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Jul 3, 2018 11:24 AM
Steven Samuels

Hey Phil

Just want to send you my support over the airwaves and trying to put out good thoughts to you.

Also, I have been letting people know here that much of the critique out there aboutr you (and others) is mostly nonsense. I still remember Mark Lepper telling me good psychology is hard; trying to capture subtle social phenomenon in a lab is an art as much of as a science. The fact that some slapstick psychologist couldn't replicate Baumeister or Claude and then says that both are wrong is frankly insulting.

In the struggle together...

v/r
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Dear Colleagues at SPSP,

Over the past few weeks, a series of rather virulent attacks have been published in various blogs, and also in a French book, claiming that the Stanford Prison Experiment is a "LIE," and a "SHAM." In addition to challenging the validity of the SPE, those critics have gone further in impugning my honesty and professional integrity. These allegations have gone globally viral, with colleagues and media in many nations contacting me for replies.

I have prepared a detailed response that refutes, with evidence, every one of these false allegations. The links below will take you to that new information and much more.

www.prisonexp.org/response

www.prisonexp.org/links/#criticisms

www.prisonexp.org/links/#responses

www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXOM8IK4HOs--

It is both sad and worrisome to note the trends of attacks on other psychological researchers as well, such as Carol Dweck, Walter Mischel, Barbara Fredrickson, Bibb Latane and John Darley, and ongoing against Stanley Milgram.

Cordially,

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