats and discrete emotions influence customer compliance. A qualitative study will be conducted first to develop and refine the theoretical framework which will then be tested by experimental design.


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We all have possessions but not all of our possessions are valued equally. The initial choice of ownership may trigger subsequent differential connections to a particular possession. This research investigates the effect of choice on product ownership in terms of both pricing and evaluation.

19-F: Vegas it Up to Boost Your Performance!

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Two pilots and one lab study show that using uncertain price promotions leads to desirable placebo effects. This research expands the scope of marketing placebo effects to desirable placebo effects in promotional settings. Moreover we propose that the effect is mediated by enhanced feelings of empowerment due to heightened self-attribution.

4-A: Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder: Young Girl’s Perception of Female Attractiveness in New Zealand, India, and Fiji

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