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9-II: The Resilient Consumer
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This paper uses a novel mixed-method approach to investigate how behaviors and attitudes towards disability differs among disabled consumers. The authors argue that acknowledgment of one’s own marketplace vulnerabilities and societal constraints may result in greater control and awareness of the need to build and invoke resilience in the marketplace.

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8-C: Higher Price Higher Quality?
How Feeling Financially Constrained Affects Consumers’ Price-Quality Judgment
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The paper examines how consumers make price-quality judgment when they feel financially constrained. The results showed that there is an interactive effect of financial constraint and value consciousness on consumer’s price-quality judgment. When feeling financially constrained consumers with high value consciousness (vs. low consciousness) tend to make higher price-quality judgment.

4-C: Culture Matters: How Power Distance Belief Influences the Effectiveness of Scarcity Appeal in Advertising
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The article proposes that power distance can moderate the effect of scarcity appeal on product evaluation and the perceived threat from other consumers mediated this moderating effect. In addition we try to examine the moderating role played by product type (publicly vs. privately consumed products).

12-J: When Failure Isn’t the End: How Temporal Framing of Goal Failures Can Affect Goal Reengagement
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The way in which consumers fail goals can impact goal reengagement. We demonstrate that holding magnitude constant integration of failures into fewer (versus separation into several) incidents leads to better attitude toward and likelihood of goal reengagement. This effect reverses when failure separation scenarios are evaluated alongside failure integration scenarios.