

The aim of this analysis was to determine which Affleck brother, Ben or Casey, is the better actor as determined by ratings on IMDB. The primary hypothesis was that (as Casey is my favourite Affleck brother) films starring Casey Affleck would receive higher ratings on IMDB than films starring Ben Affleck.

There was a considerable disparity in the number of films that each Affleck brother had starred in (Ben = 47, Casey = 35) therefore a random sample of 30 films ratings were selected for each Affleck brother, and analysis conducted on these ratings. This does mean that the study fell short of the number of ratings deemed necessary by a power analysis (51 per Affleck brother) and so results should be interpreted with caution.

Data were normally distributed (Shapiro-Wilks tests were non-significant; Ben IMDB Scores $p = .08$, Casey IMDB scores $p = .44$) and equality of variance was assumed (Levene's test: $F = .01$, $p = .92$), therefore it was deemed appropriate to continue with the planned independent samples t-test (one-tailed). This test revealed no significant difference in the mean rating of films starring Ben Affleck ($M = 6.43$, $SD = .74$) or Casey Affleck ($M = 6.47$, $SD = .91$); $t(58) = .19$, $p = .43$ (one-tailed). We can therefore conclude that there is no significant difference in the acting ability of the Affleck brothers, and that one Affleck is much the same as another.

