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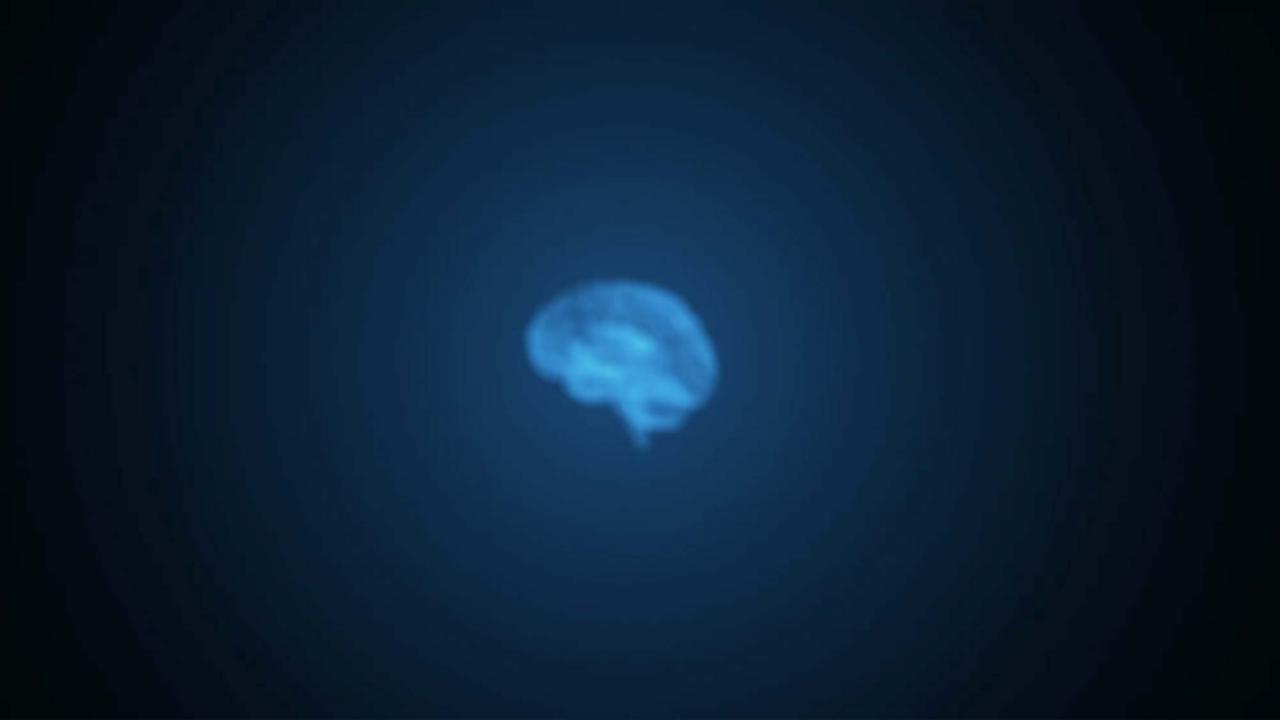




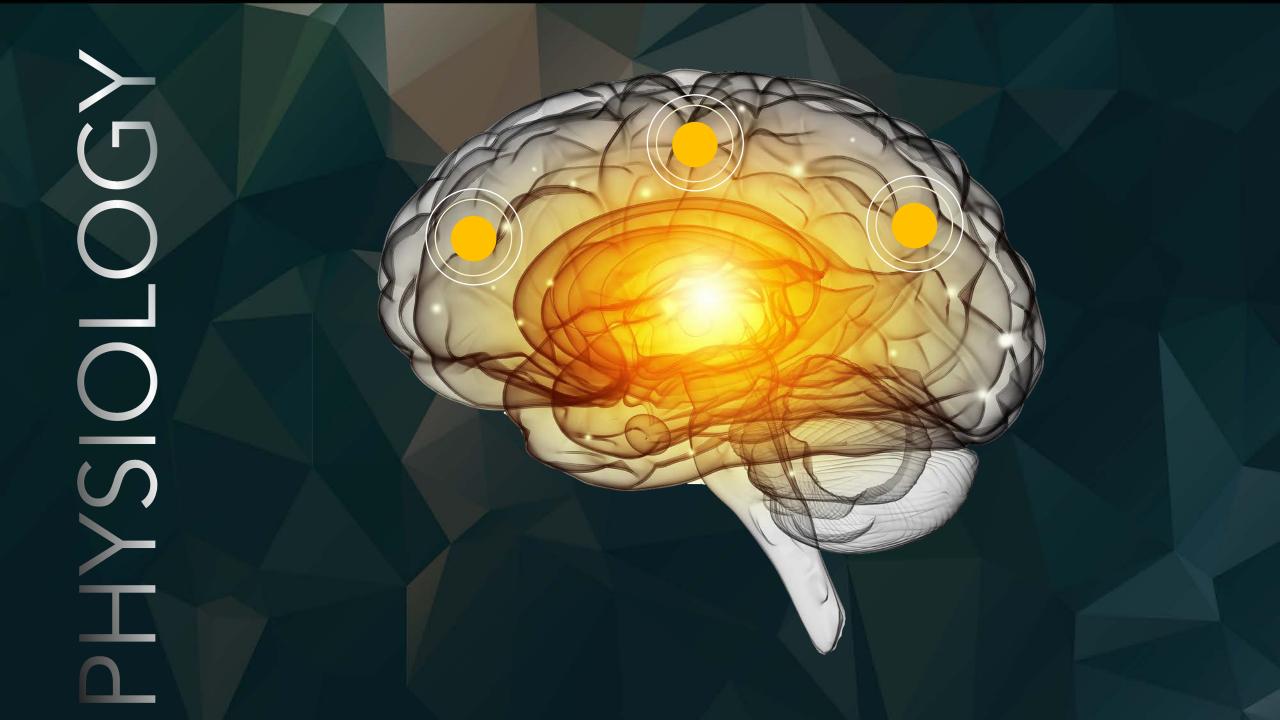


WHY do we help?











The dark side of empathy – "In groups" versus "Out groups"

VS

Inclusion

Empathy motivates us to protect and prioritize our blood ties and those with whom we identify. We want to avert destruction and avoid pain for our "in groups" because we experience their pain as if it were our own.

Exclusion

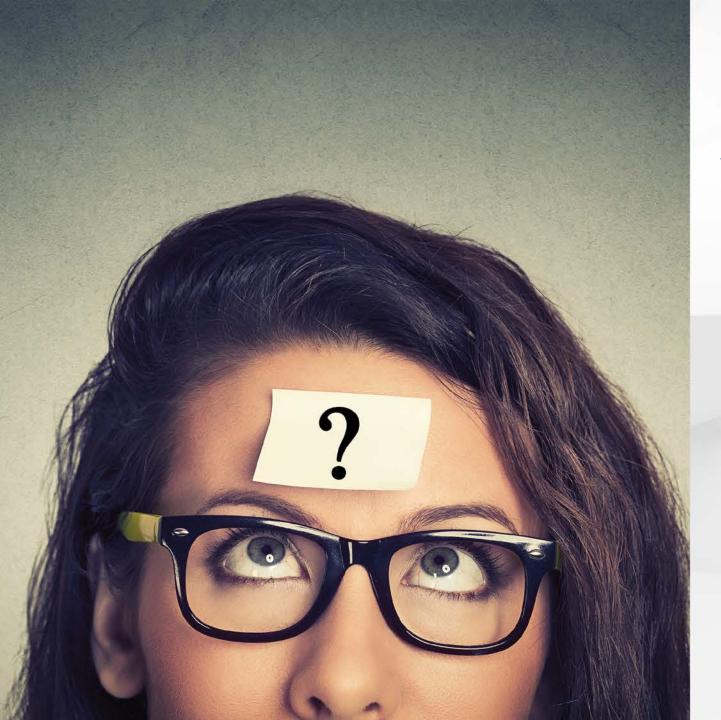
Because we have "in groups", we also have "out groups". The less experience we have with another group, the less we identify with them. If the worst comes to the worst, we protect "in groups" and objectify "out groups".



Starbucks: A Case Study

- A barista calls the police on two black men waiting for a friend.
- Starbucks responds with implicit bias training to help employees recognize subconscious racism.
- On May 29, 8000 stores closed to provide training to 175,000 employees aimed at "preventing discrimination in our stores."
- Is this response good enough?
- Information on its own does not change attitudes and behavior.
- So, what's the answer?





IMPLICT BIAS...

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

• IMPLICIT

Thoughts and feelings are "implicit" if we are unaware of them or mistaken about their nature.

BIAS

Rather than being neutral, we have a preference for (or aversion to) a person or group of people.





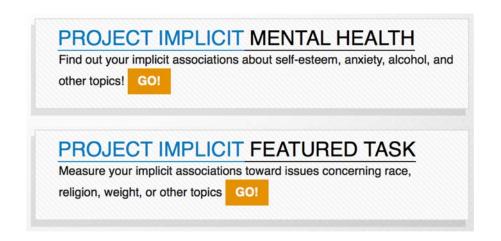


ACCORDING TO JACK GLASER, PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC POLICY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, "THE NATURE OF IMPLICIT BIAS IS SUCH THAT YOU CANNOT SUBJECTIVELY EXPERIENCE WHEN IT'S INFLUENCING YOU."

DR MAHZARIN BANAJI OF HARVARD, A RESEARCHER WHO DEVELOPED THE WIDELY USED <u>IMPLICIT ASSOCIATION</u>

TEST (IAT) WAS "DEEPLY EMBARRASSED" UPON SEEING THE TEST RESULTS AS SHE DISCOVERED THAT SHE HAD A PRO-WHITE BIAS (SHE HERSELF IS A DARK-SKINNED FEMALE).



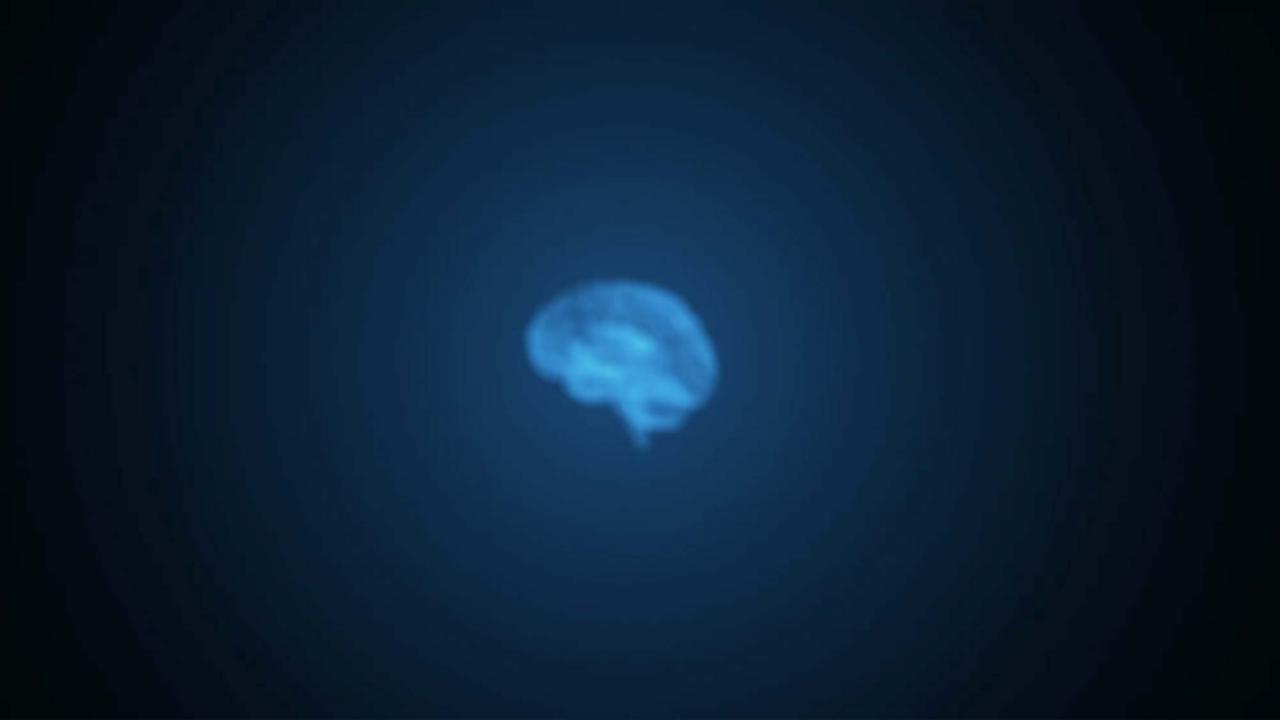


IMPLICIT OR UNCONSCIOUS BIAS "REFERS TO THE ATTITUDES OR STEREOTYPES THAT AFFECT OUR UNDERSTANDING, ACTIONS, AND DECISIONS IN AN UNCONSCIOUS MANNER.



THESE BIASES, WHICH ENCOMPASS BOTH FAVORABLE AND UNFAVORABLE ASSESSMENTS, ARE ACTIVATED INVOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT AN INDIVIDUAL'S AWARENESS OR INTENTIONAL CONTROL."





COGNITIVE BIAS CHEAT SHEET

BECAUSE THINKING IS HARD



1 TOO MUCH INFO

SO ONLY NOTICE ...

- CHANGES
- BIZARRENESS
- REPETITION
- CONFIRMATION



3 NOT ENOUGH TIME

SO ASSUME ...

- WE'RE RIGHT
- WE CAN DO THIS
- NEAREST THING IS BEST
- -FINISH WHAT'S STARTED
- KEEP OPTIONS OPEN
- EASIER IS BETTER



2 NOT ENOUGH MEANING

SO FILL IN GAPS WITH ...

- PATTERNS
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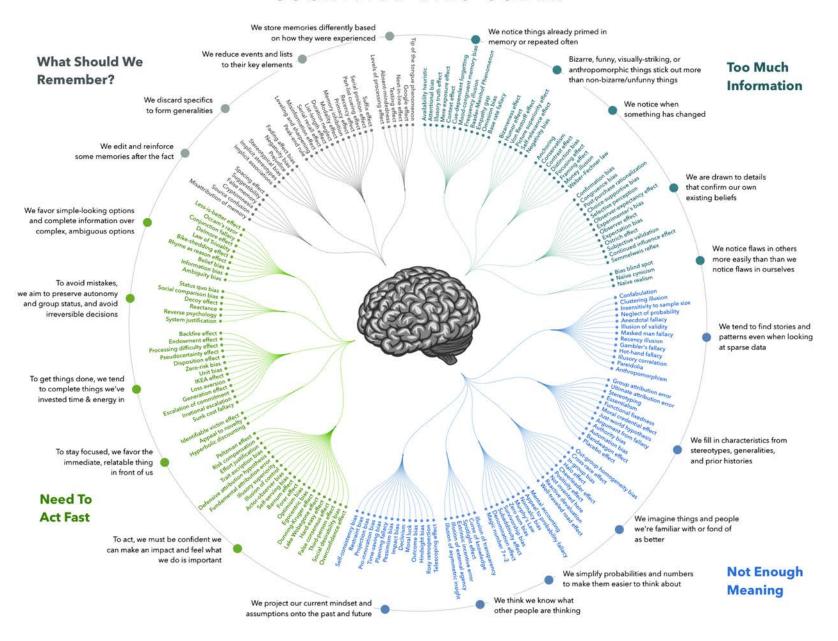


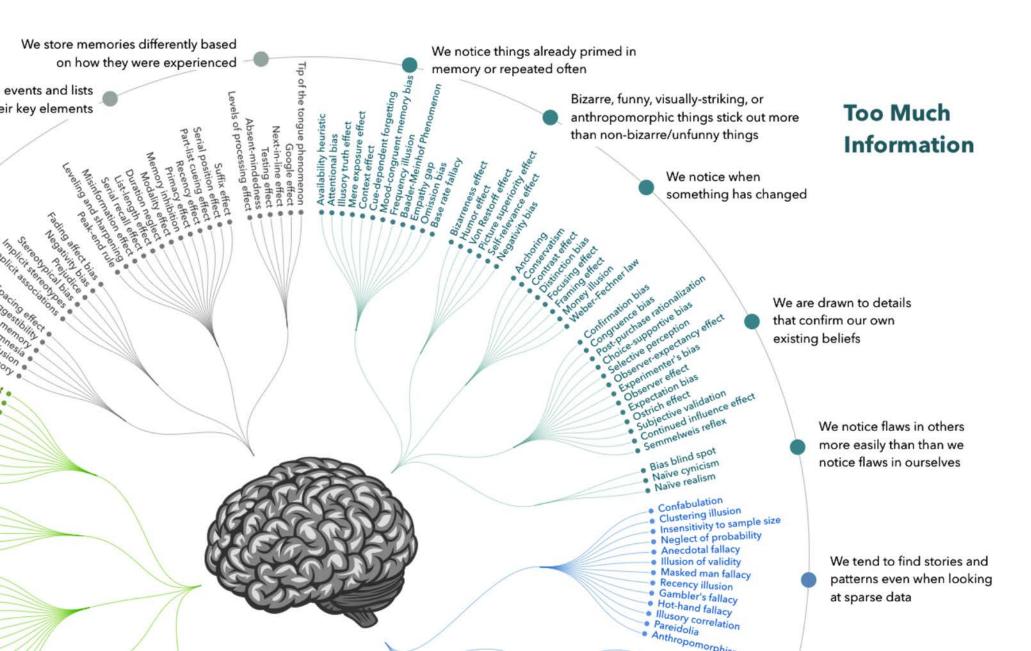
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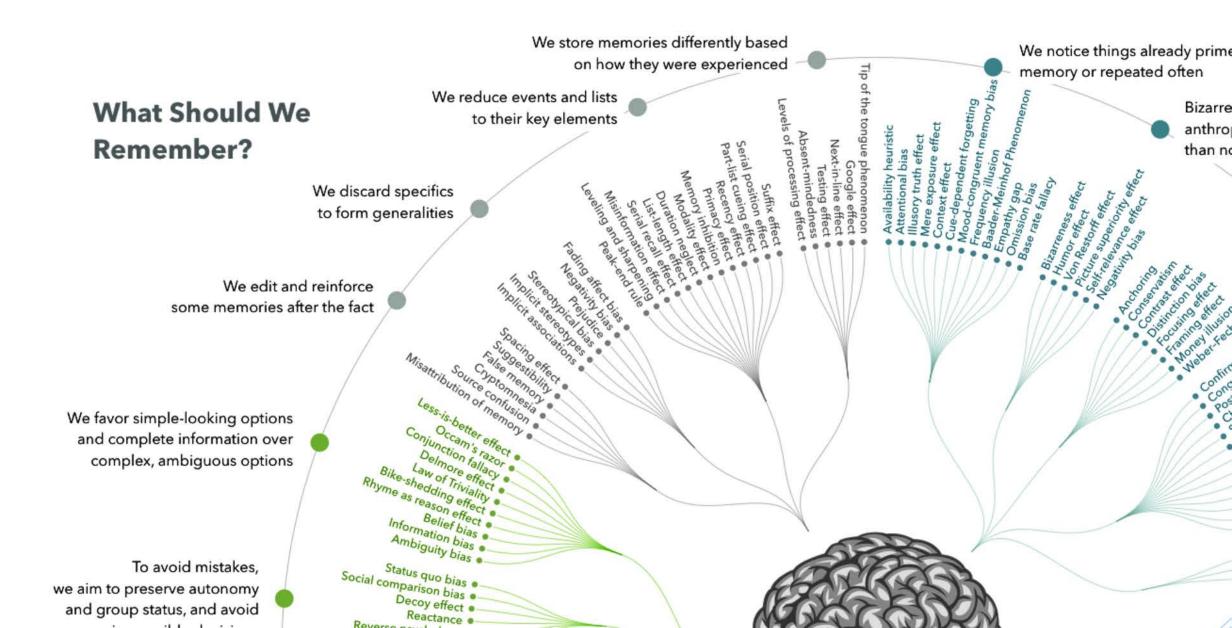
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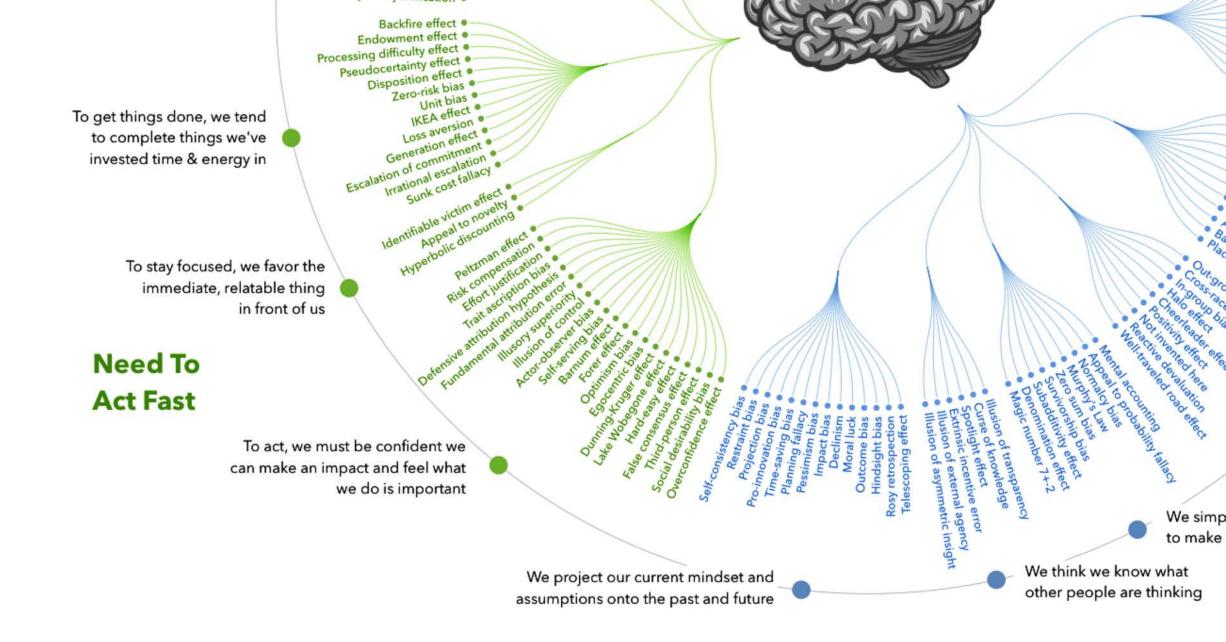
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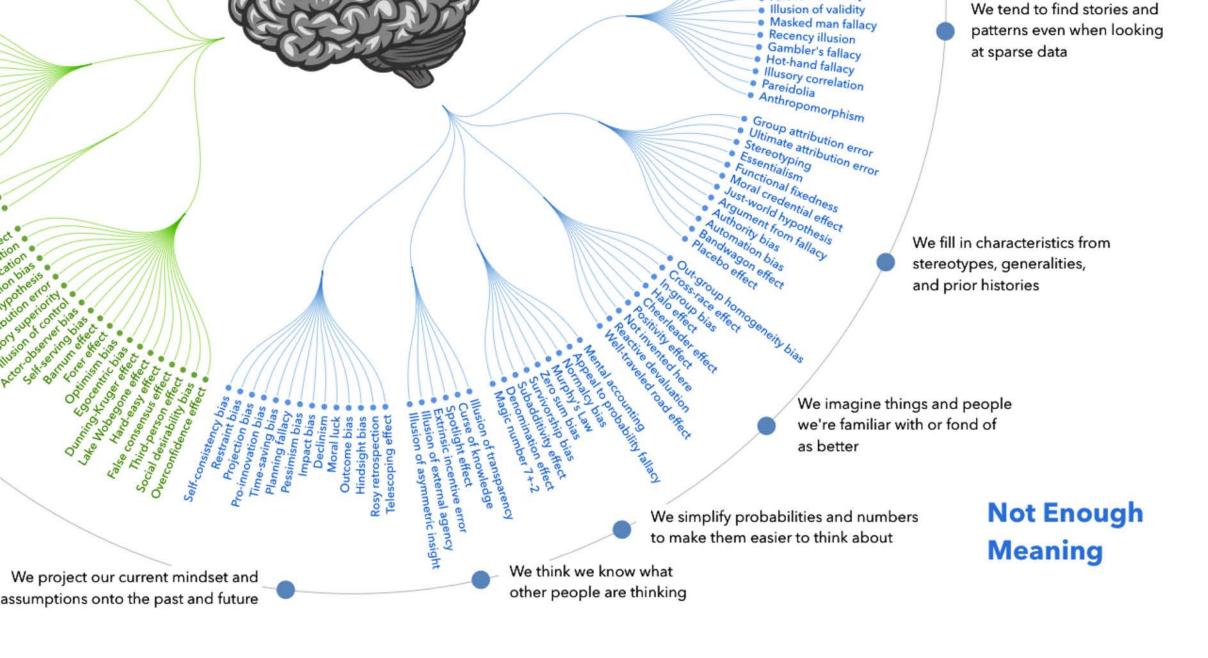
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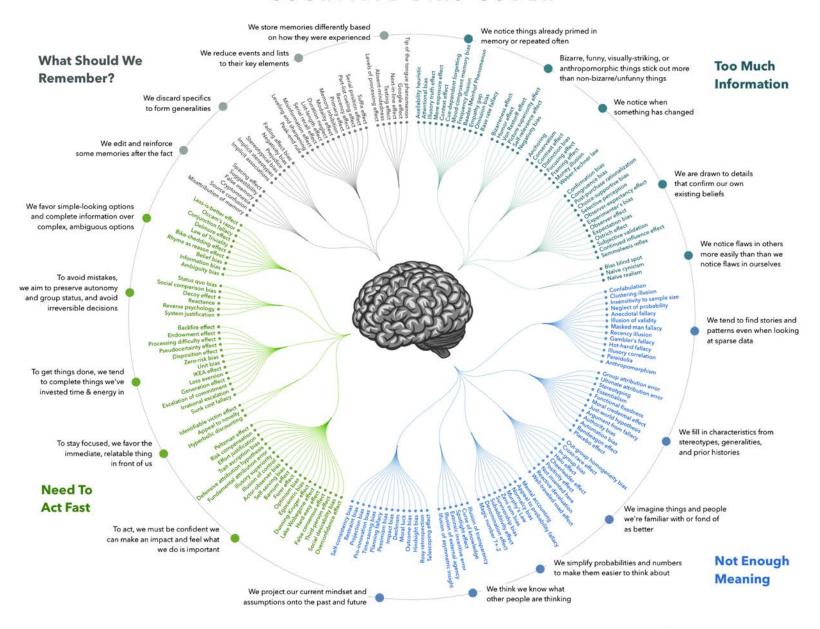












Why we get it wrong

We don't see everything. Some of the information we filter out is actually useful and important.

Our search for meaning can conjure illusions. We sometimes imagine details that were filled in by our assumptions, and construct meaning and stories that aren't really there.

Quick decisions can be seriously flawed. Some of the quick reactions and decisions we jump to are unfair, self-serving, and counter-productive.

Our memory reinforces errors. Some of the stuff we remember for later just makes all of the above systems more biased, and more damaging to our thought processes.

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i've heard the rhetoric from both sides... time to do my own research on the real truth

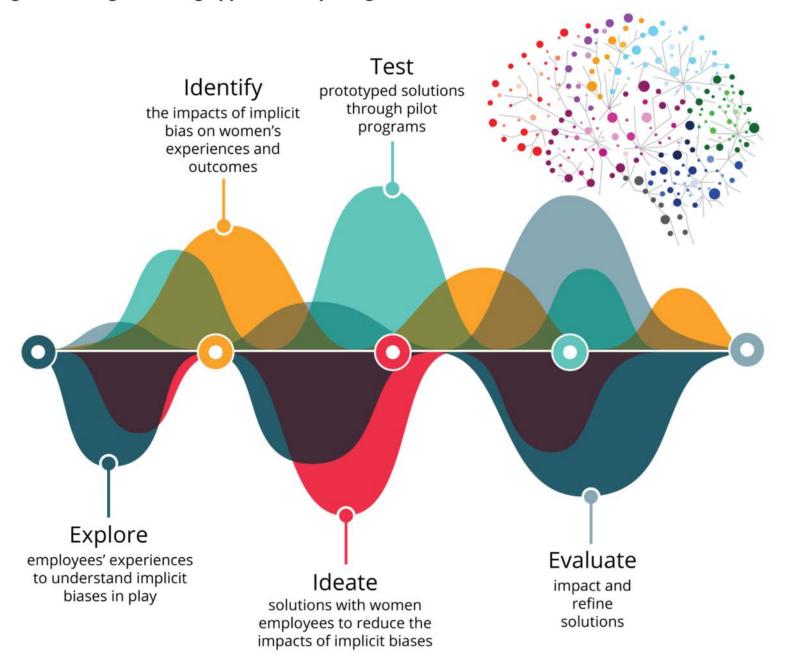




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Deloitte.

Figure 1. Design thinking applied to implicit gender bias





THE EIGHT POWERFUL TRUTHS

1.
DIVERSITY OF THINKING
IS THE NEW FRONTIER

2.
DIVERSITY WITHOUT
INCLUSION IS NOT ENOUGH

3.
INCLUSIVE LEADERS
CAST A LONG SHADOW

 $4. \,$ middle managers matter

5.
REWIRE THE SYSTEM
TO REWIRE BEHAVIORS

6.
TANGIBLE GOALS MAKE
AMBITIONS REAL

7.
MATCH THE INSIDE AND THE OUTSIDE

PERFORM A CULTURE RESET,
NOT A TICK-THE-BOX PROGRAM

FIGURE 2 | The case for an inclusive culture

Organizations with inclusive cultures are:



2x
as likely to meet or exceed financial targets



3X as likely to be high-performing



more likely to be innovative and agile



More likely to achieve better business outcomes

Source: Juliet Bourke, Which Two Heads Are Better Than One? How Diverse Teams Create Breakthrough Ideas and Make Smarter Decisions (Australian Institute of Company Directors, 2016).



Source: Based on Deloitte Australia's analysis of 105 leaders as assessed by 600 raters against the six signature traits of inclusive leadership and perceived performance outcomes.

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However, when it comes to behavior change, training is often only a scene-setter.

The more complete story is that, to change people's behavior organizations need to adjust the system. Why? First, biases can only be reduced rather than completely eliminated, and it is difficult to control biases that are unconscious.

Second, biases can be embedded into the system of work itself, causing suboptimal diversity outcomes. Strategies to rewire the system make it easier to tackle biases and create a more comprehensive and sustainable solution.

EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERING: What's the connection?

Unraveling implicit bias requires literally creating new neural pathways in our brains. This process is known as neuroplasticity whereby the brain's synaptic connections are constantly being removed or recreated. This is how we learn new behaviors and gain new skills.

Experiences where we interact with others against whom we carry unconscious bias is well documented as the only reliable strategy to change attitudes and behaviors in a lasting way.

Employee volunteering represents opportunities to create nonthreatening space in which to challenge preconceived notions about people and issues that may seem "different". It enables contact between in-groups and out-groups.



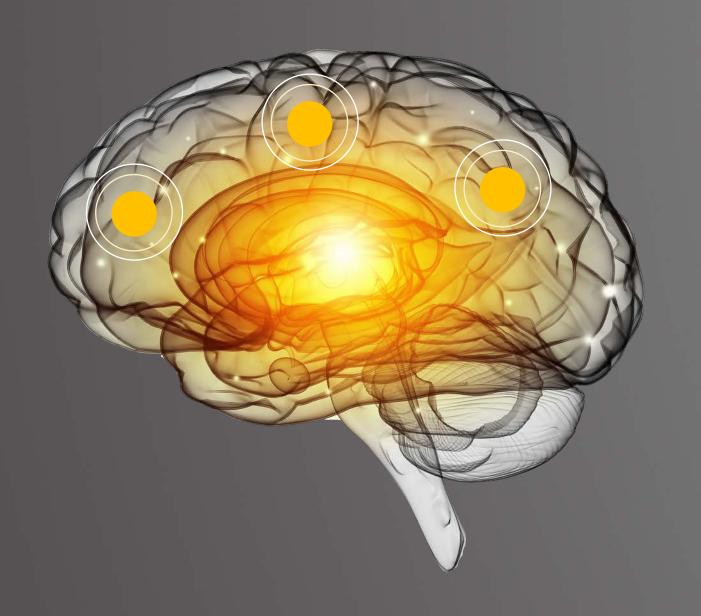


 Psychological - How I perceive myself in the world

 Convictional – What I believe to be true about the world

Behavioral – How I act in the world

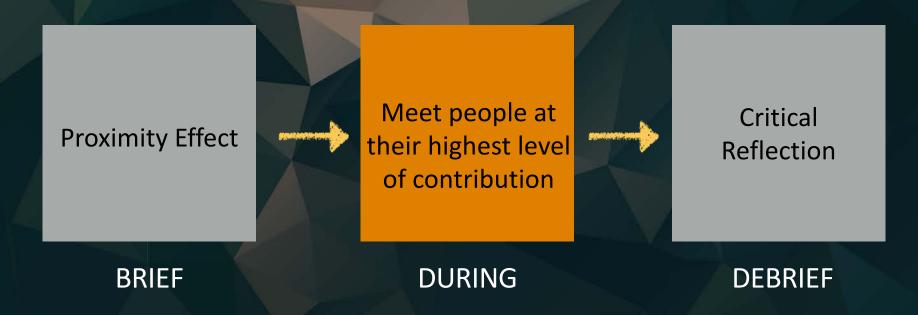
Transformative Learning Theory



ALERT. ORIENT. ACT.

New experiences can change preconscious reactions and shift implicit biases.

Frame the Experience



Keystone Behaviors

Each Event is Framed by 3 Keystone behaviors





Impact and the art of motivation maintenance:
The effects of contact with beneficiaries on persistence behavior

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EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERING: UNDERSTANDING THE VALUE

EXAMPLE: Call Centre

- Time on the phone up 142%
- Revenue up 171%
- A weekly average increase of \$503.22, up from \$185.94
- Effect with previous donors?411.74 grew to 2083.52
- One Week with 23 callers -INCREASE of \$38,451

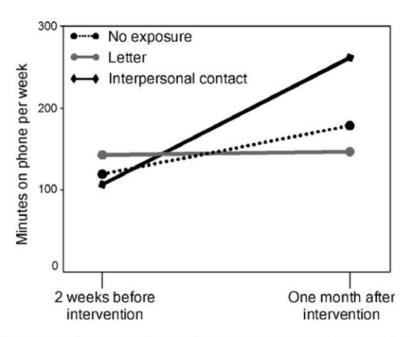
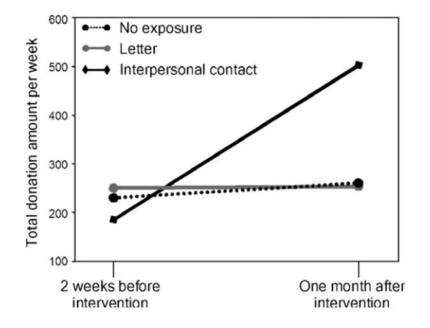


Fig. 1. Experiment 1 caller persistence pre- and post-intervention.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Provide the mechanisms:

TRAINING

What do you want them to do and how do you want them to do it?

RESOURCES

Where can they access checklists, scripts, templates, and research?

SUPPORT

Who is their community of support and how can they access them?





Voyager is an online learning platform resulting in *Transformative Agency* across your employee volunteering program.

With Voyager, practitioners can focus on strategy and innovation while leveraging the platform to engage employee volunteers, delegate responsibility, manage training, and track success. The platform is white-labeled to your company brand and all content is designed to speak directly to your culture and program goals.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

With the right tools and education, transformative volunteering makes it possible for us to:

 Lay the groundwork for more diverse and inclusive leadership

 Empower individuals to change their circumstances through Transformative Agency

 Deconstruct silos in the business by expanding empathy circles and break down barriers

 Instill meaning and purpose through the workplaces



ACTION STEPS

