

Supplementary Tables: Cognitive Load and Moral Dumbfounding

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Below are additional tables:

Table 1*Study 1 – Changes in Judgment*

Initial Judgment	Revised Judgment	Total Changed
neutral	right	1
neutral	wrong	3
wrong	neutral	7
wrong	right	1

Table 2*Study 1 – Response to the critical slide depending on cognitive load*

	Cognitive Load		Control	
	N	%	N	%
It's wrong and I can provide a valid reason.	12	36%	21	64%
It's wrong but I can't think of a reason.	6	18%	7	21%
There is nothing wrong.	15	45%	5	15%

Table 3*Study 2 – Changes in Judgment*

Initial Judgment	Revised Judgment	Total Changed
neutral	right	2
right	neutral	1
wrong	neutral	6
wrong	right	1

Table 4

Study 2 – Response to the critical slide depending on cognitive load/engagement

Measure	Response	Cognitive Load		Control	
		N	%	N	%
Manipulation Only	Reasons	25	49%	25	51%
	Dumbfounded	15	29%	11	22%
	Nothing Wrong	11	22%	13	27%
Engagement	Reasons	23	41%	27	61%
	Dumbfounded	20	36%	6	14%
	Nothing Wrong	13	23%	11	25%

Table 5

Study 3 – Changes in Judgment

Initial Judgment	Revised Judgment	Total Changed
neutral	right	2
neutral	wrong	2
right	neutral	4
right	wrong	1
wrong	neutral	2
wrong	right	2

Table 6

Study 3 – Response to the critical slide depending on cognitive load/engagement

	Cognitive Load		Control	
	N	%	N	%
It's wrong and I can provide a valid reason.	36	53%	41	67%
It's wrong but I can't think of a reason.	17	25%	5	8%
There is nothing wrong.	15	22%	15	25%

Table 7

Study 4 – Changes in Judgment

Initial Judgment	Revised Judgment	Total Changed
neutral	right	4
right	neutral	1
right	wrong	1
wrong	neutral	6
wrong	right	1

Table 8

Study 4 – Response to the critical slide depending on cognitive load/engagement

	Cognitive Load		Control	
	N	%	N	%
It's wrong and I can provide a valid reason.	35	55%	41	65%
It's wrong but I can't think of a reason.	10	16%	10	16%
There is nothing wrong.	19	30%	12	19%

Table 9

Study 5 – Changes in Judgment

Initial Judgment	Revised Judgment	Total Changed
neutral	right	1
right	neutral	2
right	wrong	1
wrong	neutral	6
wrong	right	1

Table 10

Study 5 – Response to the critical slide depending on cognitive load/engagement

	Cognitive Load		Control	
	N	%	N	%
It's wrong and I can provide a valid reason.	51	52%	68	64%
It's wrong but I can't think of a reason.	25	26%	20	19%
There is nothing wrong.	22	22%	18	17%

Table 11

Study 6 – Changes in Judgment (full sample)

Initial Judgment	Revised Judgment	Total Changed
neutral	right	8
neutral	wrong	19
right	neutral	10
right	wrong	61
wrong	neutral	29
wrong	right	73

Table 12*Study 6 – Changes in Judgment for each Scenario*

Scenario	Initial Judgment	Revised Judgment	Total Changed
Julie and Mark	neutral	right	1
	neutral	wrong	4
	right	wrong	6
	wrong	neutral	9
	wrong	right	8
Jennifer	neutral	right	1
	neutral	wrong	3
	right	neutral	2
	right	wrong	10
	wrong	neutral	2
Trolley	wrong	right	11
	neutral	right	4
	neutral	wrong	7
	right	neutral	4
	right	wrong	18
Heinz	wrong	neutral	14
	wrong	right	26
	neutral	right	2
	neutral	wrong	5
	right	neutral	4
	right	wrong	27
	wrong	neutral	4
	wrong	right	28

Table 13

Study 6 – Response to the critical slide depending on cognitive load (full sample)

	Cognitive Load		Control	
	N	%	N	%
It's wrong and I can provide a valid reason.	113	56%	143	67%
It's wrong but I can't think of a reason.	55	27%	36	17%
There is nothing wrong.	35	17%	36	17%

Table 14

Study 6 – Response to the critical slide depending on cognitive load, for each scenario

Scenario	Response	Cognitive Load		Control	
		N	%	N	%
Julie and Mark	Reasons	106	54%	123	57%
	Dumbfounded	51	26%	51	24%
	Nothing Wrong	40	20%	41	19%
Jennifer	Reasons	142	65%	173	81%
	Dumbfounded	67	31%	30	14%
	Nothing Wrong	9	4%	11	5%
Trolley	Reasons	97	47%	135	62%
	Dumbfounded	72	35%	55	25%
	Nothing Wrong	39	19%	26	12%
Heinz	Reasons	113	56%	143	67%
	Dumbfounded	55	27%	36	17%
	Nothing Wrong	35	17%	36	17%

Table 15

Study 6 – Observed counts, expected counts, and standardised residuals for each response to the critical slide depending on cognitive load (Julie and Mark)

		Cognitive Load	Control
Observed count	Reasons	106	123
	Dumbfounded	51	51
	Nothing Wrong	40	41
Expected count	Reasons	109.5	119.5
	Dumbfounded	48.77	53.23
	Nothing Wrong	38.73	42.27
Standardised residuals	Reasons	-0.69	0.69
	Dumbfounded	0.51	-0.51
	Nothing Wrong	0.32	-0.32

Note. * = sig. at $p < .05$; ** = sig. at $p < .001$

Table 16

Study 6 – Observed counts, expected counts, and standardised residuals for each response to the critical slide depending on cognitive load (Jennifer)

		Cognitive Load	Control
Observed count	Reasons	142	173
	Dumbfounded	67	30
	Nothing Wrong	9	11
Expected count	Reasons	158.96	156.04
	Dumbfounded	48.95	48.05
	Nothing Wrong	10.09	9.91
Standardised residuals	Reasons	-3.67**	3.67**
	Dumbfounded	4.16**	-4.16**
	Nothing Wrong	-0.5	0.5

Note. * = sig. at $p < .05$; ** = sig. at $p < .001$

Table 17

Study 6 – Observed counts, expected counts, and standardised residuals for each response to the critical slide depending on cognitive load (Trolley)

		Cognitive Load	Control
Observed count	Reasons	97	135
	Dumbfounded	72	55
	Nothing Wrong	39	26
Expected count	Reasons	113.81	118.19
	Dumbfounded	62.3	64.7
	Nothing Wrong	31.89	33.11
Standardised residuals	Reasons	-3.28*	3.28*
	Dumbfounded	2.06*	-2.06*
	Nothing Wrong	1.92	-1.92

Note. * = sig. at $p < .05$; ** = sig. at $p < .001$

Table 18

Study 6 – Observed counts, expected counts, and standardised residuals for each response to the critical slide depending on cognitive load (Heinz)

		Cognitive Load	Control
Observed count	Reasons	113	143
	Dumbfounded	55	36
	Nothing Wrong	35	36
Expected count	Reasons	124.33	131.67
	Dumbfounded	44.19	46.81
	Nothing Wrong	34.48	36.52
Standardised residuals	Reasons	-2.27*	2.27*
	Dumbfounded	2.56*	-2.56*
	Nothing Wrong	0.14	-0.14

Note. * = sig. at $p < .05$; ** = sig. at $p < .001$

Table 19*Responses to critical slide for all cognitive load studies (raw)*

Study	Response	Cognitive Load		Control	
		N	percent	N	percent
Study 1*	Reasons	12	36%	21	64%
	Dumbfounded	6	18%	7	21%
	Nothing wrong	15	45%	5	15%
Study 2	Reasons	25	49%	25	51%
	Dumbfounded	15	29%	11	22%
	Nothing wrong	11	22%	13	27%
Study 3*	Reasons	54	53%	41	67%
	Dumbfounded	27	26%	5	8%
	Nothing wrong	21	21%	15	25%
Study 4	Reasons	35	55%	41	65%
	Dumbfounded	10	16%	10	16%
	Nothing wrong	19	30%	12	19%
Study 5	Reasons	51	52%	68	64%
	Dumbfounded	25	26%	20	19%
	Nothing wrong	22	22%	18	17%
Study 6	Reasons	458	55%	574	67%
	Dumbfounded	245	30%	172	20%
	Nothing wrong	123	15%	114	13%
All Studies*	Reasons	635	54%	770	66%
	Dumbfounded	328	28%	225	19%
	Nothing wrong	211	18%	177	15%

Note. *significant variation at $p < .05$; **significantvariation at $p < .001$

Table 20

Responses to critical slide for all cognitive load studies (controlling for engagement)

Study	Response	Cognitive Load		Control	
		N	percent	N	percent
Study 1*	Reasons	12	36%	21	64%
	Dumbfounded	6	18%	7	21%
	Nothing wrong	15	45%	5	15%
Study 2 (engaged)*	Reasons	23	41%	27	61%
	Dumbfounded	20	36%	6	14%
	Nothing wrong	13	23%	11	25%
Study 3 (engaged)**	Reasons	36	53%	41	67%
	Dumbfounded	17	25%	5	8%
	Nothing wrong	15	22%	15	25%
Study 4 (engaged)	Reasons	35	55%	41	65%
	Dumbfounded	10	16%	10	16%
	Nothing wrong	19	30%	12	19%
Study 5	Reasons	51	52%	68	64%
	Dumbfounded	25	26%	20	19%
	Nothing wrong	22	22%	18	17%
Study 6	Reasons	458	55%	574	67%
	Dumbfounded	245	30%	172	20%
	Nothing wrong	123	15%	114	13%
All studies (engaged)**	Reasons	615	54%	772	66%
	Dumbfounded	323	28%	220	19%
	Nothing wrong	207	18%	175	15%

Note. *significant variation at $p < .05$; **significant variation at $p < .001$