

DAY 1	Lotty	Diego
1.00pm	Introduce Open Science part 1	
1.30pm	Q&A / Discussion - Plan S	Q&A / Discussion – Plan S
1.45pm	Introduce Open Science part 2	
2.15pm	Q&A / Discussion – Preregistration TEA & COFFEE	Q&A / Discussion – Preregistration TEA & COFFEE
2.30pm	Further points on preregistration	
3.00pm		Introduce the dataset and the question for Day 2
3.15pm	Go over preregistration template	
3.15pm – 4.00pm	Preregistration exercise	Preregistration exercise
4.00pm	Q&A about preregistration, discuss any difficulties	Q&A about preregistration, discuss any difficulties
4.15pm	Introduce Github/ Version control	Introduce Github/ Version control
4.30pm	Download Git on machines	Download Git on machines

DAY 2	Lotty	Diego
1.00pm		Project structure, version control p. I
2.00pm	Q&A / Discussion	Q&A / Discussion
2.15pm		Version control p. II, GitHub
3.15pm	Q&A / Discussion	Q&A / Discussion
3.30pm		Using remake
4.00pm		Writing a reproducible report
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4.45pm	Wrap-up	Wrap-up

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Tax-funded academics do the research, write the papers, make the figures, do the editing roles, do the peer review – all for free, sign over the copyright to publishers who then sell it back to them, typeset.

Huh?

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How we got here

In last 25 years, there's been a growing divergence between the roles of academic publishing:

- Disseminating validated knowledge.
- Symbolic capital for academic career progression.
- Profitable business enterprise – 35-40% profits.

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1986-2013.

Alexandra Elbakyan is in hiding due to the risk of extradition.

Elsevier was granted a \$15 million injunction against her.

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- Some are entirely free, online only, voluntarily run – see Meta-Psychology Journal (OJS)

Plan S- discuss



PLAN S

Requires researchers who benefit from state-funded research organisations to publish their work open access by 2020.

12 Countries: Austria, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovenia, Sweden, UK.

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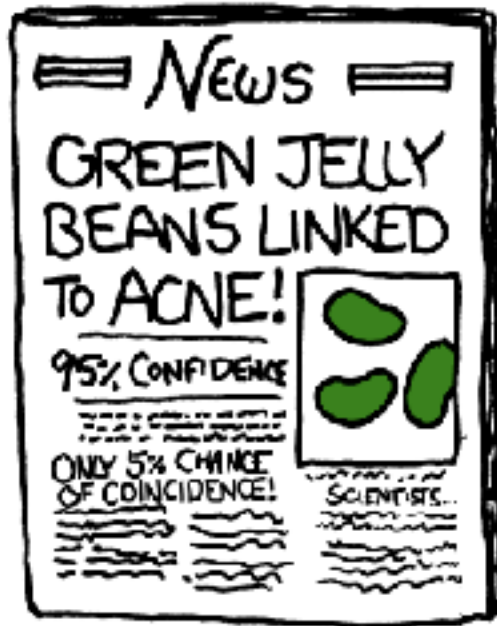
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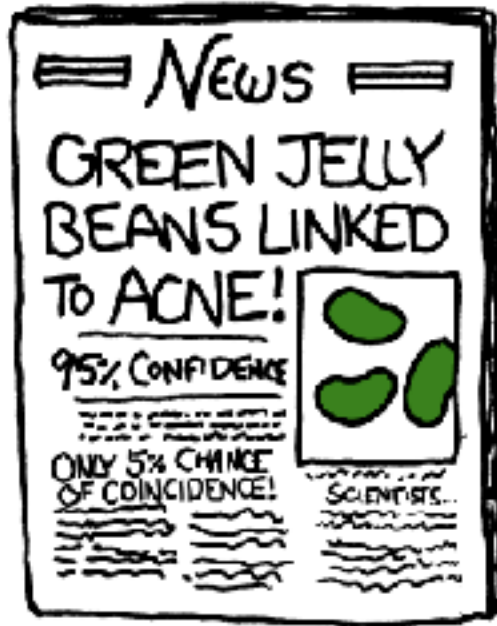
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head of the Scientific Information Provision at the [Max Planck Digital Library](#), told [The Scientist](#) that "This will put increased pressure on publishers and on the consciousness of individual researchers that **an ecosystem change is possible ..**"

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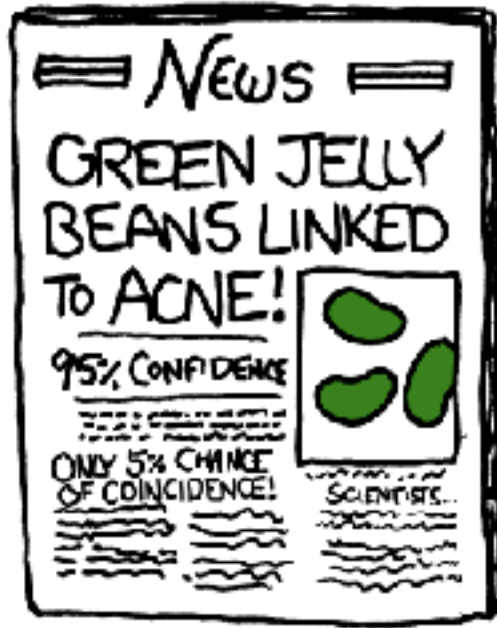


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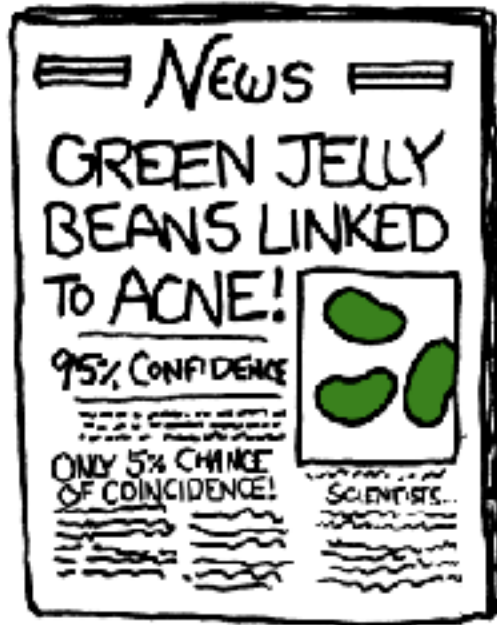
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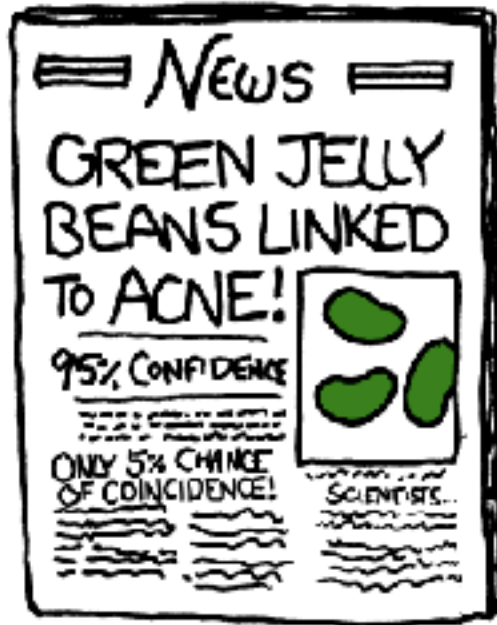
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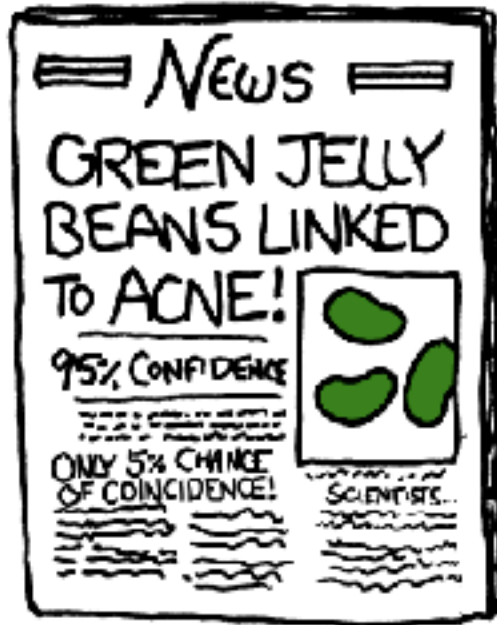
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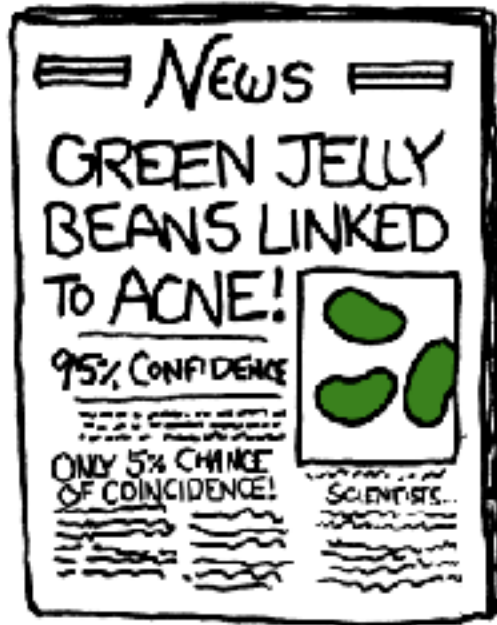
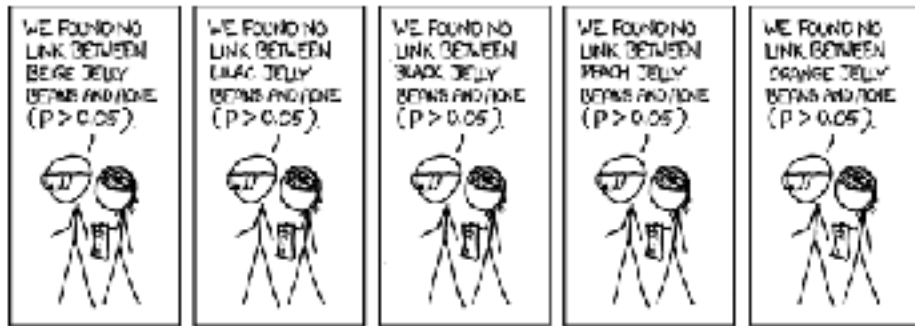
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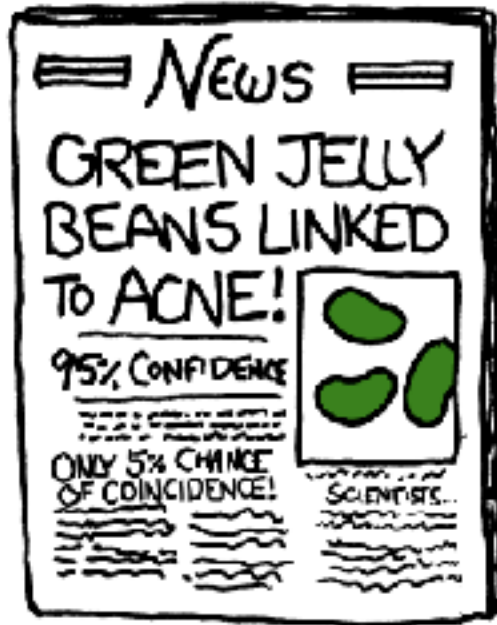
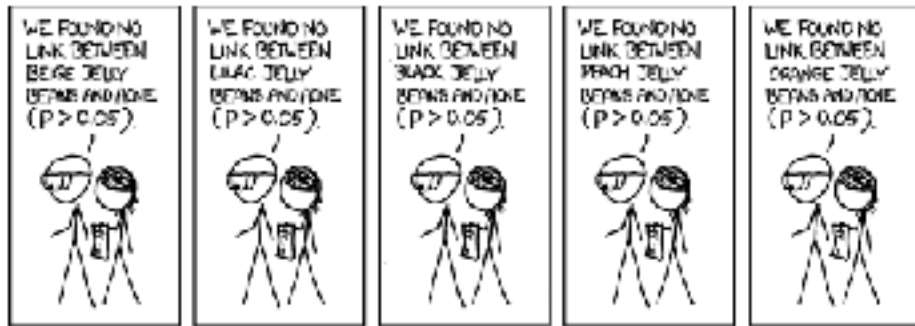
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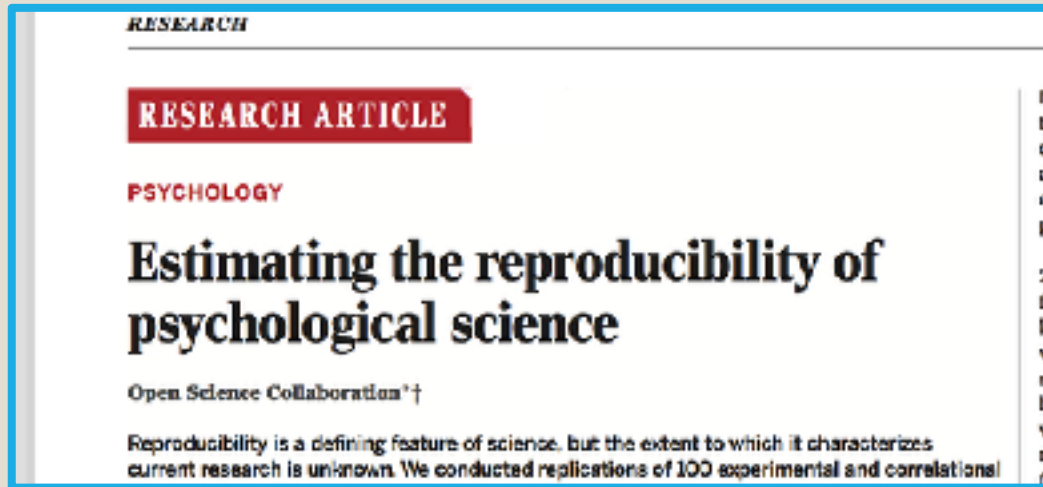
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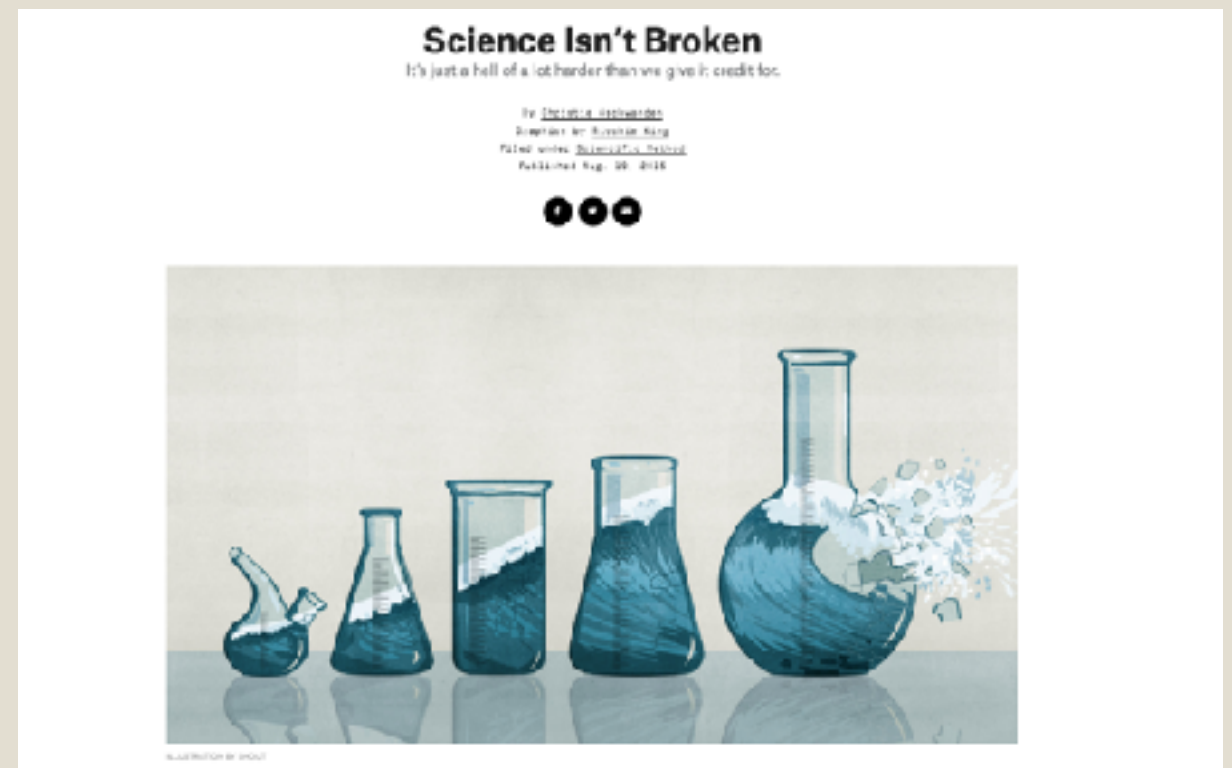
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It 'began' in Psychology but the problems are science-wide...



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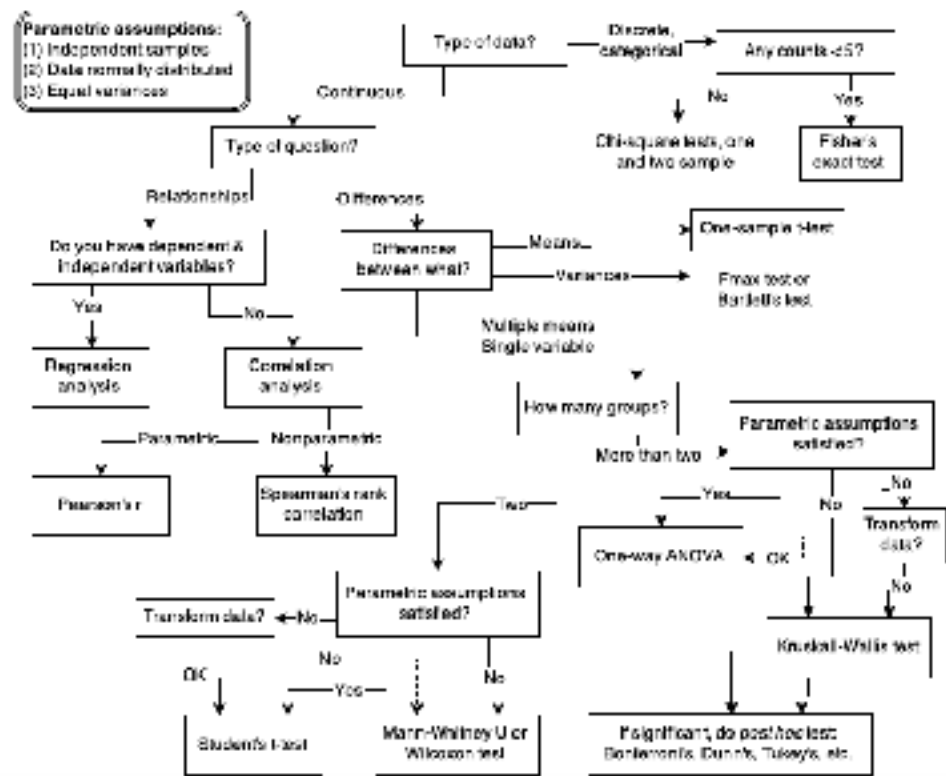
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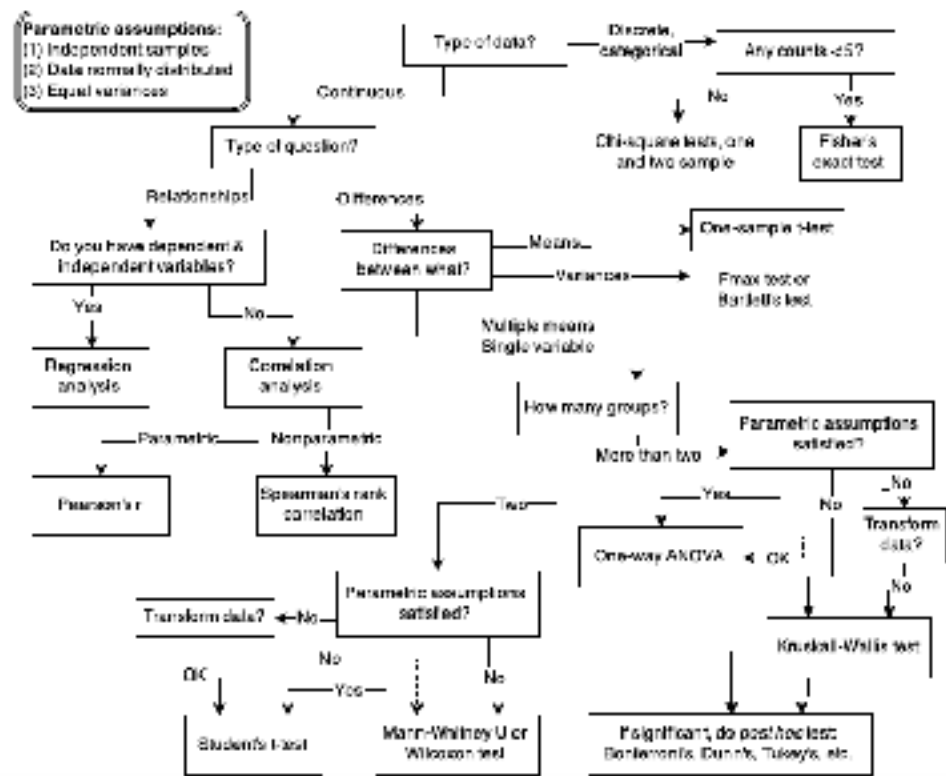
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Exploratory analysis

If you plan to explore your data set to look for unexpected differences or relationships, you may describe those tests here. An exploratory test is any test where a prediction is not made up front, or there are multiple possible tests that you are going to use. A statistically significant finding in an exploratory test is a great way to form a new confirmatory hypothesis, which could be registered at a later time.

It may be the case that participants' ratings reflect their previously held perceptions of their group members, rather than being a result of interactions during the group task. We will therefore include a model in which being initially named as someone influential in the group, or someone who others would like to learn from, are predictors of group nominations. We will also include these predictors in the full model, to see how much, if any, explanatory power they hold. We do not have any specific predictions regarding these effects, as it could conceivably be the case that influential/knowledgeable members of the group are also influential/knowledgeable on the group quiz, equally it may be the case that although they are influential/knowledgeable in one domain (e.g. knitting), they are not in another (e.g. the quiz). This is an empirical question and we do not have a strong prediction in either direction for this particular aspect of the study, nor is it our main area of focus for this study:

- 1) Individuals who are rated as highly influential in the group before the task are not necessarily chosen to represent the group after the task
- 2) Those whom individuals want to learn from within their group (e.g. how to knit) are not necessarily also nominated to represent the group at the quiz

Similarly we will check for sex differences in dominance and prestige ratings, but do not have any specific predictions regarding this. The previous studies using these dominance and prestige scales did not find a sex difference, however other research suggests males are more dominant than females in terms of Big Five personality traits, competitiveness, aggression, physical strength etc. Thus we remain open to the possibility of a sex difference in dominance ratings in our study. Similarly, a few theoretical and empirical papers suggest that age and prestige may correlate, thus we will have age as a predictor in our full models of prestige (and dominance) to check for this possibility, however we do not have a specific prediction for this and this is not the main focus of our study. We primarily predict that performance on the quiz and influence in the group task will predict prestige ratings above and beyond age in our particular study.

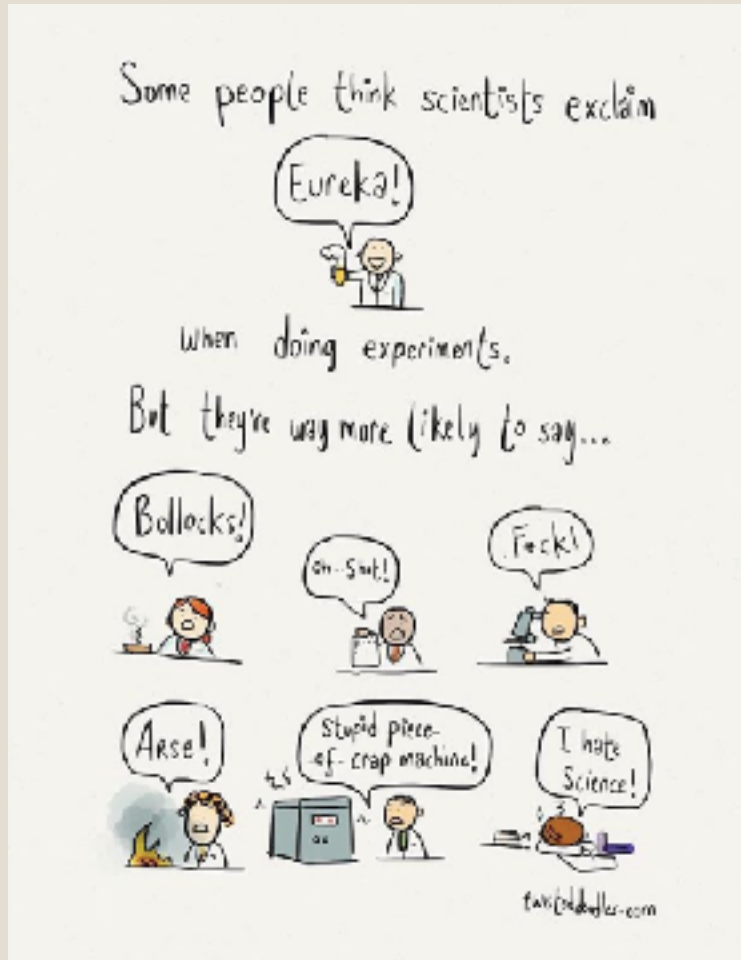
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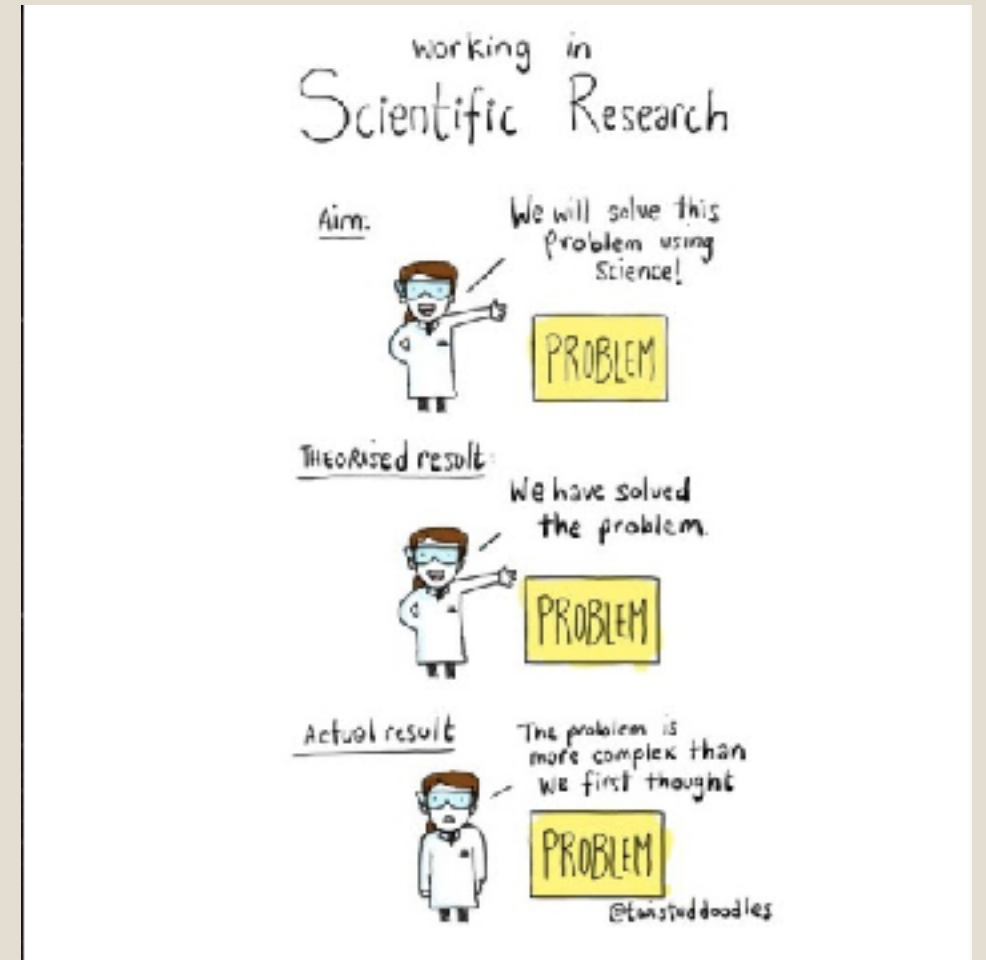
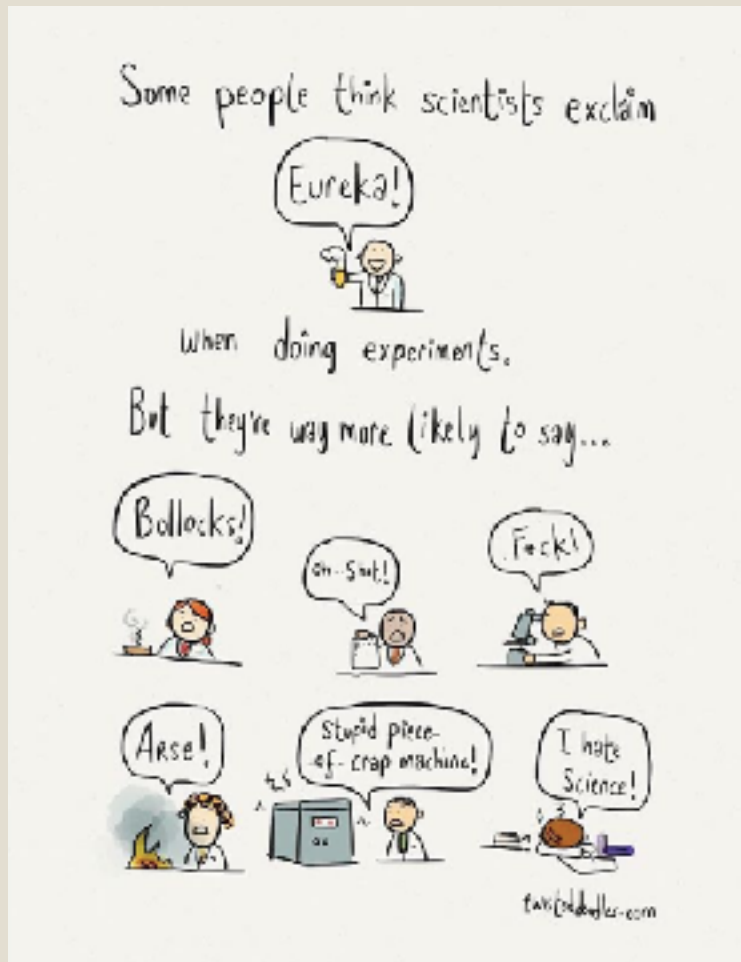
I read this manuscript with interest, and I appreciated the efforts taken to obtain a diverse community sample of groups with varying sets of interests. I also appreciated how the authors reported both supported and unsupported hypotheses in an unbiased way. I had some questions and comments that I think would help to clarify some aspects of the paper.

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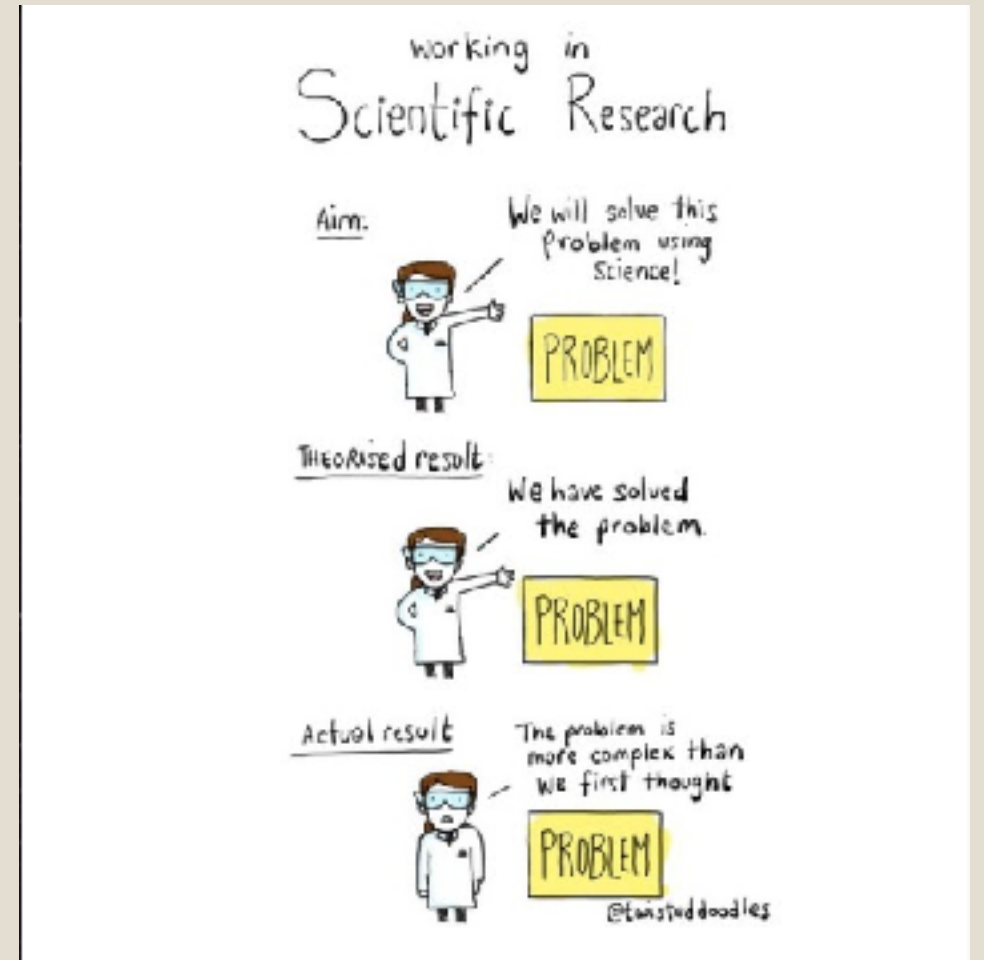
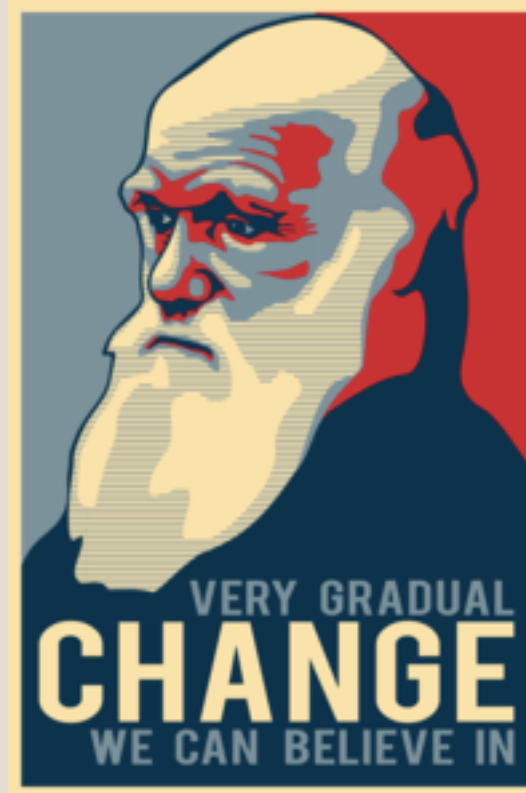
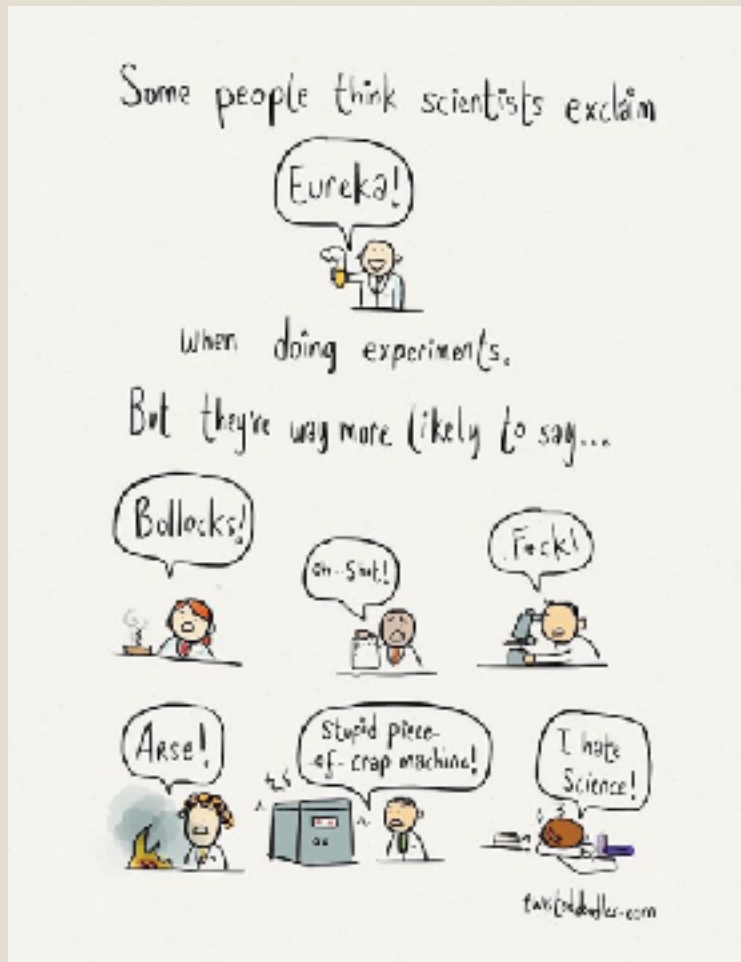
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Let's talk about impact...

UK Research Councils Sign Declaration Against The Use of Journal Impact Factors in Evaluating Research Excellence

All seven UK Research Councils have joined others from across the globe signing the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA), to protest against the use of Journal Impact Factors in assessing research quality, Times Higher Education reported on 7 February 2018. This is significant for the UK research funding allocation as a new category of "impact" had been added from 2014 onwards

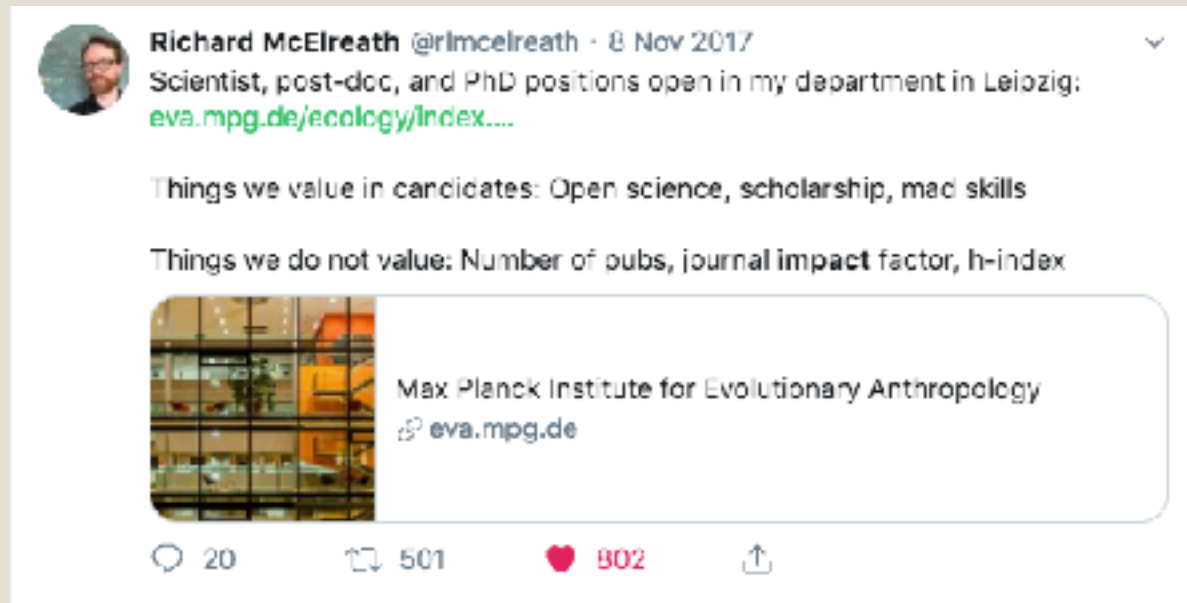
The Declaration protests against the use of Journal Impact Factors in research assessment, hiring and grant applications. DORA signatories argue that Journal Impact Factors were not designed to measure research quality, but rather as a tool to assist librarians in deciding which journals to purchase. They are based on how frequently the journal is cited across a period of two years, a practice which DORA signatories argue has very little to do with research quality, and does not reflect differences across disciplines, nor differences in the quality of papers within the same publication. It has become common practice, however, for individual and institutional quality to be evaluated according to the number of publications in high impact journals.

Wisdom, not impact

“Some people think that what I should be doing is producing *Nature* and *Science* papers. More than one colleague has specifically asked me which “*Science/Nature* projects” I have planned. That is not what Max Planck Departments are for. High-profile publications may arise, but they should be side effects. We demand wisdom, not professional impact.”

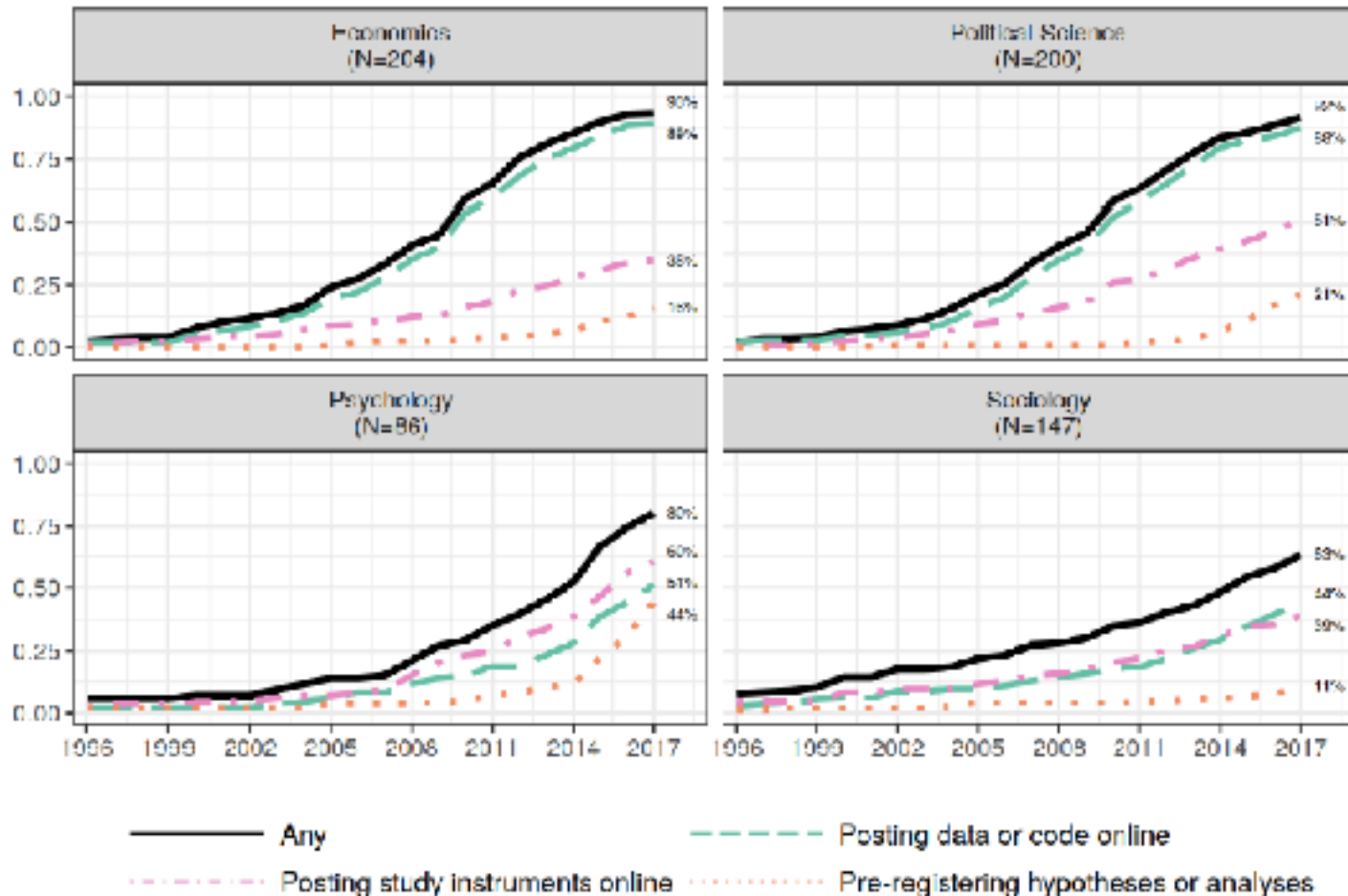
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http://elevanth.org/blog/2018/09/02/golden_eggs/

Hiring decisions:



Is anyone actually doing it?

Share of Published Authors (PhD < 2010) Adopting Practice



Pre-registered...
obviously!

- **Published Authors:** Scraped journal websites for all individuals with at least one publication between 2014-2016 in top 10 journals from each discipline
- **PhD Students:** Scraped top-20 North American doctoral program websites for PhD students in Fall 2017

<https://www.bitss.org/events/2018am/>

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REGISTERED REPORTS CUT PUBLICATION BIAS

Pre-registering research protocols in a 'registered reports' format could lead to less publication bias skewed towards positive results. Studies that pre-register their protocols publish more negative findings that don't support their hypothesis, than those that don't.

HYPOTHESES NOT SUPPORTED BY RESEARCH PAPERS (%)



Estimates from general literature **5-20%**



Registered reports for novel studies **55%***



Registered reports for replication studies **66%***

nature

*Sample size: 296 hypotheses across 113 studies in biomedicine and psychology



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<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-018-07118-1>

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It's the process of making predictions precise, thinking of (hopefully) most of the details ahead of time that is so satisfying, with the added benefits of error control etc.

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Also - a very practical benefit of preregistration, as a forgetful PI, is that I can open OSF & see all of our projects & preregistrations. Which means that I can spare my trainees with inane and surely annoying questions such as : " Exactly what does your study involve again??"

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How do I do it?

- <https://psyarxiv.com/wte5z/> <- step by step slideshow
- <https://osf.io/prereg/>
- www.aspredicted.org
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1w_3DPN6c-evOfgHBfeVgN-huBwMRe3EJCzGFG9Tzs54/edit?usp=sharing <- full template



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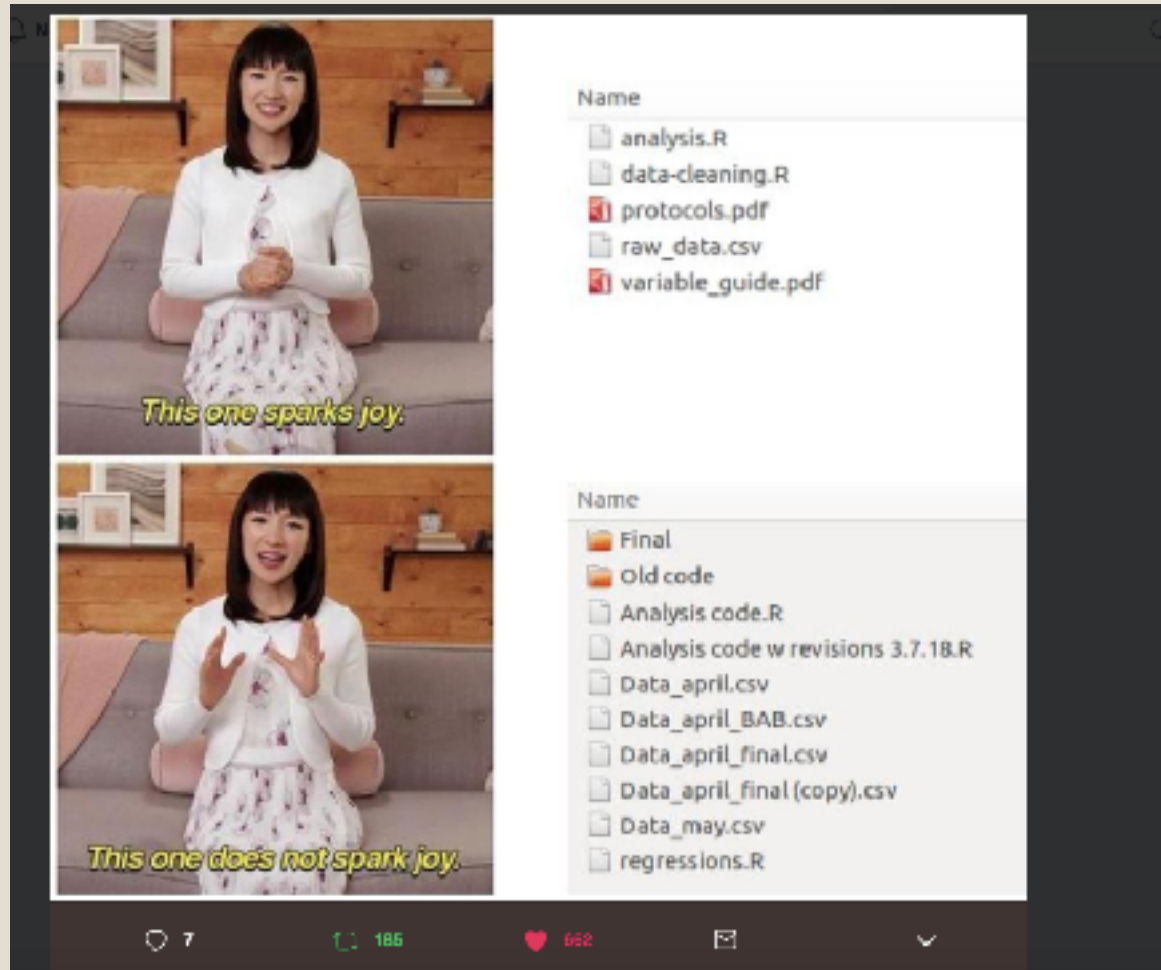
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collaborators

Benefits other
researchers doing similar
work

Benefits FUTURE YOU

How do I do it?

- GitHub
- Can use desktop / Rstudio if command-line too confusing...
- <http://swcarpentry.github.io/git-novice/01-basics/index.html>
- <http://swcarpentry.github.io/git-novice/guide/>
- <http://nicercode.github.io/2014-02-13-UNSW/lessons/70-version-control/why.html>

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Abstract


Mate-searching success is a critical precursor to mating, but there is a dearth of research on traits and tactics that confer a competitive advantage in finding potential mates. Theory and available empirical evidence suggest that males locate mates using mate-attraction signals produced by receptive females (personal information) and avoid inadvertently produced cues from rival males (social information) that indicate a female has probably already mated. Here, we show that western hank wren males use both kinds of information to find females efficiently, parasitizing the searching effort of rivals in a way that guarantees competition over mating after reaching a female's web. This tactic may be adaptive because female receptivity is transient, and we show that (i) mate searching is risky (88% mortality) and (ii) a strongly male-biased operational sex ratio (from 1.2:1 to more than 50:1) makes competition inevitable. Males with access to rivals' silk trails moved at higher speeds than those with only personal information, and located females even when personal information was unreliable or absent. We show that following rivals can increase the potential for sexual selection on females as well as males and argue it may be more widespread in nature than is currently realized.


1. Introduction

Sexual selection arises when the reproductive success of one sex is limited by access to potential mates [1]. In most sexually reproducing species, males compete to fertilize the relatively limited number of eggs produced by females, and the form of competition depends on ecological factors including the distribution of potential mates in space and time [2]. In many taxa, females become sexually receptive at unpaired (single) or paired

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- Metascience conference: <https://www.metascience2019.org/program/>
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- APC's <http://thetaper.library.virginia.edu/big%20deal/apcs/serials%20crisis/2019/10/07/weekly-big-deal-longread-article-processing-charge-hyperinflation-and-price-insensitivity-an-open-access-sequel-to-the-serials-crisis.html>

Other resources...

- <https://osf.io/854zr/> Positive results rate in psychology: registered reports compared to conventional literature (Schijen, Scheel & Lakens 2019)
 - <http://www.talyarkoni.org/blog/2018/10/02/no-its-not-the-incentives-its-you/> It's Not the Incentives, it's You
 - Plea for positivity and preregistration <https://lottybrand.wordpress.com/2018/10/05/a-postdocs-plea-for-positivity-preregistration/>
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- All novelty all the time
- Everything is significant
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