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14-D: Consumer Reactance to Persuasive Messages: How Personal Preferences Influence Attitude and Attitude Change

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Consumer preferences that is in our study consumers’ affiliation with the sender of a message drive not only immediate reactance to persuasion when there is a mismatch between the sender and own preferences but also a delayed increase in attitude. Negative (partly positive) emotions mediate the process.

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10-S: The Effect of Maximizing on Consumer Response to Features and Price

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This research shows that the activation of a maximizing mindset elevates consumers’ tendency to choose feature-rich products even when these features are nonessential and these products more expensive. We argue that the reason maximizers are more feature focused is because maximizing makes consumers more promotion focused and less prevention focused.

7-E: Emotional Cocktails: Mixed Emotions, Gratifications, and the Enjoyment of Various Types of Movie Genre

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This research examines the role of mixed emotions in the enjoyment of entertainment experiences. The present study shows that a mix of co-occurring opposite-valence emotions predicts overall enjoyment for films across three genres (bittersweet low-brow comedy and suspense) mediated by genre-specific gratifications.


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Most explanations of addictive behaviors posit emotion regulation as the primary motivation for such behaviors. We develop a framework to understand why emotion regulation may lead to addictive consumption when this influence occurs and how it operates. We find perceived powerlessness mediates the relationship between emotion regulation and addictive consumption.