

Many Labs 2

Investigating Variation in Replicability across Sample and Setting

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Essay

Why Most Published Research Findings Are False

John P. A. Ioannidis

Open access, freely

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology
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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. Simmons¹, Leif D. Nelson², and Uri Simonsohn¹

¹The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and ²Haas 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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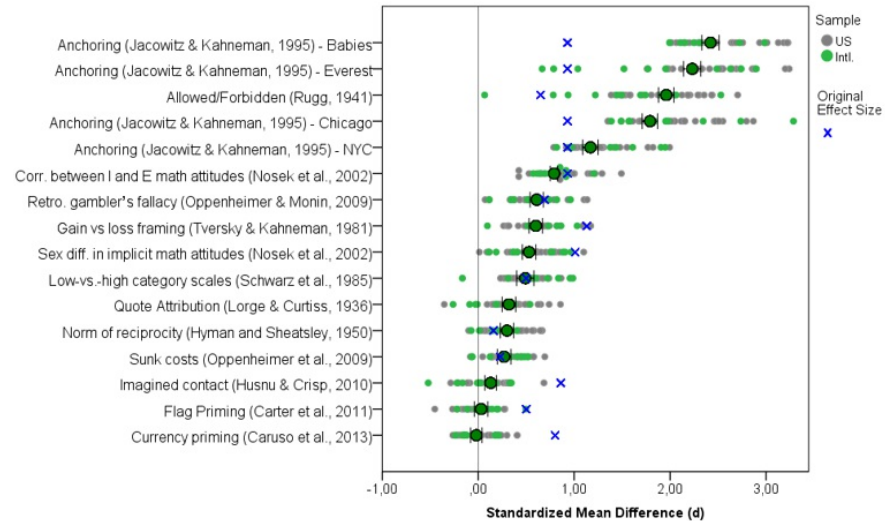
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- Same thing as Many Labs 1 (2014), but much bigger.

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Many Labs 1 Map (2014)



Many Labs 2 Map (2018)



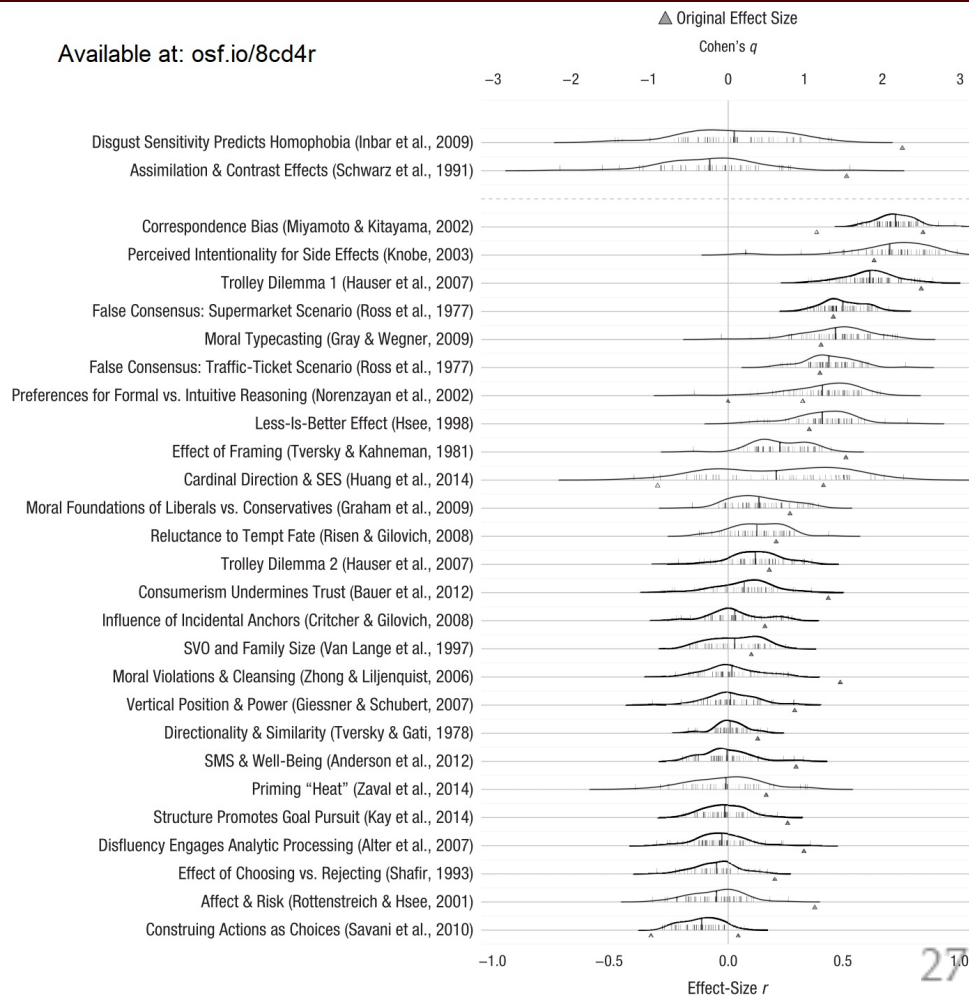
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- 125 samples
- 36 countries
- 16 languages
- 15,305 participants



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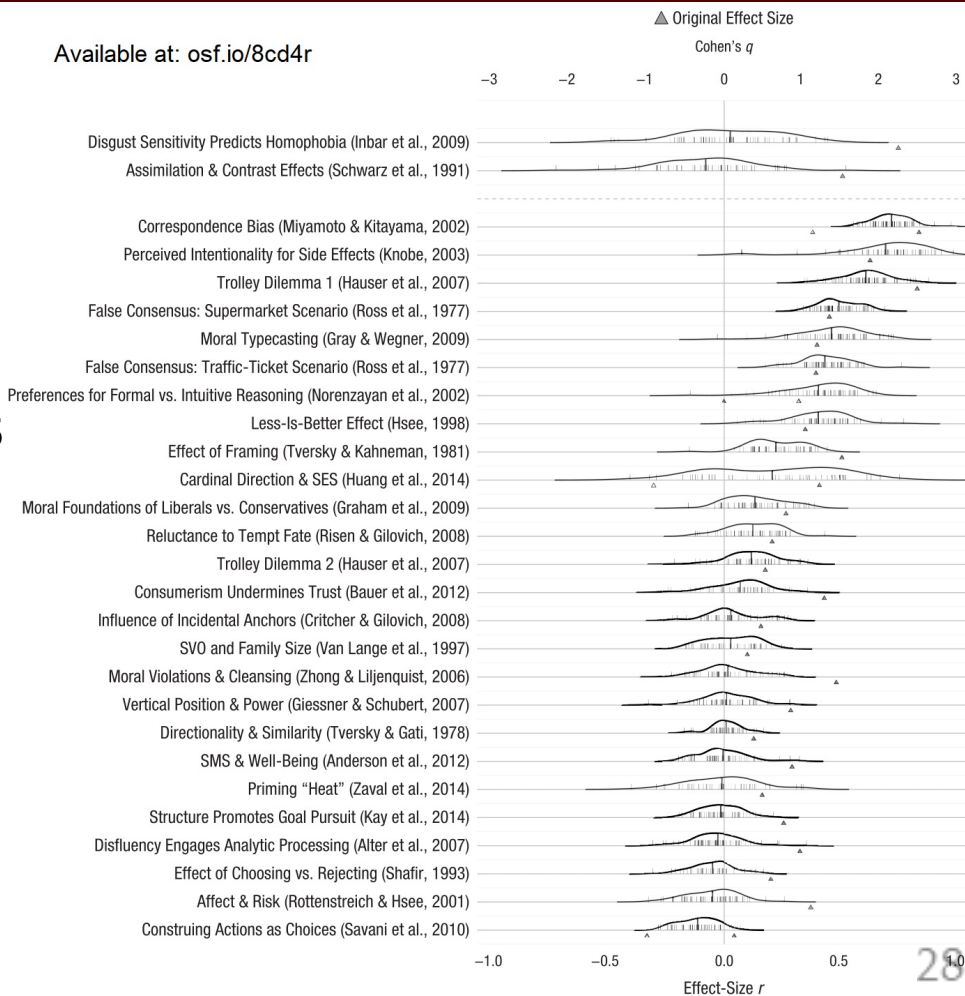
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- 14/28 successful
- 21/28 smaller effect
- Med. original $d = 0.60$
- Med. replication $d = 0.15$

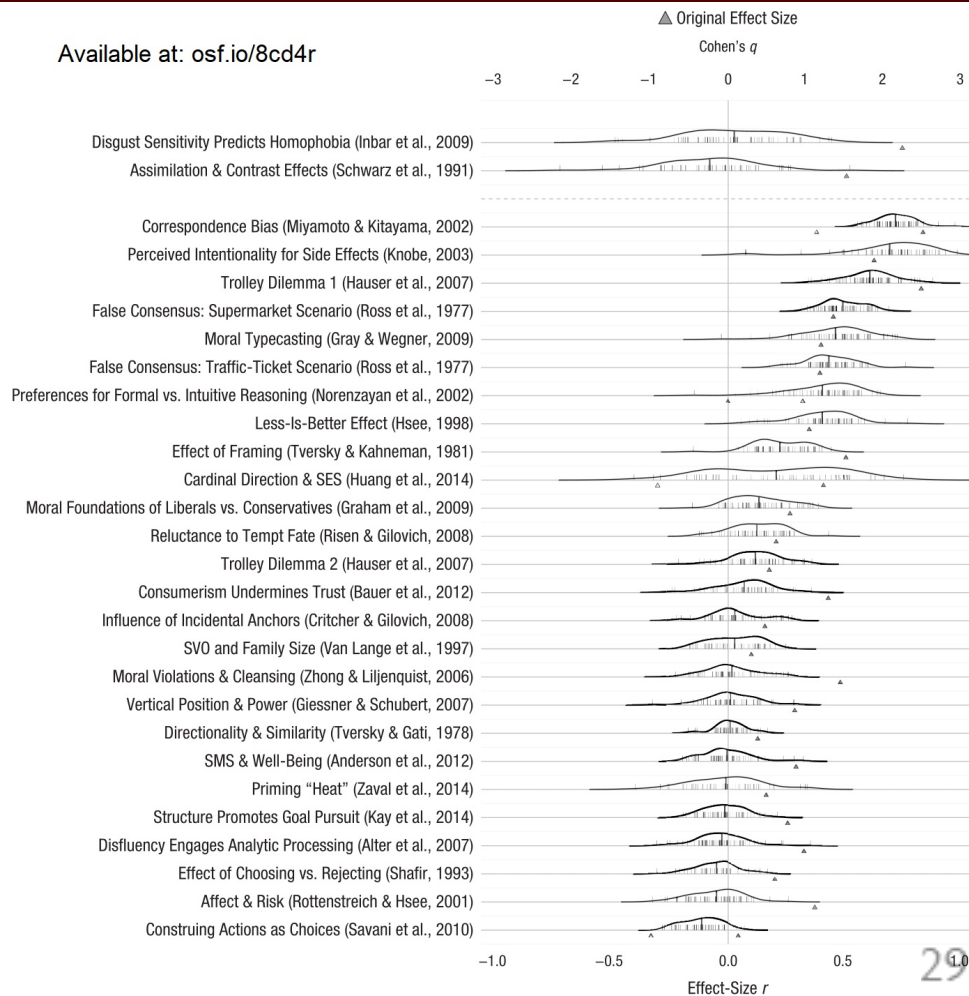
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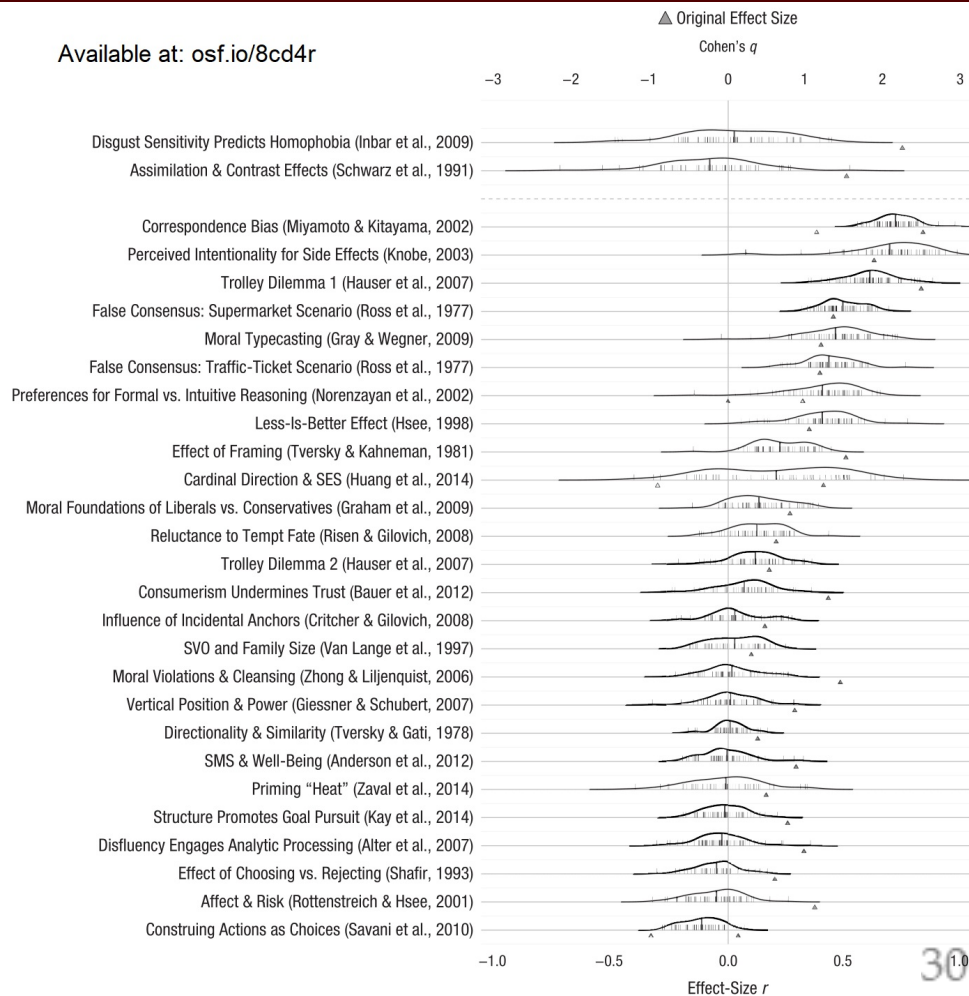
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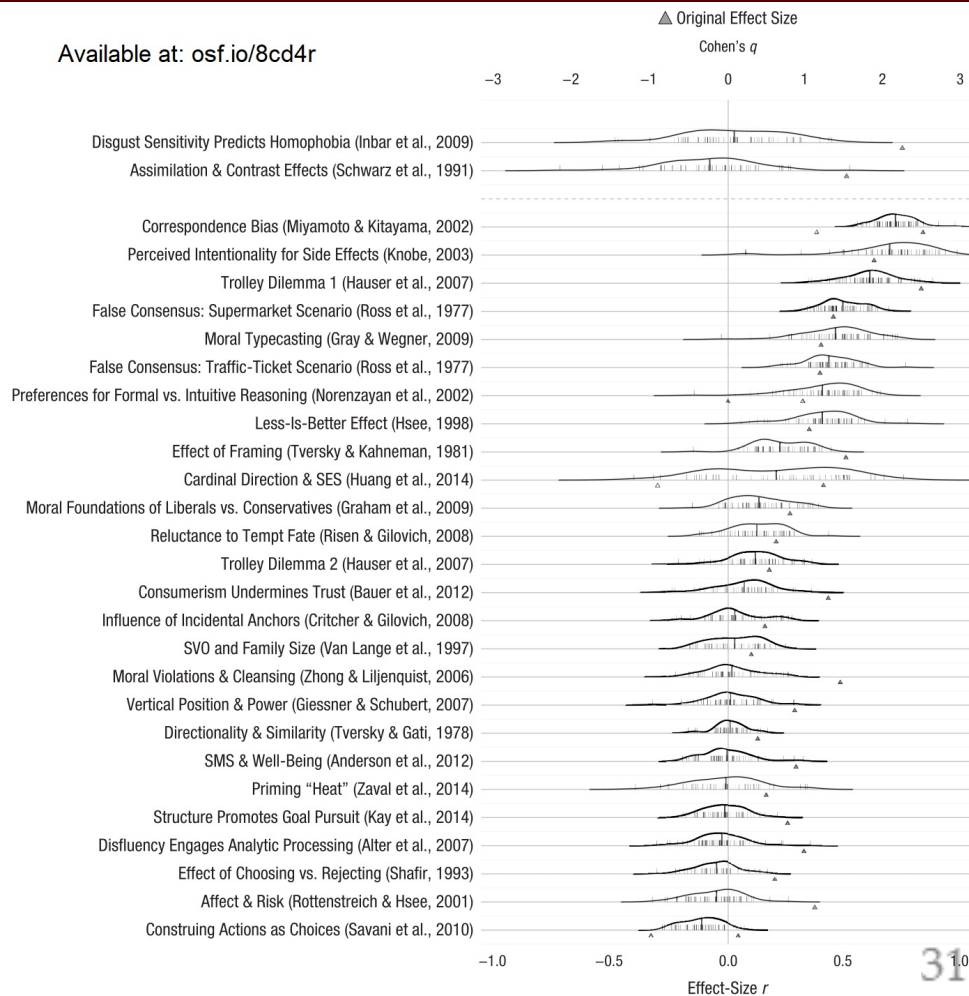
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- Open data: <https://osf.io/8cd4r/>
 - CC0, free use (any purpose)
 - We barely scratched surface

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