



Social Perception




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 **Elements of Social Cognition** 
Hastie & Carlson (1980); Kihlstrom & Hastie (1987)



- Perception
 - Vocabulary to Describe the Social Stimulus
 - Description of Perceptual Processes
- Memory
 - Characterization of Encoding Operations
 - Description of Stored Mental Representation
 - Characterization of Retrieval Operations
- Thinking → Action
 - Categorization, Inference
 - Problem-Solving, Judgment and Decision-Making

Where Does Knowledge Come From?

- Nativist View (Descartes) 
 - Some Knowledge is Innate or *A Priori*
 - Evolutionary/Genetic Heritage
- Empiricist View (Locke) 
 - All Knowledge Comes Through the Senses
 - Experience, Learning
 - Reflections on Experience
- Kantian Synthesis 
 - Knowledge Acquired Through Experience
 - Experience Structured by Innate Schemata

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 **Two Views of Perception**

- **Constructivist View (Helmholtz)**
 - Stimulus Inherently Ambiguous
 - Supplement with Knowledge, Inference
 - Some Inferences Are Unconscious
 - “Beyond the Information Given” (Bruner) 
- **Ecological View (Gibson)** 
 - Information “In the Light”
 - Perceptual System Evolved to Extract Information
 - No Inferences, Little or No Learning
 - aka Direct Perception (Direct Realism)

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Sensation and Perception

- **Sensation**
 - Detection
 - Distal Stimulus
 - Transduction
 - Proximal Stimulus into Neural Impulse
 - Transmission
 - From Sensory Receptor to Brain
- **Perception**
 - Mental Representation of Distal Stimulus
 - Form, States, Activity
 - Identification, Categorization
 - “Every Act of Perception is an Act of Categorization”

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The Task of Perception

- **Nonsocial Case**
 - Physical Features: Form, Location, Motion
 - Functional Features: Identification, Categorization
- **Social Case**
 - Personal Identity
 - Physical Appearance: Gender, Race, Size
 - Demographic Features: Socioeconomic Status
 - Mental States: Thoughts, Feelings, Desires
 - Behavioral Dispositions: Personality Traits

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Descriptions of Other People


Fiske & Cox (1979)




- Physical Attributes
 - Tall, Dark, and Handsome
- Behavioral Information
 - Neurotic Introvert
- Social Relations
 - Has a Girlfriend
- Characteristic Situations
 - Goes To Bars a Lot
- Origins
 - 2nd-Generation Norwegian
- Functional Properties
 - Makes Me Laugh


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What one word would you use to describe Hillary Clinton?



People with a favorable opinion (49%) People with an unfavorable opinion (44%) DK (7%)






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Jeb Bush in one word

What one word would you use to describe Jeb Bush?

People with a favorable opinion, 29% People with an unfavorable opinion, 39% Don't know, 33%









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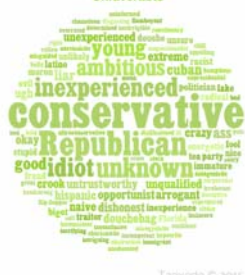
Marco Rubio in one word
What one word would you use to describe Marco Rubio?



Favorable




Unfavorable

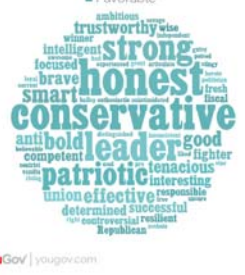


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Scott Walker in one word
What one word would you use to describe Scott Walker?



Favorable




Unfavorable

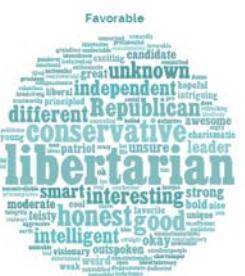


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Rand Paul in one word
What one word would you use to describe Rand Paul?



Favorable



Unfavorable



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Mitt Romney in one word
What one word would you use to describe Mitt Romney? People who love it loveable
honest

Mitt Romney in one word
What one word would you use to describe Mitt Romney? People who hate it untrustworthy

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“Personals” Ads
New York Review of Books, 1/20/2000


MJM IN NYC, likes museums, nature, ferry rides, long walks, long talks, sushi, needs a special female friend. Ex-Wall Street, now professional writer. Forty-something, 5’9”, fit and muscular, attractive. Creative, playful, irreverent, intense, affectionate, outgoing, smart. Thoroughly analyzed, self-aware, very flexible weekdays. Nonsmokers only please, photo appreciated.

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“Personals” Ads
New York Review of Books, 1/20/2000

BEAUTIFUL, LITHE WOMAN in mid-forties, rare blend of art and intellect, simplicity and elegance, financially and emotionally secure, seeks man equally at home in the world, who knows himself enough to know a good thing when he finds it.

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Person Perception

Bruner & Tagiuri (1954)

- Persons as Objects of Perception
- Influences on Perceptual Organization
 - Stimulus Array
 - Selective Attention
 - Linguistic Categories
 - Internal State of Perceiver
 - Mental Set
 - Emotional, Motivational Context

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Person Perception as Impression Formation

Asch (1946)


[O]rdinarily **our view of a person is highly unified**. Experience confronts us with a host of actions in others, following each other in relatively unordered succession. In contrast to this unceasing movement and change in our observations we emerge with a product of considerable order and stability.

Although he possesses many tendencies, capacities, and interests, **we form a view of one person, a view that embraces his entire being or as much of it as is accessible to us**. We bring his many-sided, complex aspects into some definite relations....

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Person Perception as Impression Formation

Asch (1946)



- How do we organize the various data of observation into a single, relatively unified impression?
- How do our impressions change with time and further experiences with the person?
- What effects in impressions do other psychological processes, such as needs, expectations, and established interpersonal relations, have?

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Competing Theories of Impression Formation

- Impression is the Sum of Independent Characteristics
- Impression is a Unified Perception
 - *Gestalt* which Represents Relations Among Characteristics
 - “The Whole is Greater than the Sum of Its Parts”

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The Impression-Formation Paradigm

- Study Trait Ensemble
 - Describing Some Target Person
- Provide Impression of Target
 - Free Description
 - Adjective Checklist
 - Rating Scales

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Asch's Experiment 1

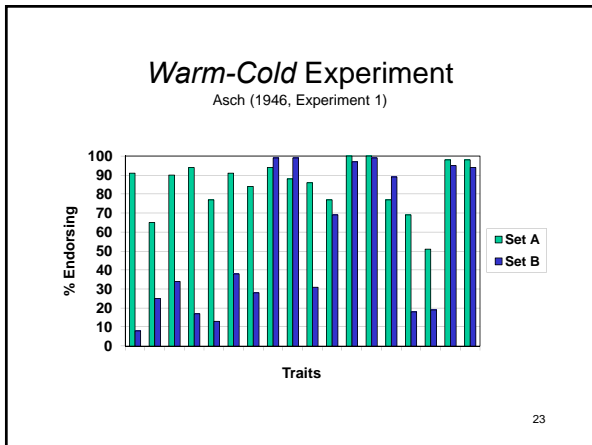
<u>Set A</u> intelligent skillful industrious <i>warm</i> determined practical cautious	<u>Set B</u> intelligent skillful industrious <i>cold</i> determined practical cautious
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Rating Scales

generous	humane
wise	good-looking
happy	persistent
good-natured	serious
humorous	restrained
sociable	altruistic
popular	imaginative
reliable	strong
important	honest

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Rating Scales

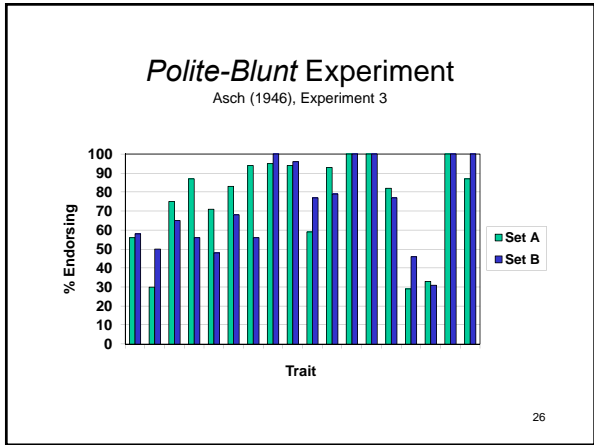
• generous*	• humane*
• wise*	• good-looking
• happy*	• persistent
• good-natured*	• serious
• humorous*	• restrained
• sociable*	• altruistic*
• popular*	• imaginative*
• reliable	• strong
• important	• honest

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Asch's Experiment 3

<u>Set A</u>	<u>Set B</u>
intelligent	intelligent
skillful	skillful
industrious	industrious
<i>polite</i>	<i>blunt</i>
determined	determined
practical	practical
cautious	cautious

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Central Traits

- Qualities that, When Changed, Alter the Entire Impression of a Person
- Not "Halo Effect" (Thurstone)
 - Not Undifferentiated
- Change of Meaning Hypothesis
 - Environmental Surround Changes Meaning of Individual Elements
 - Central Traits Alter Meaning of Other Traits

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**Examples of
Central and Peripheral Traits**

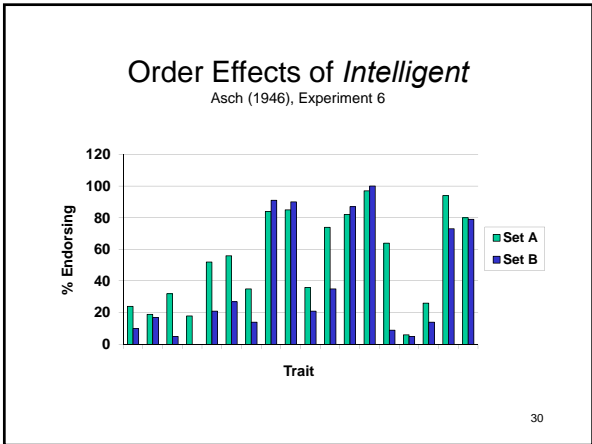
<u>Central</u> Warm - Cold Intelligent - Unintelligent	<u>Peripheral</u> Polite-Blunt
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**Order Effects
in Impression Formation**

<u>Set A</u> <i>intelligent</i> industrious impulsive critical stubborn envious	<u>Set B</u> envious stubborn critical impulsive industrious <i>intelligent</i>
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Order Effects

- Initial Terms Set Up a Directed Impression
- Later Terms Interpreted Through “First Impression”
- Renders Perception Stable

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Features of Impression Formation

Asch (1946)

- Order Effects
- Central vs. Peripheral Traits

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What Makes a Trait Central?

Wishner (1960)

- Central Traits Carry More Information Than Peripheral Traits
 - Convey More Implications for Unobserved Features
- Change in Central Trait Implies Change in Many Other Traits

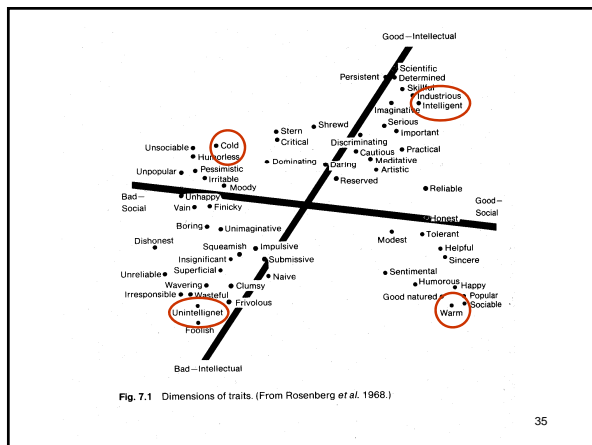
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Rosenberg's Reanalysis

Rosenberg et al. (1968); Rosenberg & Sedlak (1972)

- Factor Analysis of Trait Ratings
- Hierarchical Structure
 - Primary Traits
 - Secondary Traits
 - Tertiary Traits
- Superfactors in Personality Ratings
 - Social Good-Bad
 - Intellectual Good-Bad

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Fiske's Restatement

Fiske et al. (2007)

	Warm	Cold
Competent	"Our IN group" "Us", as opposed to "Them"	"Objects of Envy" Jews Asians "The 1%" Female Professionals
Incompetent	"Mean Well" Elderly Disabled Mentally Ill	"Society's Outcasts" Poor Homeless Substance Abusers

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What Makes a Trait Central?

Rosenberg et al. (1968)

- Load Highly on Superordinate Factors
 - Intellectual, Social Good/Bad
- Carry More Information than Other Traits
 - More Implications for Unobserved Features
- Context Matters
 - Selection of Rating Scales

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Five-Factor Model: A Better Fit?

Goldberg (1981)

- Neuroticism
 - Extraversion
 - Agreeableness
 - Conscientiousness
 - Openness to Experience
- A Universal Structure of Personality (?)*
Encoded in Language
Valid Across Cultures
Valid Across Generations, Developmental Epochs

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The “Big Five” Blind Date Questions

- Is s/he Outgoing?
- Is s/he Crazy?
- Is s/he Friendly?
- Is s/he Reliable?
- Is s/he Interesting?

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Markers of the Big Five

Norman (1963)

- **Extroversion (Surgency)**
 - Talkative-Silent
 - Frank, Open-Secretive
 - Adventurous-Cautious
 - Sociable-Reclusive
- **Agreeableness**
 - Goodnatured-Irritable
 - Not Jealous-Jealous
 - Mild, Gentle-Headstrong
 - Cooperative-Negativistic
- **Conscientiousness**
 - Fussy, Tidy-Careless
 - Responsible-Undependable
 - Scrupulous-Unscrupulous
 - Persevering-Quitting, Fickle
- **Emotional Stability**
 - Poised-Nervous, Tense
 - Calm-Anxious
 - Composed-Excitable
 - Not Hypochondriacal-Hypochondriacal
- **Culture**
 - Artistically Sensitive-Artistically Insensitive
 - Intellectual-Unreflective, Narrow
 - Polished, Refined-Crude, Boorish
 - Imaginative-Simple, Direct

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Average Factor Loadings: A Priori Markers of the Big Five

Norman (1963); Passini & Norman (1968)

Factor	Study		
	Norman (1963) Sample C ^a	Norman (1963) Sample D ^b	Passini & Norman (1968) ^c
Extroversion	.83	.85	.75
Agreeableness	.75	.77	.67
Conscientiousness	.74	.39	.63
Emotional Stability	.70	.69	.62
Culture	.66	.68	.58

Note: Values are Unweighted Averages

^aFraternity Members ^bDormitory Members ^cStrangers

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Perceiving Objects and Their States

- **Nonsocial Domain**
 - Form
 - Location
 - Motion
- **Social Domain**
 - Traits
 - Emotions
 - Motives
 - Behaviors

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Stimulus Information in Perception

- Nonsocial Domain
 - Energy Radiating from Distal Stimulus
 - Impinging on Sensory Receptors
- Social Domain
 - Linguistic Description
 - Appearance
 - Behavior

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Person Perception vs. Impression Formation

- Traits as Linguistic Representations
 - Persons
 - Behavior

What *Physical* Features of the Stimulus Give Rise to Language-Based Impressions?

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The Ecological View of Social Perception



Baron (1980); McArthur & Baron (1983)
after Gibson (1959, 1979)



All the Information Needed for Social Perception is Provided by the Stimulus Field


No Need for "Higher" Cognitive Processes
No Need for Implicit Theories of Personality

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 **Stimulus Information in Social Perception**
Baron (1980); McArthur & Baron (1983) 



- Facial Expressions
- Bodily Orientation, Movement, Posture
- Vocal Cues
- Interpersonal Distance
- Eye Contact, Touching
- Physical Appearance, Dress
- Local Behavioral Environment
 - Aspects of Situation Under Target's Control

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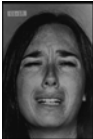


 **Facial Expressions of Emotion**
Ekman & Friesen (1975)

- Verbal vs. Nonverbal Communication
- Detection of Deception
 - “Leakage” of Nonverbal Cues
- C. Darwin
 - *The Expression of the Emotions in Men and Animals* (1872)
- Expression Implies Perception

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 **Basic Emotions**
Ekman (2003)
Ekman & Friesen (1975); Ekman (1975) 

Joy
Sadness
Fear
Anger
Surprise
Disgust

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Facial Cues to Happiness

After Tomkins (1962), Ekman & Friesen (1975)

- Smile
- Showing Teeth(?)



Facial Cues to Surprise

After Tomkins (1962), Ekman & Friesen (1975)

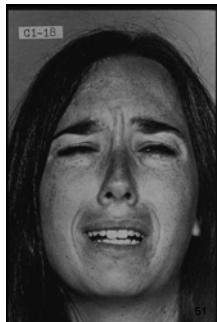
- Widening of Eyes
- Open Mouth



Facial Cues to Sadness

After Tomkins (1962), Ekman & Friesen (1975)

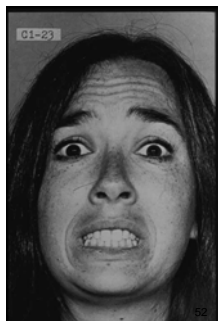
- Eyebrows Lowered
 - Esp., Outer Corners
- Mouth Closed
- Push Lower Lip Out



Facial Cues to Fear

After Tomkins (1962), Ekman & Friesen (1975)

- Eyebrows Raised
- Eyes Opened Wide
- Head Held Back
- Chin Tucked In
- Mouth Open



Facial Cues to Disgust

After Tomkins (1962), Ekman & Friesen (1975)

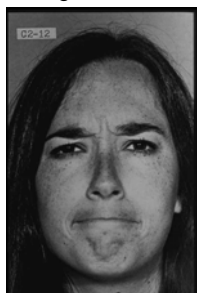
- Eyes Narrow, Squinting
- Upper Lip Raised
- Nostrils Flair



Facial Cues to Anger

After Tomkins (1962), Ekman & Friesen (1975)

- Eyebrows Drawn Down and Together
- Raise Upper Eyelid
- Press Lips Together
- Push Lower Lip Up
- Contract Jaw Muscles

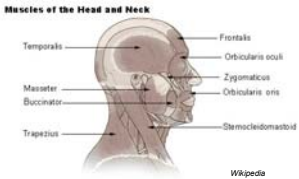


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Facial Action Coding System

Ekman & Friesen (1978); Hager, Ekman, & Friesen (2002), after Hjortsjo (1970)

- 66 Coding Categories
- Muscle Action Units
 - Inner Brow Raiser
 - Lip Corner Puller
 - Jaw Clencher
- Action Descriptors
 - Tongue Out
 - Lip Wipe
 - Head Back



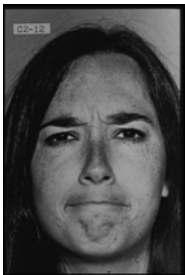
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Muscle Actions for Anger

Ekman & Friesen (1975)


- Eyebrows Drawn Down and Together
 - *Depressor glabellae*
 - *Depressor supercilii*
 - *Corrugator*
- Raise Upper Eyelid
 - *Levator palpebrae superioris*
- Press Lips Together
 - *Orbicularis oris*
- Push Lower Lip Up
 - *Mentalis*
- Contract Jaw Muscles
 - *Buccinator*



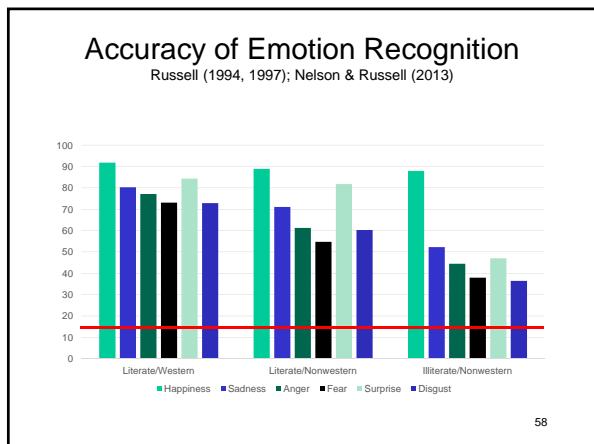
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Two Kinds of Smile

- “Duchenne Smile”
 - Genuine, Involuntary
 - *Orbicularis oculi*
 - *Zygomaticus major*
- “Pan-American Smile”
 - Polite, Voluntary
 - *Zygomaticus major* only



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- ### The Universality Thesis...
- Duchenne (1872); Darwin (1872);
Tomkins (1962); Izard (1971); Ekman (1972); Shariff & Tracy (2011)
- Facial Expressions of Basic Emotions are Universally Recognized
 - Product of Our Evolutionary Heritage
 - Innate
 - Shared with Some Nonhumans (esp. Primates)
 - Product of “Bottom-Up” Processing
 - Direct, Automatic Readout from Facial Musculature
 - Invariant Across Culture
 - Contact with Western Culture; Literacy, Development
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- ### ...and Its Discontents
- Barrett (2011); Hassin et al. (2013); Nelson & Russell (2013)
- Accuracy Not Constant Across Emotions
 - Context is Important
 - Background
 - Bodily Posture
 - Methodological Issues
 - Posed vs. Spontaneous
 - Presentation of Multiple Expressions
 - Within-Subjects Design
 - Forced-Choice vs. Free-Response Format
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Detection of Deception

DePaulo et al. (1996)

- Lying a Common Feature of Social Interaction
 - Lies Occur on a Daily Basis (1-2/Day)
 - College Students: 1/3 of Social Interactions
 - Community Sample: 1/5 of Social Interactions
- Typical Lie is Trivial
 - Self-Oriented
 - Enhance Socially Desirable Traits
 - Escape Punishment
 - Other-Oriented
 - Protect Feelings of Others
 - Protect Relationships



Lie-Detection Accuracy

Ekman & O'Sullivan (1991)



- Detection of Deception Measure
 - 10 1-Second Interview Segments
 - Half Truth-Telling, Half Lying
- Full Head-On View of Face and Body
- Target Describes Positive Emotions
 - Ostensibly Viewing a Nature Scene
 - Half of Targets Viewing Gruesome Scene
- Can Subjects Tell Who is Lying?

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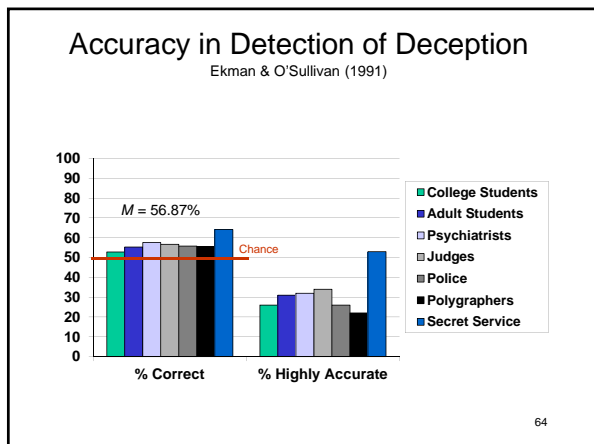
Lie-Detection Accuracy


Ekman & O'Sullivan (1991)



- College Students
- Adult Extension Students
- Psychiatrists
- Judges
- Robbery Investigators
- Federal Polygraphers
- Secret Service Agents


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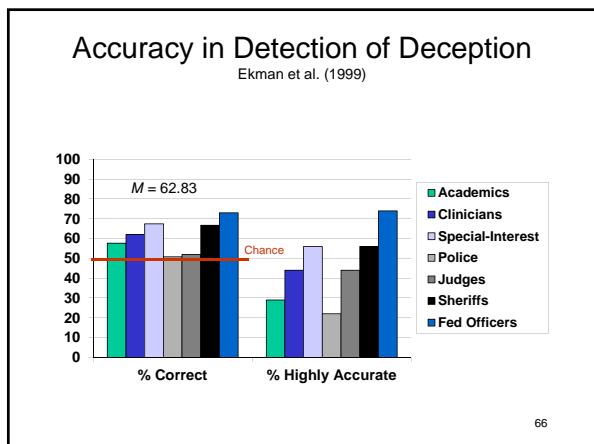
Lie-Detection Accuracy Revisited


Ekman et al. (1999)



- Academic Psychologists
- Clinical Psychologists
- “Special Interest” Psychologists
- Law-Enforcement Officers
- Federal Judges
- Sheriffs
- Federal Officers (mostly CIA)


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How To Tell a Liar

Ekman & O'Sullivan (1991); Ekman et al. (1999)




- “Leakage” Through Nonverbal Cues
 - Facial
 - “Duchenne” Smiles When Telling Truth
 - “Pan-American” Smiles When Lying
 - Vocal
 - Increase in Fundamental Pitch
- Detected through Special Means
 - Trained Coders, Computer-Based Measures
- Can Also Be Picked Up in Real Time

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Problems with “Accuracy”


- Only Takes Correct Responses into Account
 - True Positives, True Negatives
- Doesn't Take Errors into Account
 - False Positives, False Negatives
- Precision (Positive Predictive Value)
 - $PPV = TP / (TP + FP)$
- Sensitivity (True Positive Rate)
 - $S = TP / (TP + FN)$

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Signal-Detection Theory

Green & Swets (1966), after Tanner & Swets (1954)



- Discriminate between “Signal” and “Noise”
- Components of Decision
 - Sensitivity (Information) – d' , A'
 - Bias-Free
 - Bias (Criterion) – β , C , B'
 - Expectation
 - Motivation

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The Signal Detection Paradigm

Green & Swets (1966)

<u>Response</u>	<u>Signal</u>	
	On	Off <i>(Catch Trials)</i>
"Yes"	HIT	FALSE ALARM
"No"	MISS	Correct Rejection

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Lie Detection as Signal Detection

<i>Judgment</i>	<i>Target</i>	
	Lying	Not Lying
Lying	HIT	FALSE ALARM
Not Lying	MISS	CORRECT REJECTION

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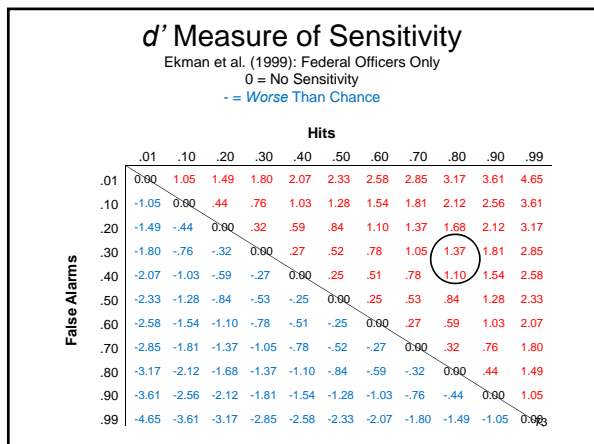
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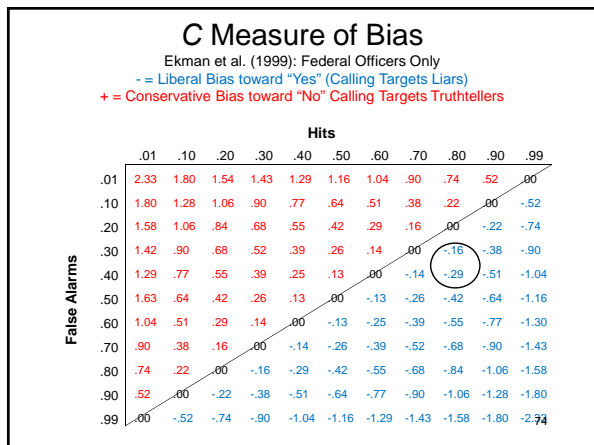
Federal Officers
Ekman et al. (1999)

<i>Judgment</i>	<i>Target</i>	
	Lying	Not Lying
Lying	80.0	33.9
Not Lying	20.0	66.1

$d' = 1.257 \quad C = -.21$

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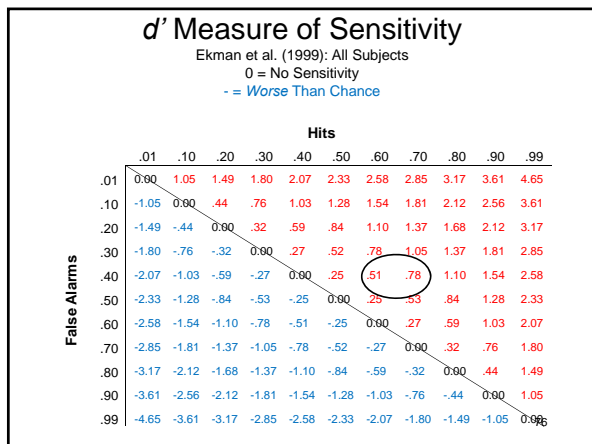


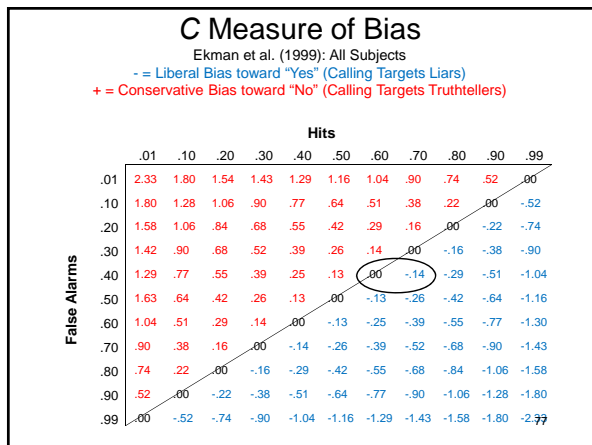
Signal-Detection Analysis:

All Subjects
Ekman et al. (1999)

Judgment	Target	
	Lying	Not Lying
Lying	65.5	39.9
Not Lying	34.5	60.1

$d' = .66$ $C = -.07$



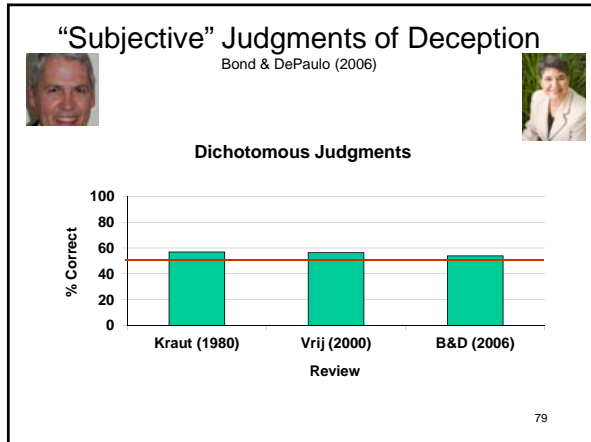


The Problem of Representativeness

- Detection of Deception Measure (DDM)
 - 10 of 31 Targets Who Leaked Cues (32%)
 - 21 of 31 Targets Did Not Leak (68%)
- DDM Measures Lie-Detecting Ability
 - *When Cues to Lying are Available in the Stimulus*
- But Cues to Lying are Not Always Present
 - Or Even Particularly Often!

The Problem with Lie-Detection:
Not that People Are Bad Lie Detectors
People Are Good Liars!

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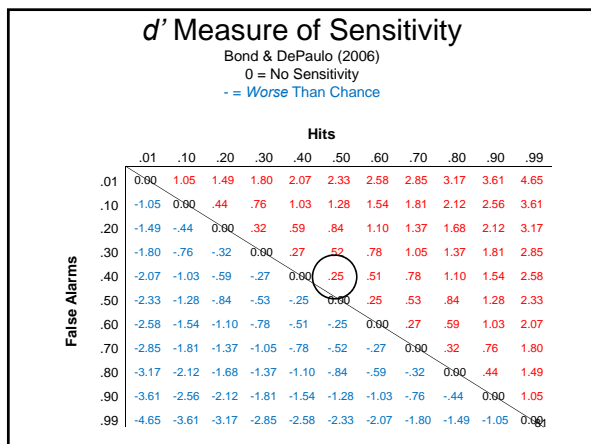
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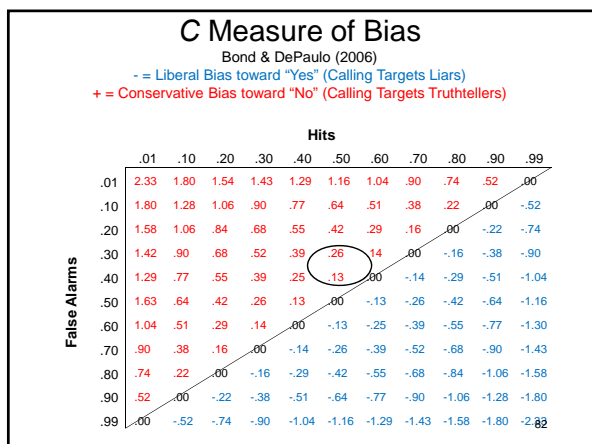
384 Samples, $N = 24,483$
Bond & DePaulo (2006)


Judgment	Target	
	Lying	Not Lying
Lying	47	39
Not Lying	53	61

$d' = .20$ $C = .18$

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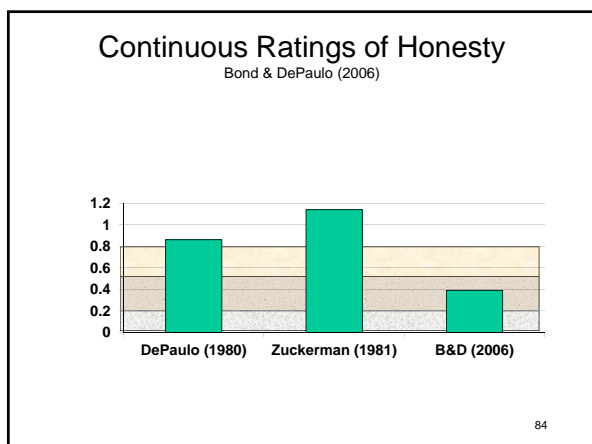
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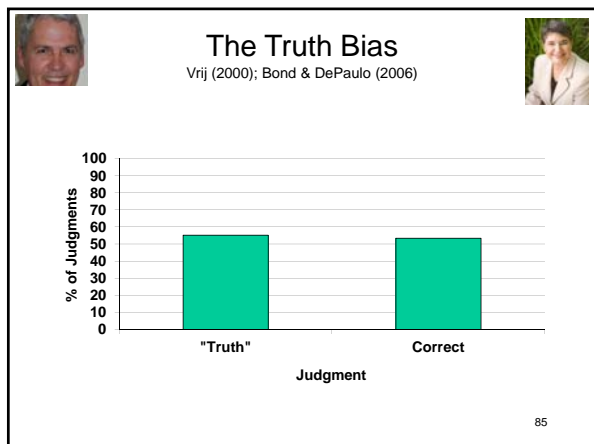
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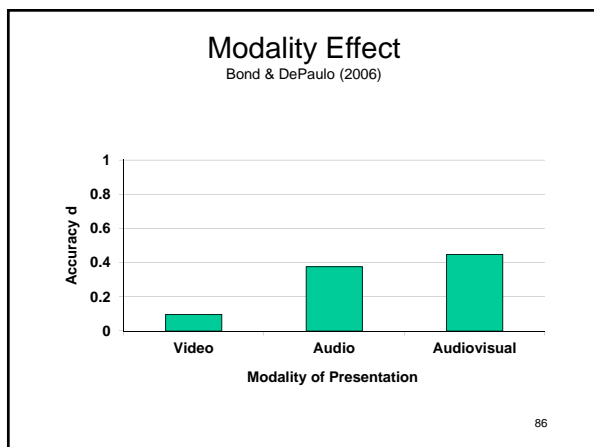


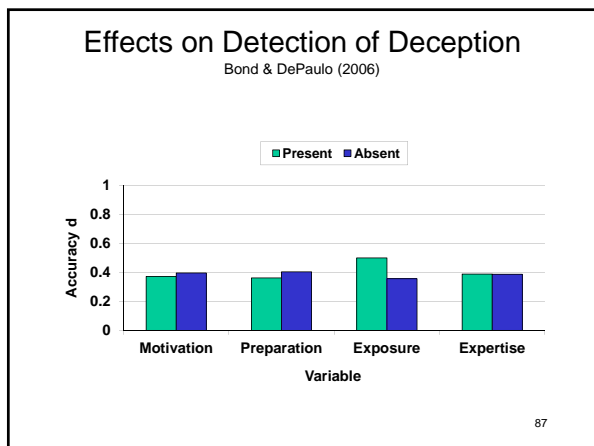
- Scale (Dichotomous vs. Continuous)
- Modality (Auditory, Visual, Both)
- Motivation to be Believed
- Preparation for Deception
- Receiver's Prior Exposure to Sender
- Exposure (Receiver vs. 3rd Party)
- Receiver Expertise

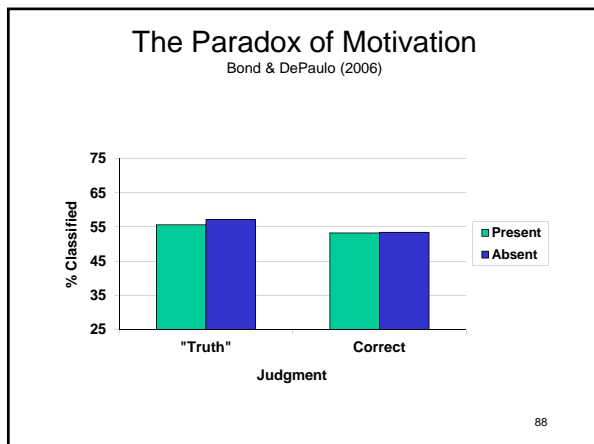
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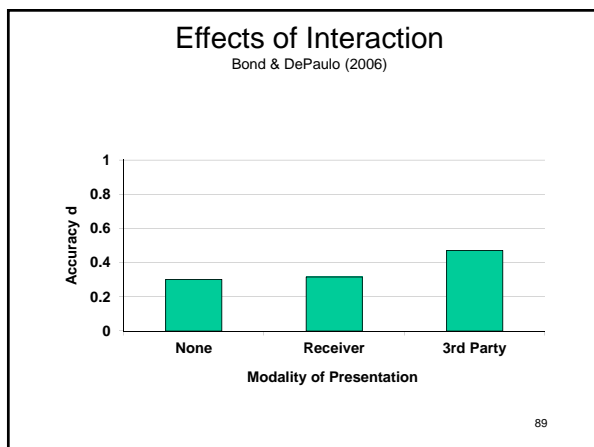














- ### Subjective Judgments of Deception
- Bond & DePaulo (2006)
- Accuracy Barely Better than Chance
 - But Moderate Effect Size
 - Audible Lies More Detectable
 - Face is a Poor Cue
 - Gesture Largely Unstudied
 - Paradox of Motivation
 - Social Interaction
 - Onlookers vs. Receivers
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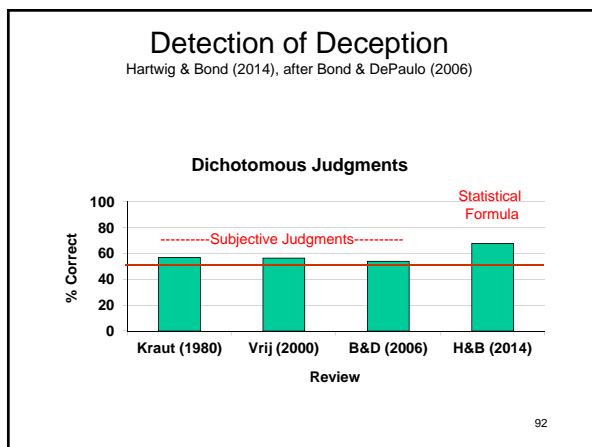
Objective Lie-Detection

Hartwig & Bond (2014)



- “Lies are Barely Evident in Behavior”
 - True for Human Lie-Detectors
 - What About Statistical Algorithms?
- New Meta-Analysis
 - 144 Samples, 9,411 “Senders”
 - Number of Cues: 2-255
 - Visible
 - Written
 - Speech Content
 - Vocal
 - Impression

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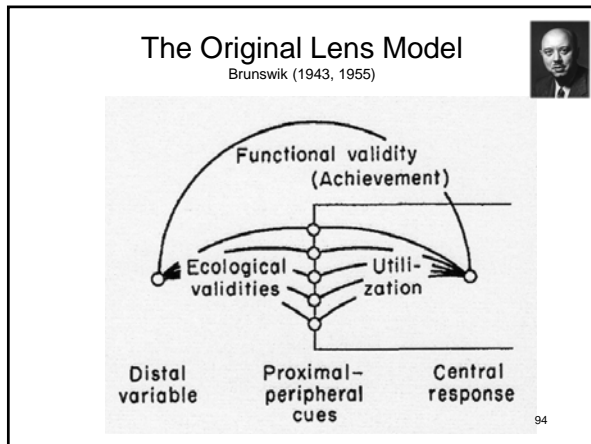
Clinical vs. Statistical Prediction

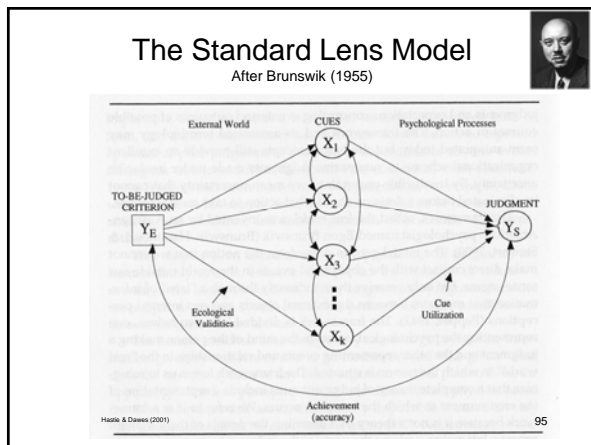
Hartwig & Bond (2014), after Meehl (1954)

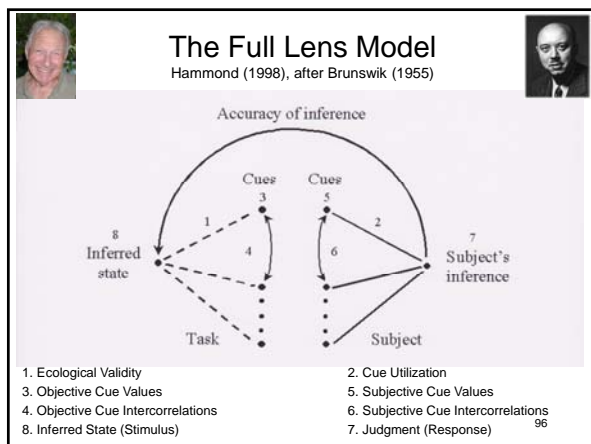
- Detection by Explicit Judgment
 - Barely Above Chance (54%)
- Detection by Statistical Algorithm
 - Multiple Regression → Substantial Improvement (68%)
- Highly Stable Across Conditions
 - Liar’s Demographic Background
 - Motivation to Lie
 - Social Setting
 - Deception Medium
 - Affective State
 - Content of Lie

“Signals of deception are manifested in constellations rather than single cues”

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Cues to Deception

DePaulo et al. (2003); Hartwig & Bond (2011)

- 116 Papers, 120 Samples, 1,338 Effect Sizes
- 158 Cues to Deception in “Ordinary Lies”
 - Less Forthcoming
 - Less Compelling
 - Less Positive/Pleasant
 - More Tense
 - Fewer Imperfections

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Cues to Judgments of Deception

Hartwig & Bond (2011)

- Cues to Perceived Deception ($r > .40$)
 - Internal Inconsistencies/Discrepancies
 - Fidgeting
 - Statements Seem Planned/Rehearsed
 - Uncertainty, Insecurity, Lack of Assertiveness
 - Indifference
- Cues to Perceived Truthtelling ($r > -.40$)
 - Competence
 - Embedding Events in Spatial/Temporal Context
 - Realistic
 - Plausibility
 - Pleasant Face

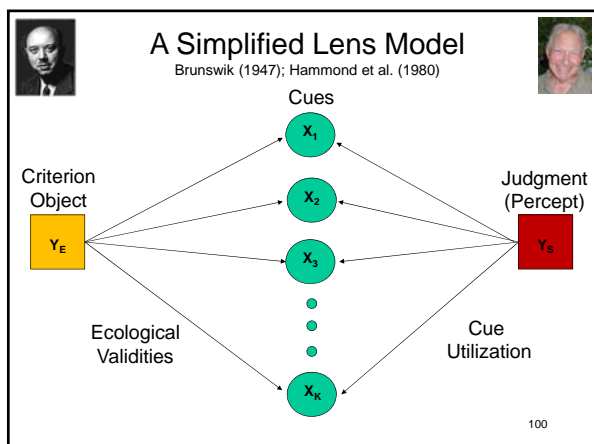
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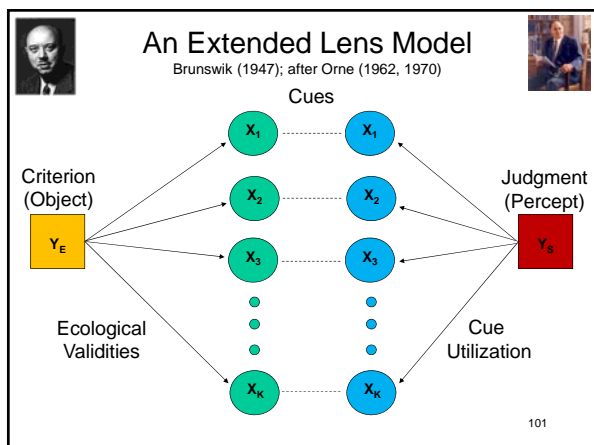
Cues to Actual Deception

Hartwig & Bond (2011)

- Cues to Actual Deception ($r > .19$)
 - Indifference
 - Thinking Hard
 - Internally Inconsistent/Discrepant
 - Statement Seems Planned/Rehearsed
 - Miscellaneous Speech Disturbances
- Cues to Actual Truthtelling ($r > -.20$)
 - Cooperativeness
 - Vocal Impressions of Directness
 - Sensory Information
 - Embedding Events in Spatial/Temporal Context
 - Number of Behavioral Segments

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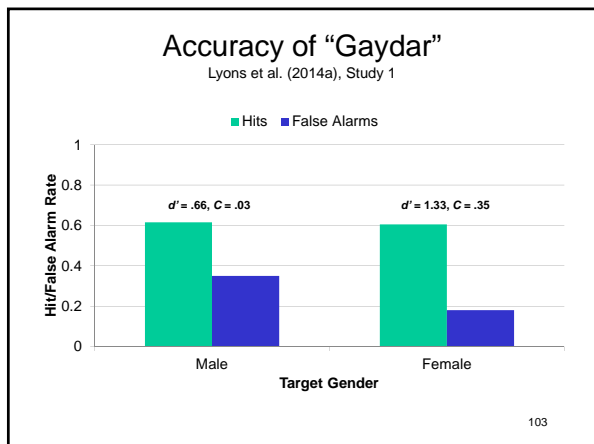


Accuracy of "Gaydar" in Women

Lyons et al. (2014a)

- Perceivers: Women
 - Self-Identified Straight/Gay
- Targets: Headshots
 - Men/Women
- Conducted via Internet
- Classify Target as Homosexual/Heterosexual

The diagram includes four small headshots of targets: two women and two men. A small portrait of Lyons et al. is in the top left corner.

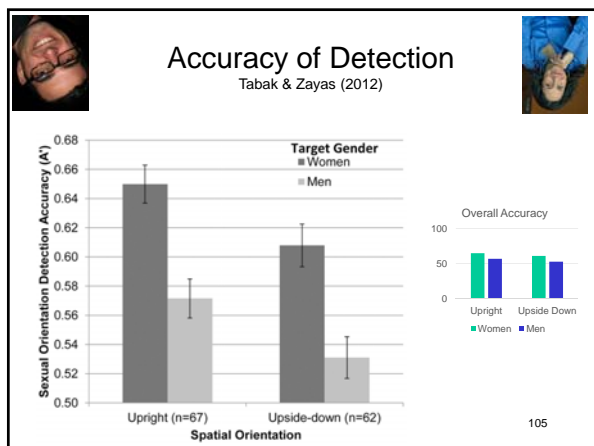


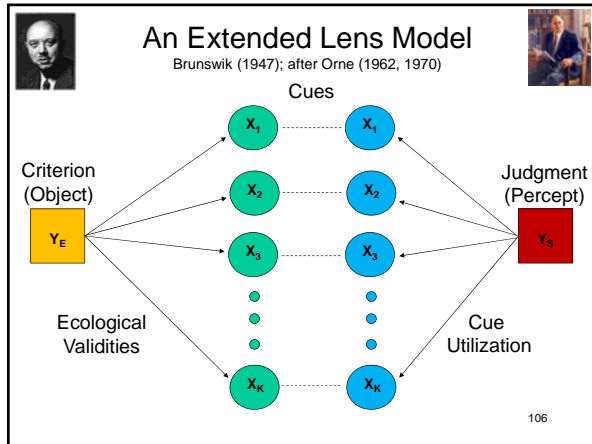
Featural and Configural Face Processing

Tabak & Zayas (2012)

- Perceivers: College Women
 - Unknown Sexual Orientation
- Gay/Straight Male/Female Targets
 - Self-Identified on Facebook
 - Faces Only
 - Upright
 - Permits Featural and Configural Processing *
 - Upside-Down
 - Impairs Configural Processing

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- ### The Problem of Base-Rate Fallacy
- Kahneman & Tversky (1974)
- People Tend to Ignore Base Rates When Making Judgments
 - People in General
 - Truth-Tellers > Liars
 - Heterosexuals > Homosexuals
 - Error Likely When Base Rates Are Low
 - Oversample Target Group
 - Liars
 - Homosexuals
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Bayes' Theorem


Bayes (1763)

- What is the likelihood that something (A) is true, given the evidence (B)
 - Take Account of Baserates
 - Likelihood that A is True, regardless of B
 - Likelihood that B is True, regardless of A

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Elements of Bayes' Theorem

- $p(H|O)$
 - Updated Posterior Probability of H
 - Probability that a Hypothesis is True, Given Observation
- $p(O|H)$
 - Probability of Observation, Given Hypothesis
- $p(H)$
 - Prior Probability of Hypothesis, Before Observation
- $p(O)$
 - Prior Probability of Observation, Regardless of H



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Bayes' Theorem Restated

Hastie & Dawes (2001)

Posterior Probability that a Hypothesis (H) is True, Given Observation (O)
Probability of O, Given H
Prior Probability (Baserate) of H, Regardless of O
Prior Probability (Baserate) of O, Regardless of H

$$p(H|O) = \frac{p(O|H) * p(H)}{p(O)}$$

$$= \frac{p(O|H) * p(H)}{(p(O|H) * p(H)) + (p(O|-H) * p(-H))}$$

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Applying Bayes' Theorem to Gaydar

Ploderl (2014)

Cue	Reality
+ = Present	G = Gay
- = Absent	S = Straight
Assume: 5% Gay, 95% Straight	

$$p(G|+) = \frac{p(+|G) * p(G)}{p(+)}$$

$$= \frac{.65 * .05}{(.65 * .05) + (.20 * .95)} = .15$$

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Applying Bayes' Theorem to Lie-Detection

Data from Bond & DePaulo (2006)

Judgment	Reality
+ = Cue Present	L = Liar
- = Cue Absent	T = Truth teller
Assume: 50% Liars, 50% Truth tellers	

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(L|+) &= \frac{p(+|L) * p(L)}{p(+)} \\
 &= \frac{.47 * .50}{(.47 * .50) + (.39 * .50)} = .54
 \end{aligned}$$

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Applying Bayes' Theorem to Lie-Detection

Data from Bond & DePaulo (2006)

Judgment	Reality
+ = Cue Present	L = Liar
- = Cue Absent	T = Truth teller
Assume: 10% Liars, 90% Truth tellers	

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(L|+) &= \frac{p(+|L) * p(L)}{p(+)} \\
 &= \frac{.47 * .10}{(.47 * .10) + (.39 * .90)} = .12
 \end{aligned}$$

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Applying Bayes' Theorem to Lie-Detection

Data from Ekman et al. (1999)

Judgment	Reality
+ = Cue Present	L = Liar
- = Cue Absent	T = Truth teller
Assume: 10% Liars, 90% Truth tellers	

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(L|+) &= \frac{p(+|L) * p(L)}{p(+)} \\
 &= \frac{.80 * .11}{(.80 * .11) + (.34 * .89)} = .21
 \end{aligned}$$

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Applying Bayes' Theorem to Lie-Detection

Data from Ekman et al. (1999)

Judgment	Reality
+ = Cue Present	L = Liar
- = Cue Absent	T = Truth-teller

4 Hijackers Among 37 passengers on Flight 93

$$p(L|+) = \frac{p(+|L) * p(L)}{p(+)}$$

$$= \frac{.80 * .11}{(.80 * .11) + (.34 * .89)} = .23$$

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Applying Bayes' Theorem to Lie-Detection

Data from Ekman et al. (1999)

Judgment	Reality
+ = Cue Present	L = Liar
- = Cue Absent	T = Truth-teller

4 Hijackers among 82,000 Passengers in Newark on 9/11

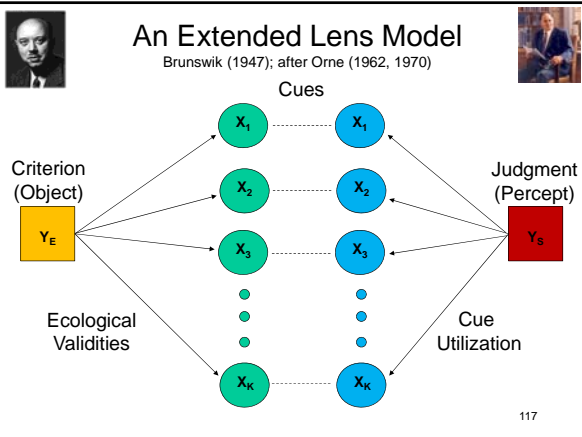
$$p(L|+) = \frac{p(+|L) * p(L)}{p(+)}$$

$$= \frac{.80 * .00005}{(.47 * .00005) + (.39 * .99995)} = .0001$$

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An Extended Lens Model

Brunswik (1947); after Orne (1962, 1970)



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Information for Perception

- **Information in the Stimulus**
 - Physical Features, Configuration
 - Linguistic Description
- **Information in the Context (Background)**
 - Broader than Gibsonian Construal
- **Knowledge in Memory**
 - Semantic, Procedural
 - Expectations
 - Beliefs

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