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17-N: The Dissimilarity Magnifying Bias
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We introduce and examine a dissimilarity magnifying bias in social perception according to which others are considered first as exemplars of the least favorably perceived group to which they belong even when they are simultaneously members of more favorably perceived groups. The bias and its implications are assessed in the context of brand user group membership.

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1-C: Differential Preference toward Aesthetic Design Elements of Airline Livery: An Examination of Design-Activity Congruency
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Consumers seek congruency between aesthetic design and the activity being performed. As such we show that business travelers prefer airline livery designs that use darker tones primary colors and geometric lines. On the other hand vacation travelers’ design preference is split between toned-down designs and colorful designs.

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This research examines the effect of promotion framing on consumer product returns hypothesizing that framing a promotion as a free gift (vs. bundle no-promotion) reduces product return intention by making consumers perceive more loss in giving up a “freebie”-with-purchase.

13-E: I Want to Share My Information!: The Effects of Social Exclusion on Consumers’ Information Disclosure Intentions
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The current paper proposes that social exclusion heightens consumers’ willingness to disclose personal information to brands. Four studies demonstrate the proposed effect of social exclusion on information disclosure intentions which is driven by the desire for social connection. Two boundary conditions (i.e. brand benefit relationship likelihood) are also tested.