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Investigating Variation in Replicability across Sample and Setting

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Essay

Why Most Published Research Findings Are False

John P. A. Ioannidis

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology
2011, Vol. 100, No. 3, 407–425

0022-3514/11/$12.00 DOI: 10.1037/a0021524

Feeling the Future: Experimental Evidence for Anomalous Retroactive Influences on Cognition and Affect

Daryl J. Bem
Cornell University

False-Positive Psychology: Undisclosed Flexibility in Data Collection and Analysis Allows Presenting Anything as Significant

Joseph P. Simmons[1], Leif D. Nelson[2], and Uri Simonsohn[1]
[1]The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and [2]Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley

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Evidence of a problem

- `Reproducibility Project: Psychology` (OSC, 2015)
  - ~40/100 replicated
- `Social Sciences Replication Project` (Camerer et al., 2018)
  - 13/21 replicated
- `Multiple large-scale Registered Reports`

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- Ex: How much variability should we expect if we repeat the same study many times?

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- Same thing as Many Labs 1 (2014), but much bigger.

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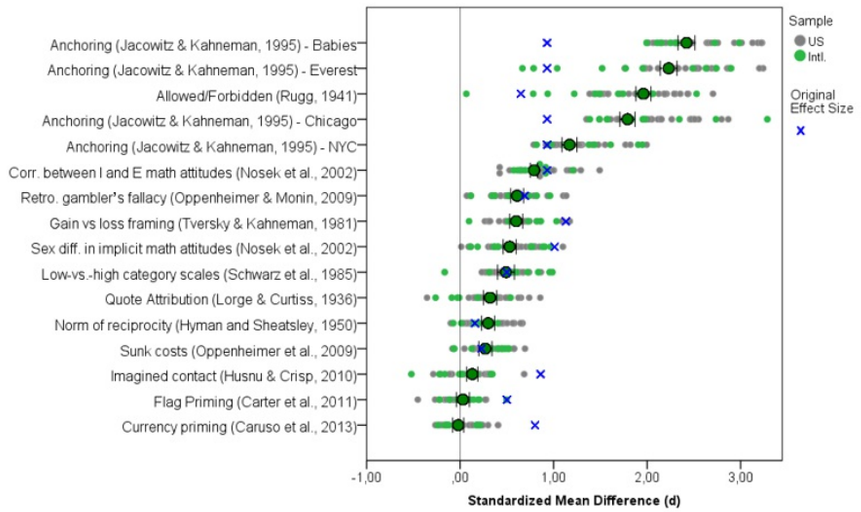

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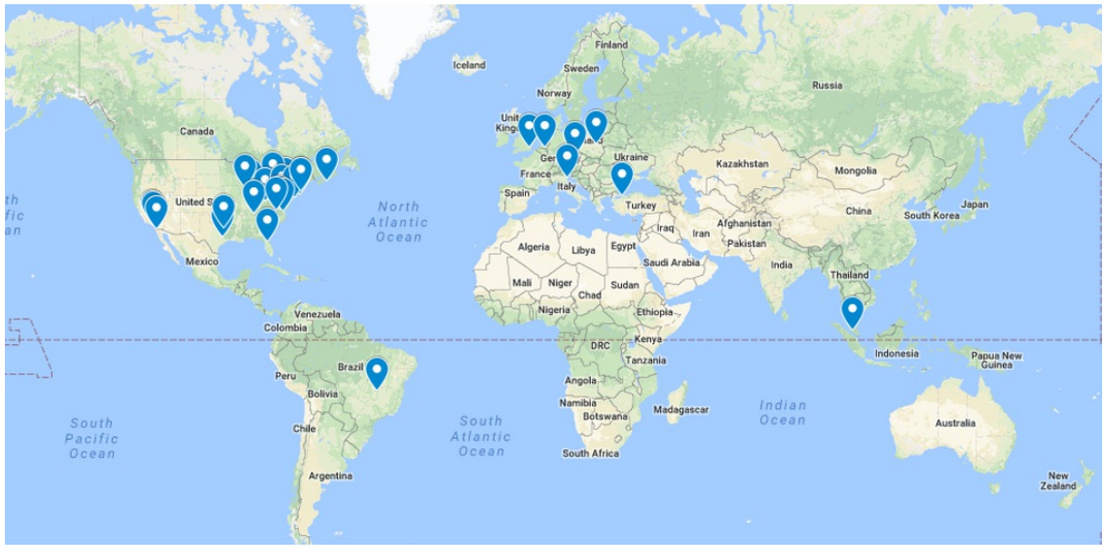

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- 125 samples
- 36 countries
- 16 languages
- 15,305 participants

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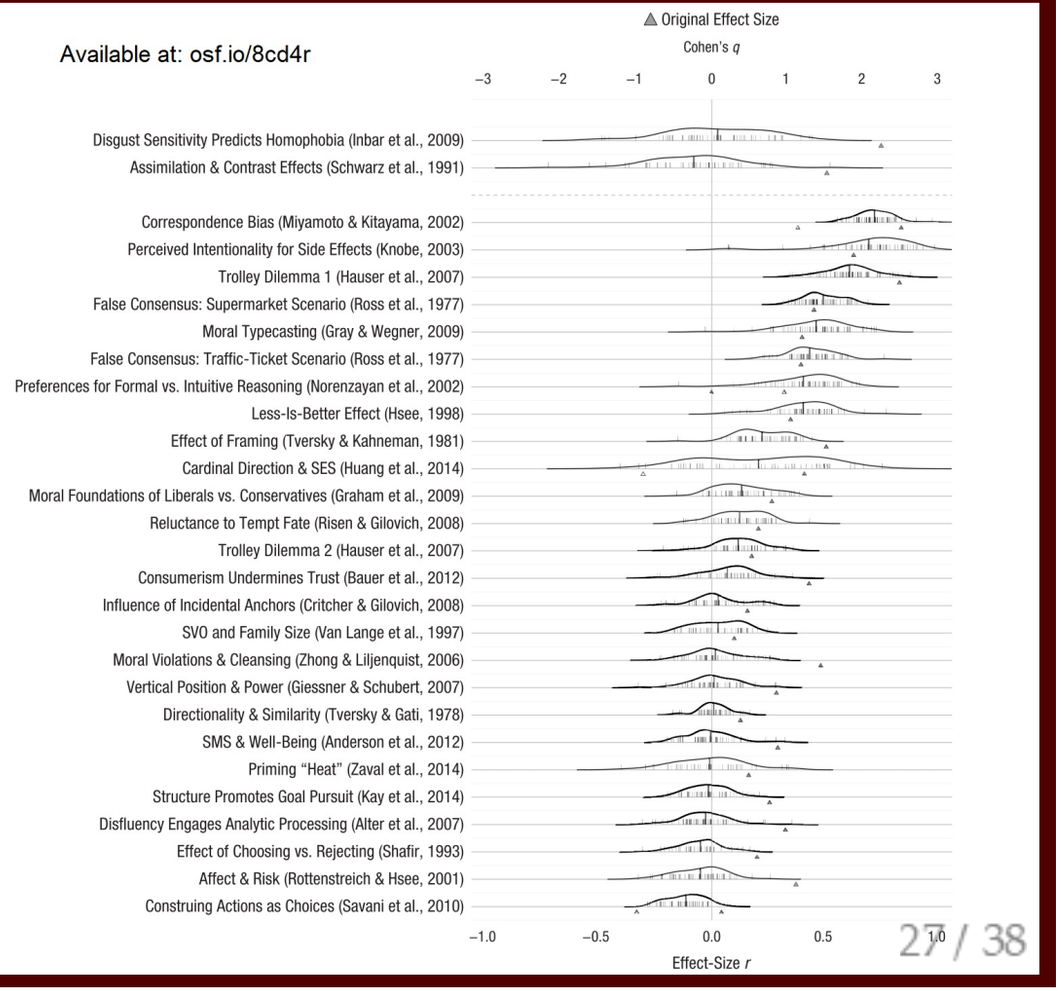

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- 21/28 smaller effect
- Med. original $d = 0.60$
- Med. replication $d = 0.15$

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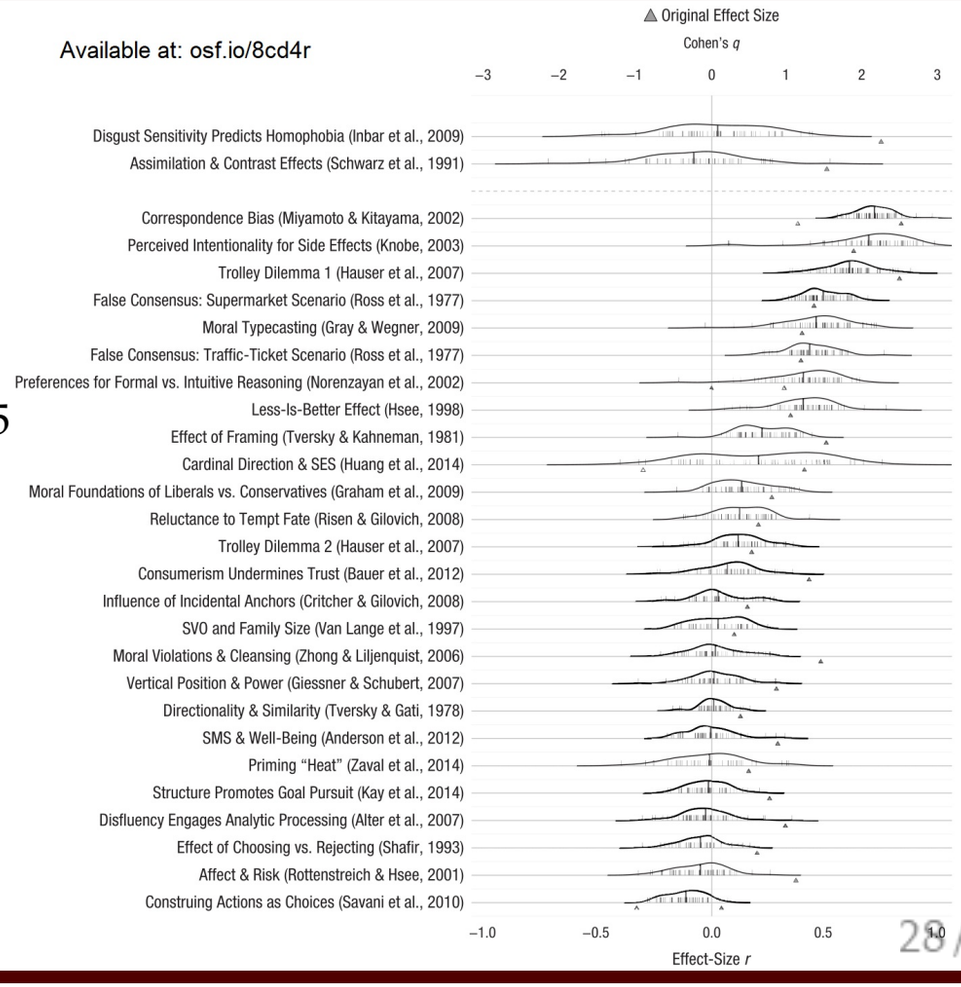

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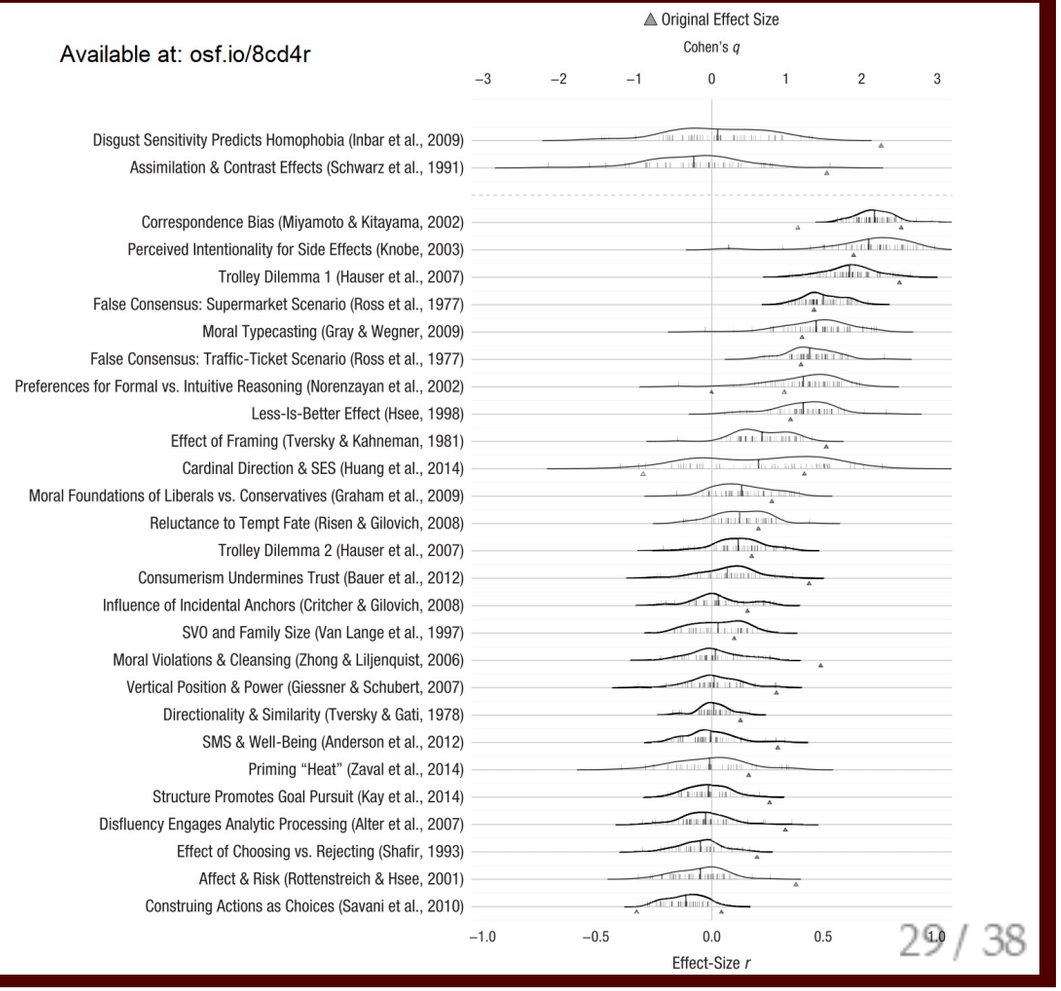

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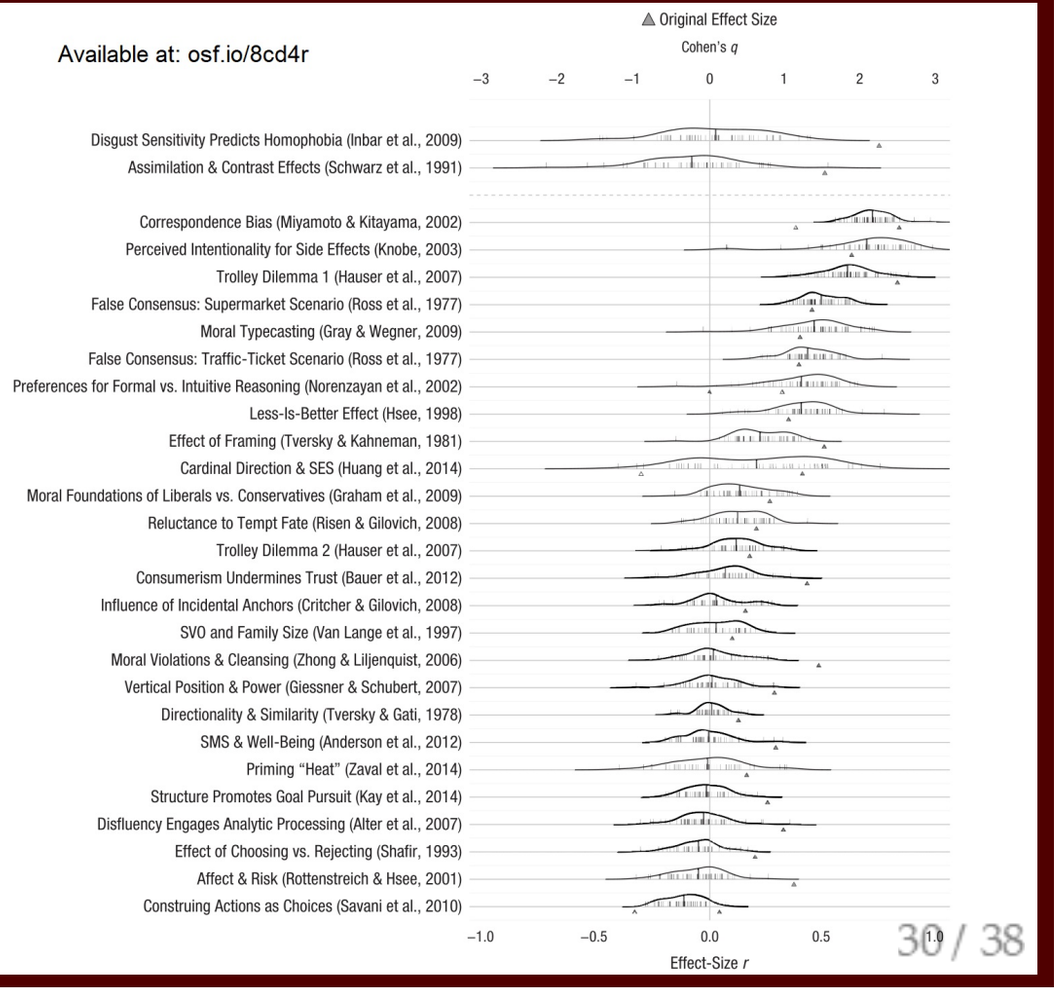

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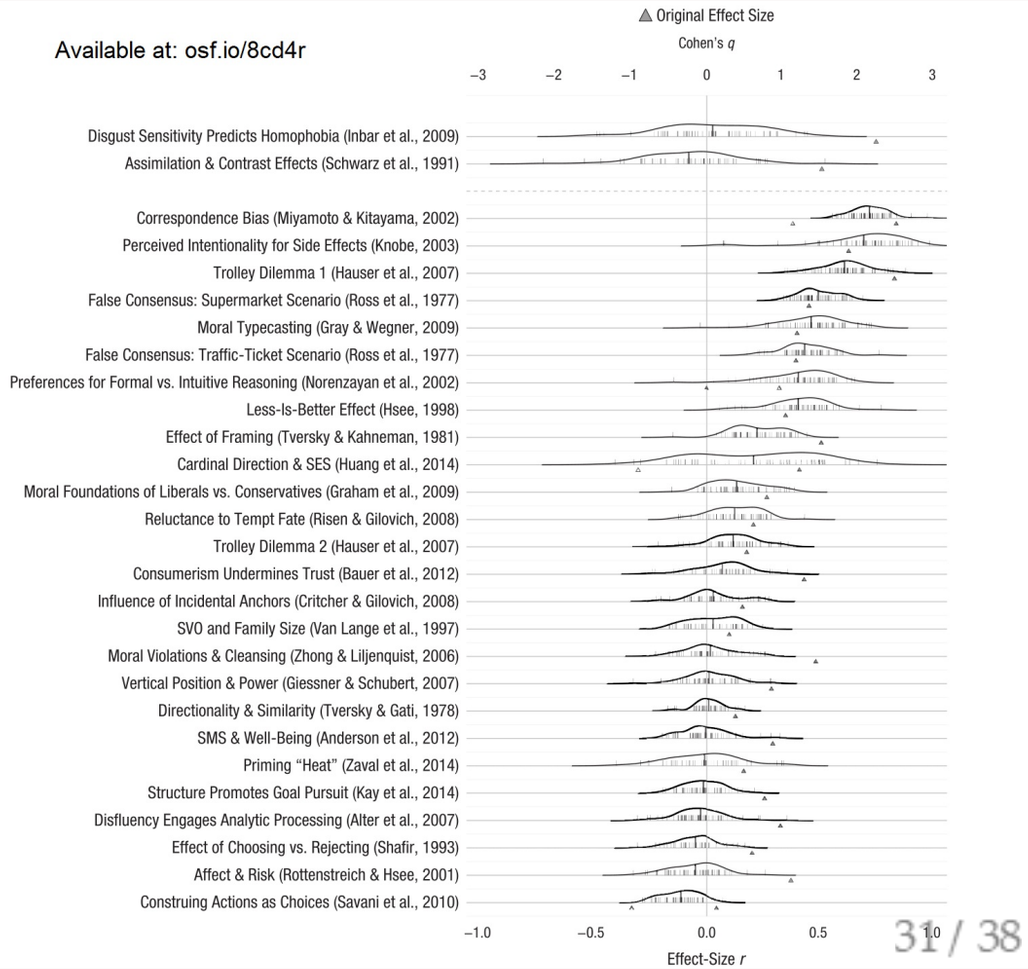

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- Open data: **https://osf.io/8cd4r/**
  - CC0, free use (any purpose)
  - We barely scratched surface

Thanks!

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