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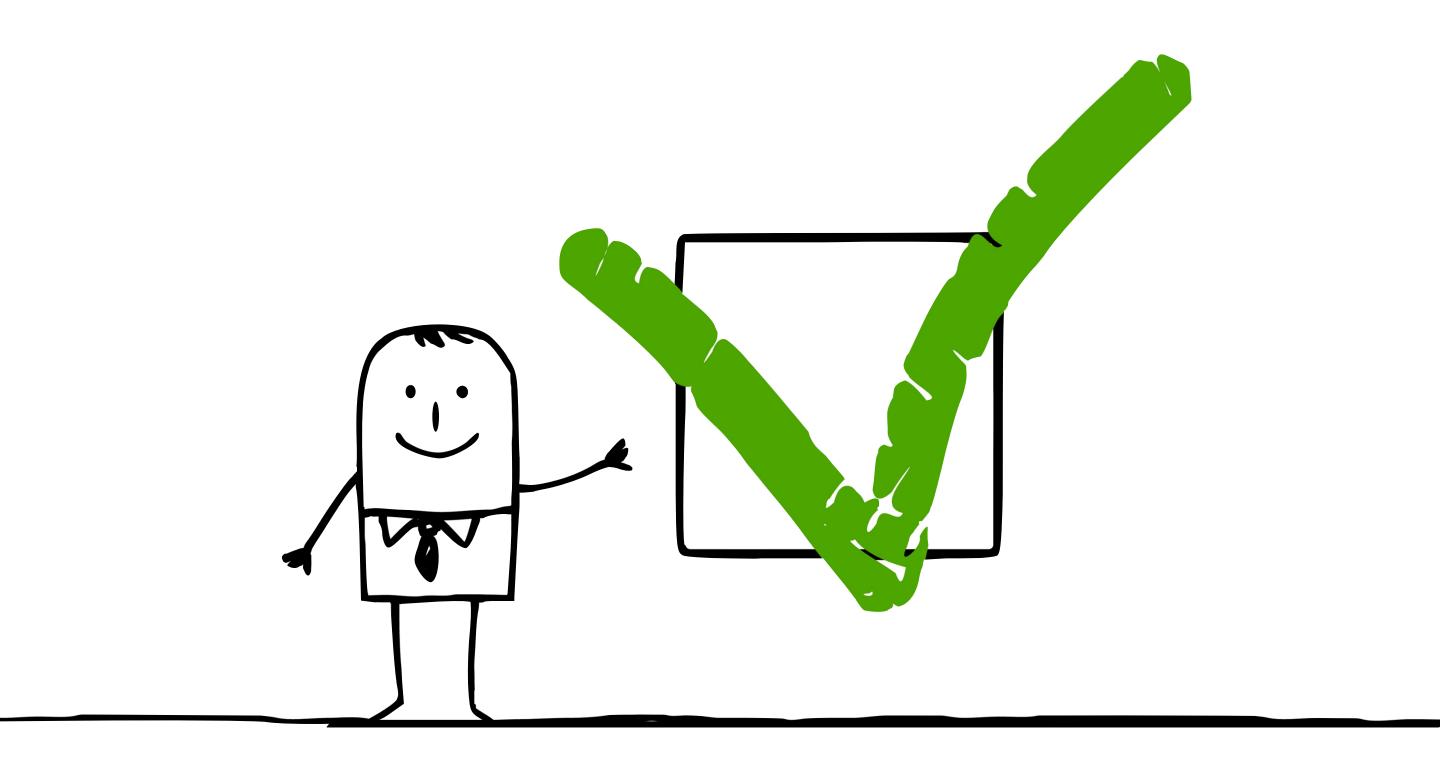
Bad Data, Bad Decisions: The Art of Asking Better Questions

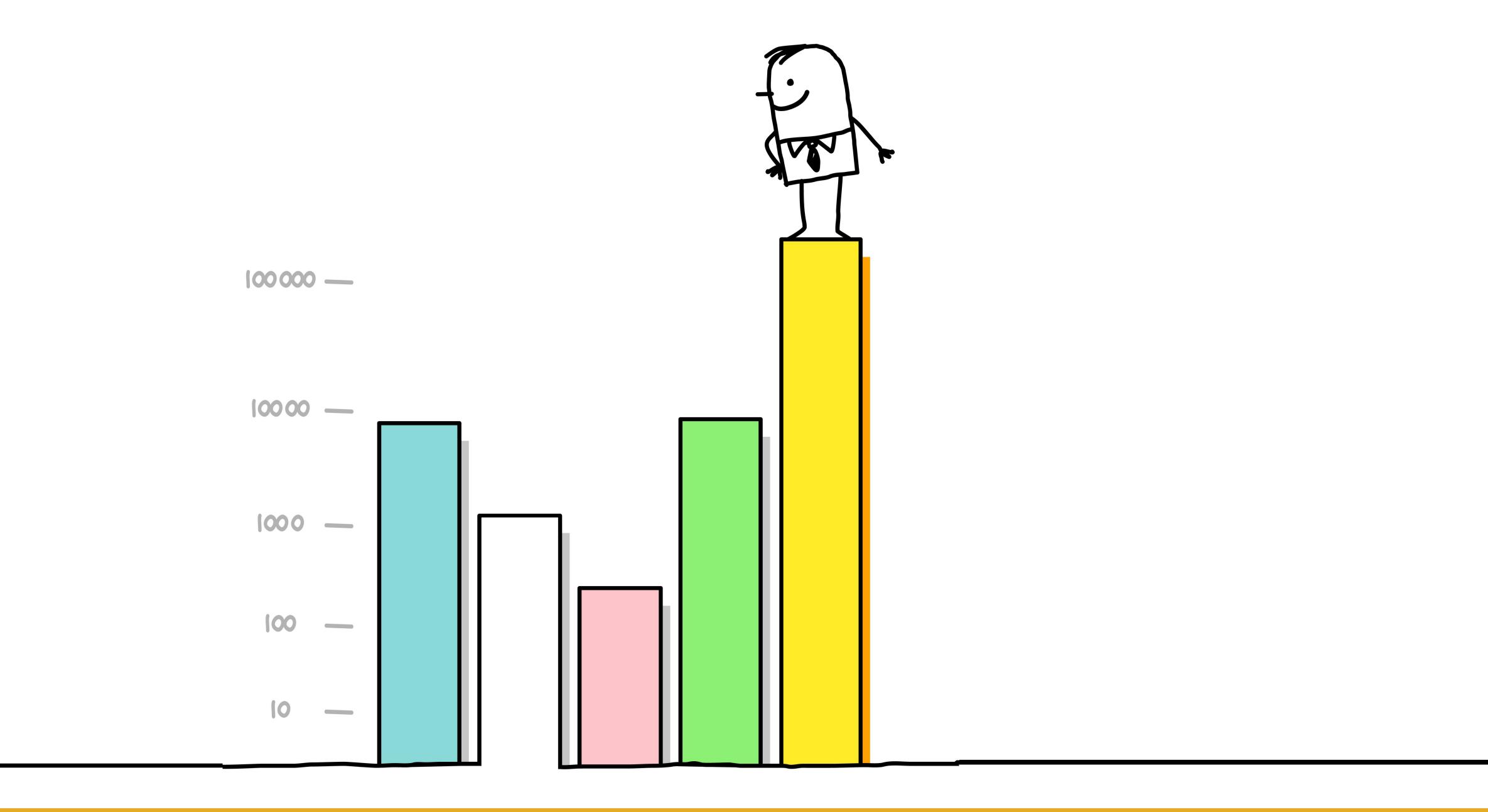
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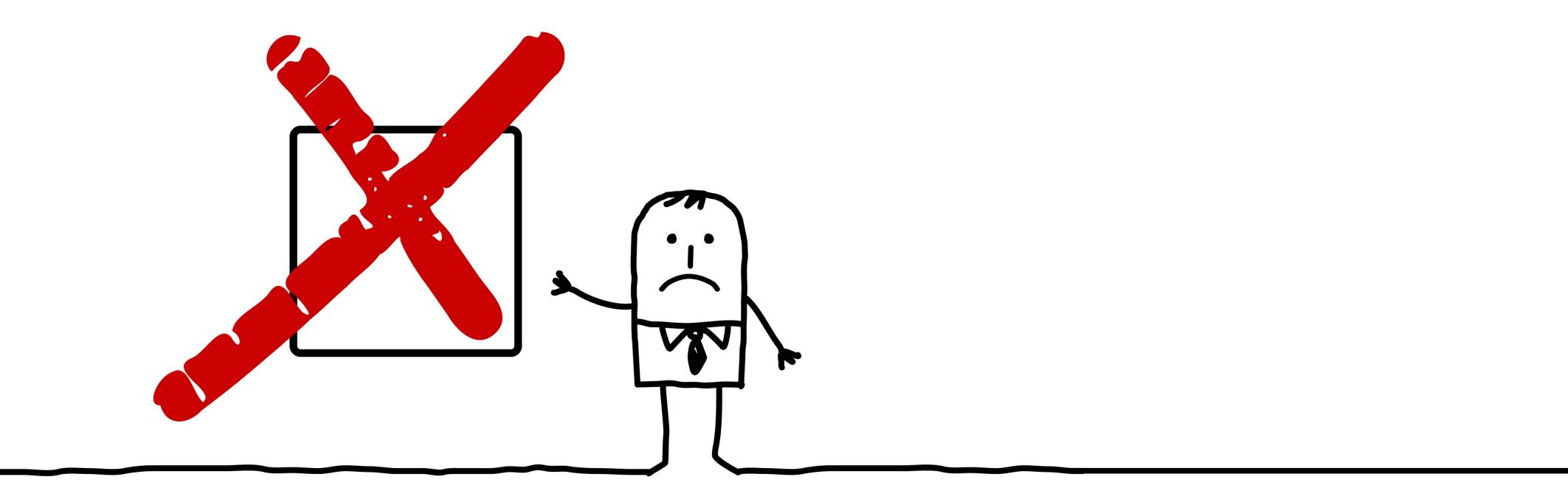


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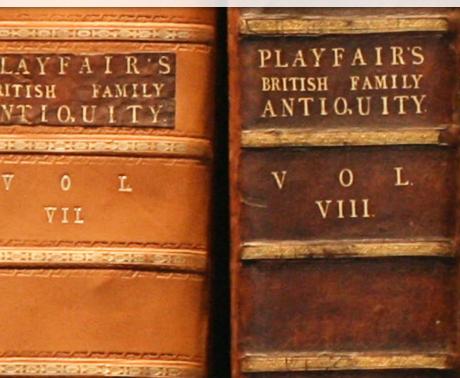






Ask Questions on a 5-point or 7-point Scale

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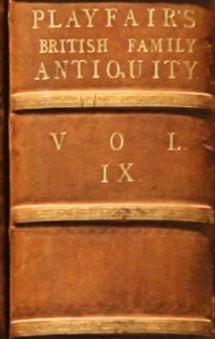
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Are you happy with your job?

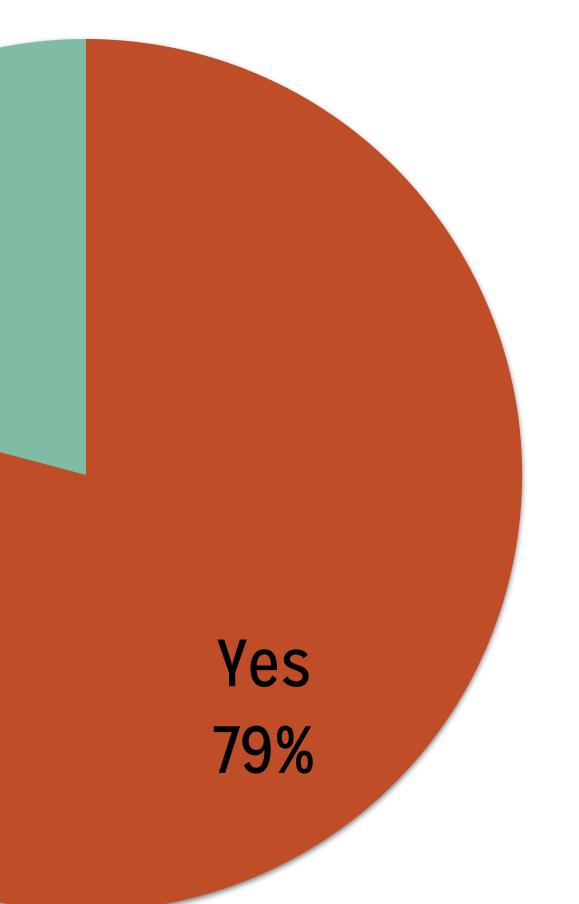


Sample Survey Question

People Happy at Their Jobs

No

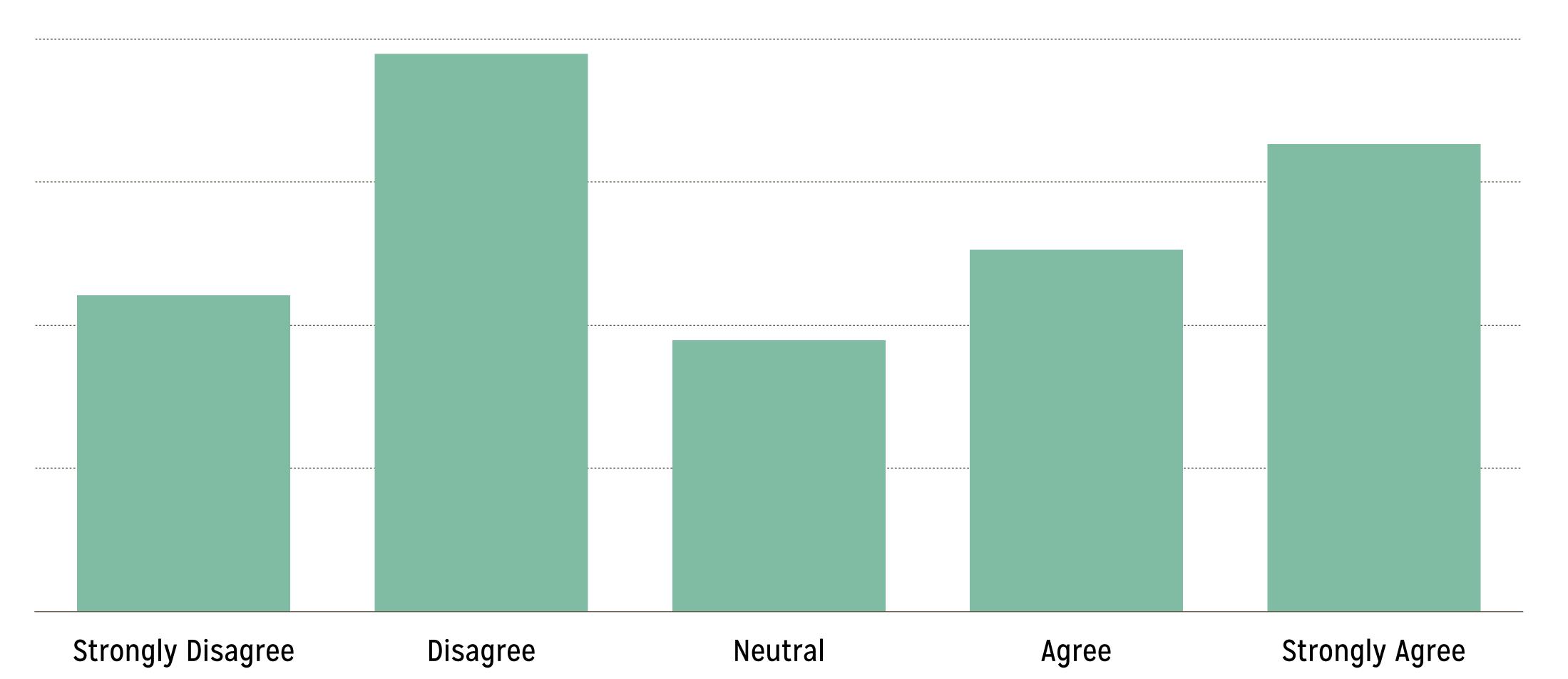
21%



Sample Survey Question

I am happy with my job.

Average = 3.05



People Happy at Their Jobs

Break Down Big Concepts into Tangible Pieces

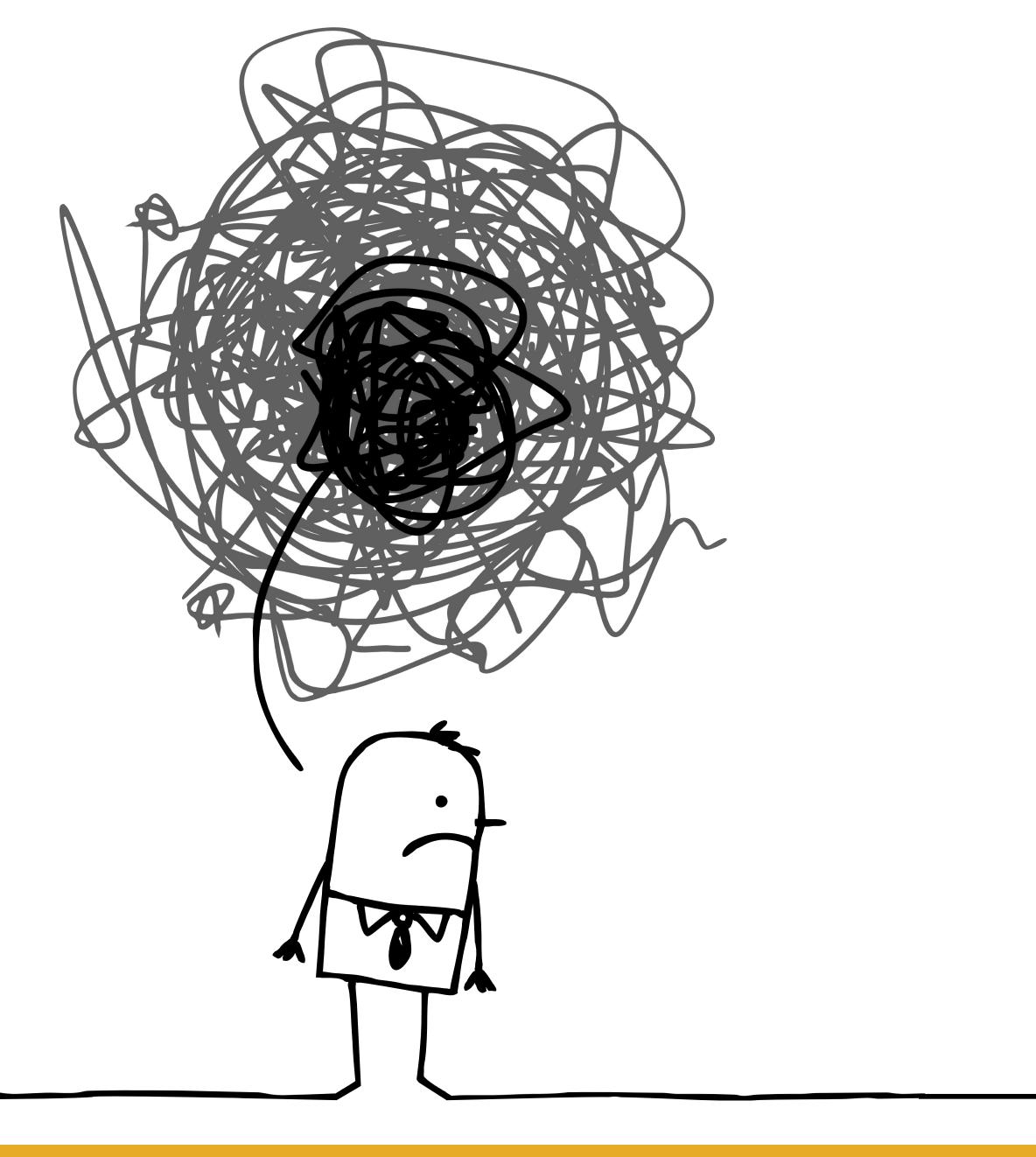






Sample Survey Question

Are you satisfied?

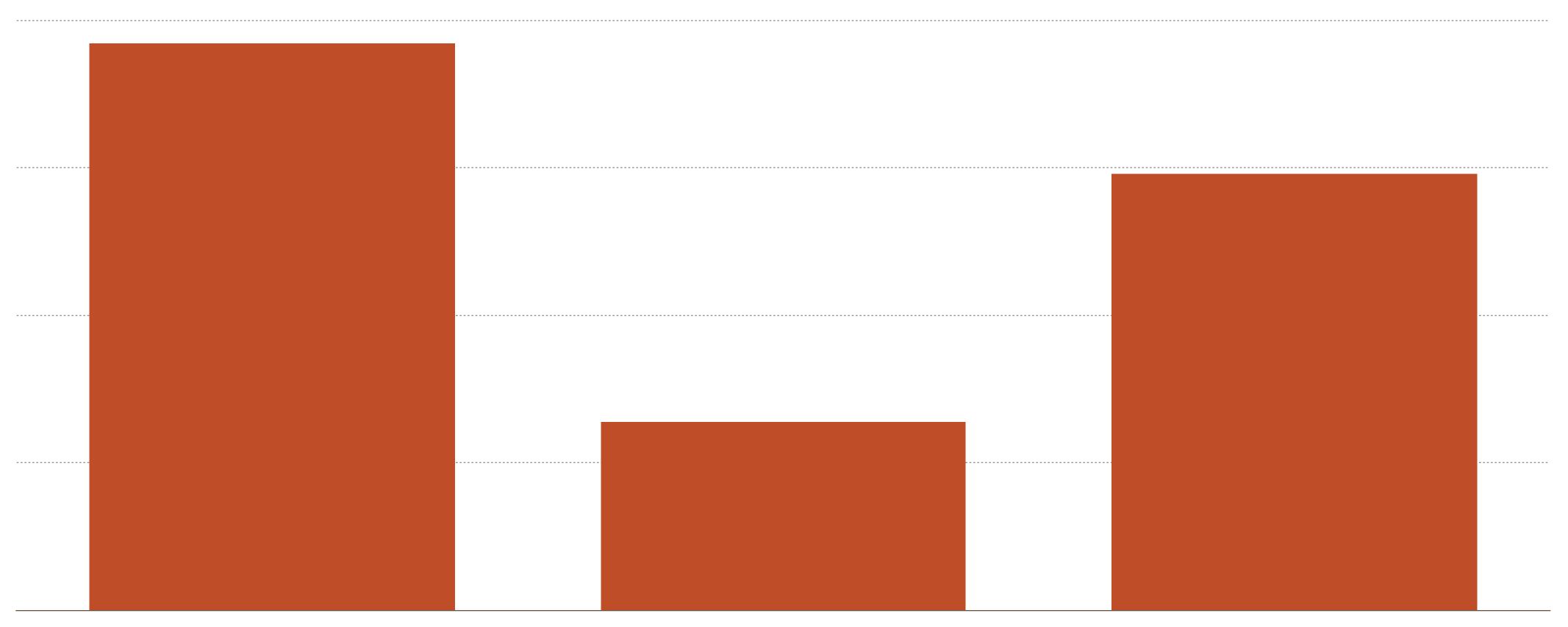




Please Rate Your Satisfaction with Each Feature

	Very unsatisfied	Somewhat Unsatisfied	Neural	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Feature 1					
Feature 2					
Feature 3					

Sample Survey Question



Feature 1

Satisfaction by Feature





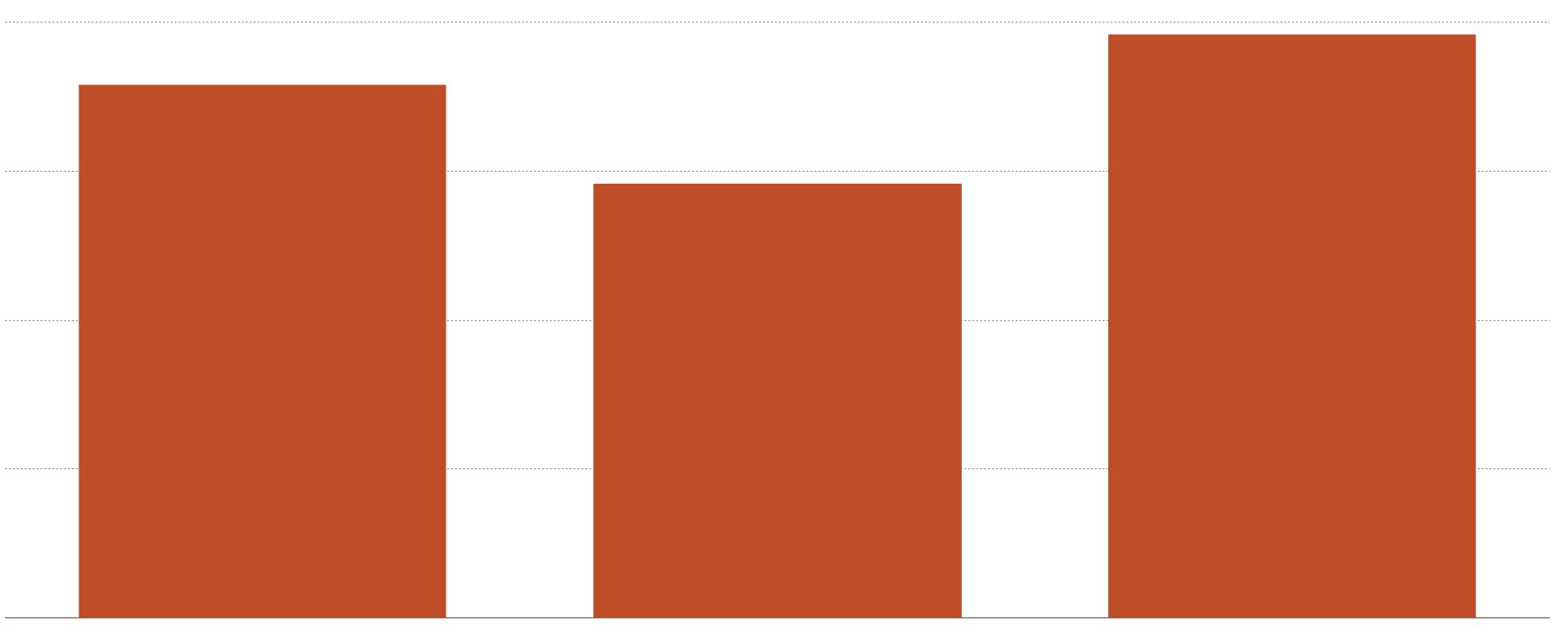
Compare Answers Across Questions



Please Rate Your Experience with Our Business

	Very unsatisfied	Somewhat Unsatisfied	Neural	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Product Quality					
Price					
Account Manager					

Sample Survey Question



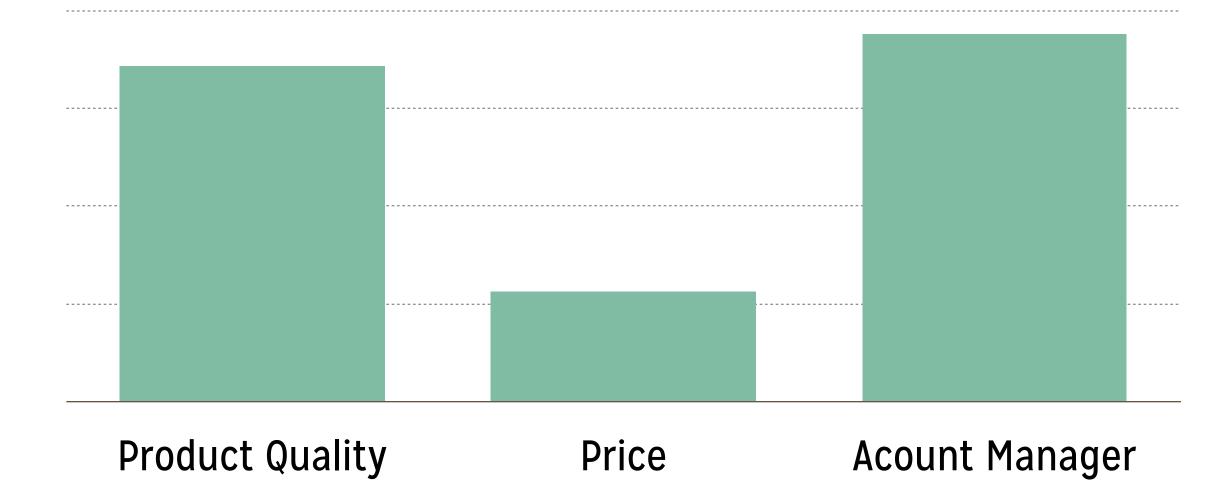
Product Quality

Business Ratings

Price

Account Manager

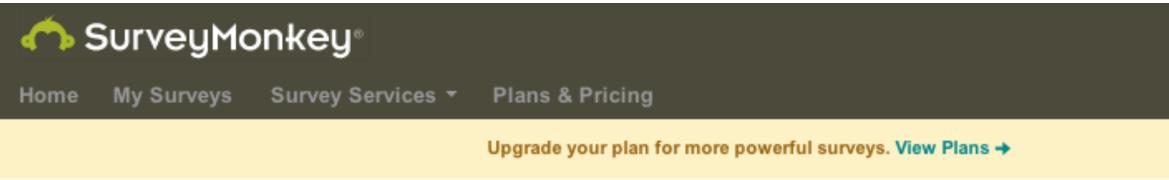
Small Business



Business Ratings by Company Size



Enterprise

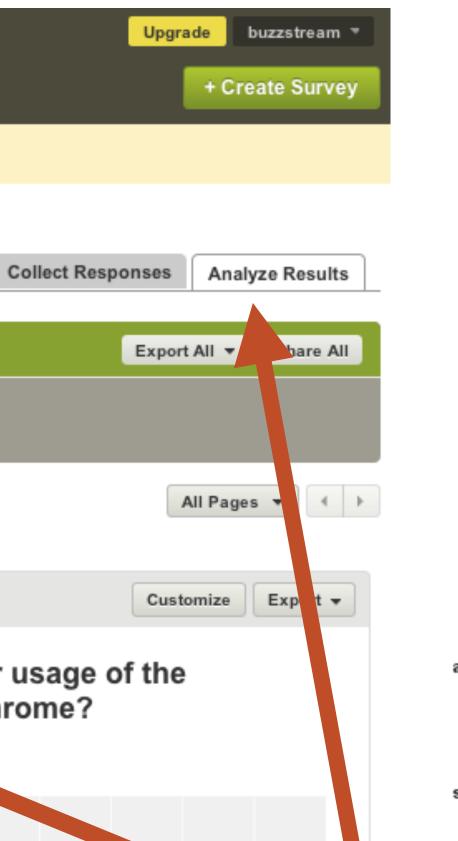


Buzzmarker for Chrome feedback

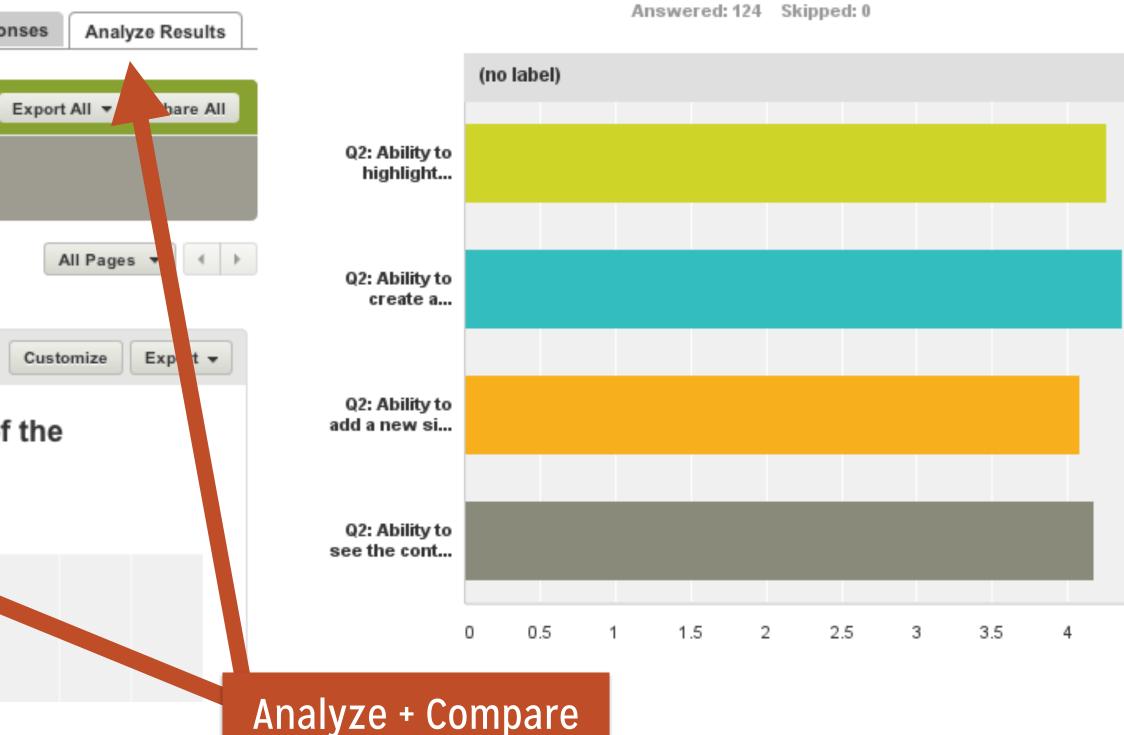


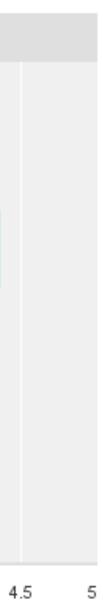
COMPARED: 124 of 124 respondents CURRENT VIEW (?) + COMPARE + FILTER + SHOW O Data Trends Individual Question L Summaries 📥 Responses QUESTION AND ANSWER Choose... ٠ GE ' OR Q Search Q1 Cancel How would you describe your usage of the new Bu. Marker for Chrome? < Back Answered: 1 ipped: 0 SAVED VIEWS (1 (?)Original View (No rules applied) Revert 0 + Save as... Q2: Ability to

Comparing Answers with SurveyMonkey



Q3 On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you rate the value that the BuzzMarker for Chrome provides you?









Sentence Scramble Task

Rude

aggressively, bold, rude, **bother**, disturb, intrude, annoyingly, **interrupt**, audaciously, brazen, impolitely, infringe, **obnoxious**, aggravating, bluntly

Polite

honor, **considerate**, appreciate, **patiently**, cordially, yield, **polite**, cautiously, courteous, graciously, sensitively; discreetly, behaved, unobtrusively

Neutral

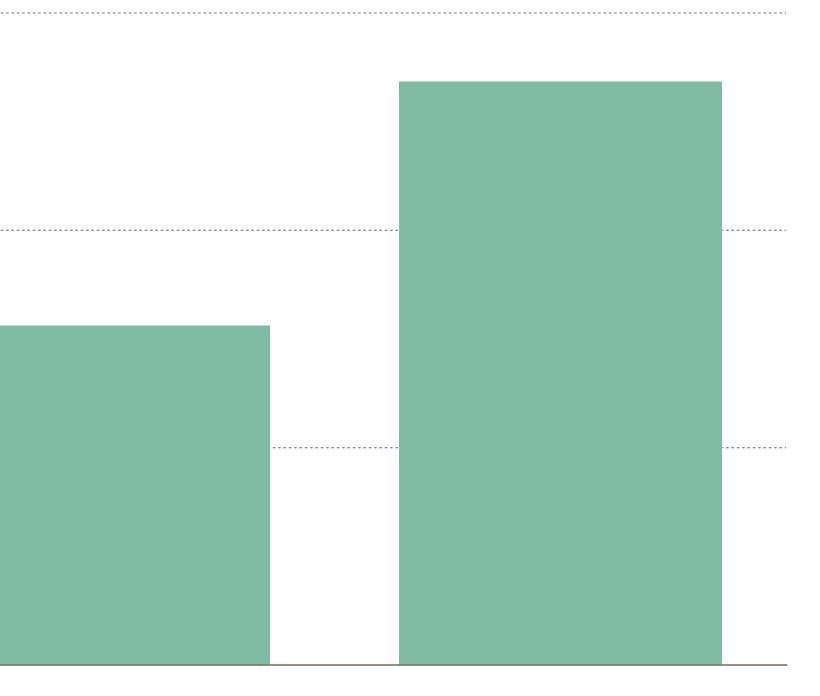
exercising, flawlessly; occasionally rapidly, gleefully, practiced, optimistically, successfully, normally, send, watches, encourages. gives, clears, prepares

Bargh, Chen, and Burrows (1996)

People Who Interrupted After Sentence Task



Bargh, Chen, and Burrows (1996)



Neutral

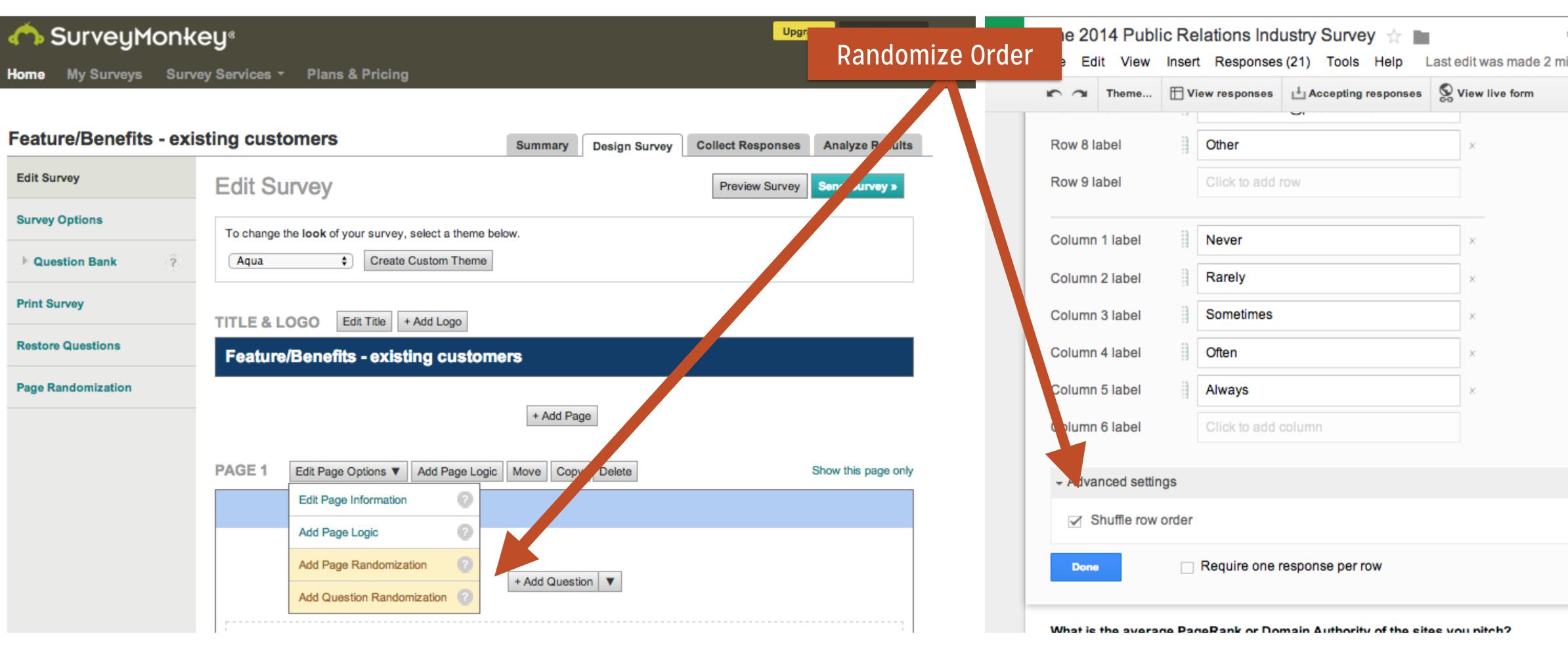
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How important is link building?

How much link building do you plan to do this year?

Question Order Bias



Randomization in SurveyMonkey and Google Forms

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"sports intelligence"

"natural athletic ability"

Stone, Lynch, Sjomeling, Darley (1999)

Female Math Test Performance when Others Present

2 Women











Double-Barreled Questions

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Do you play games on your smart phone or tablet?

Double-Barreled Question



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Leading Questions

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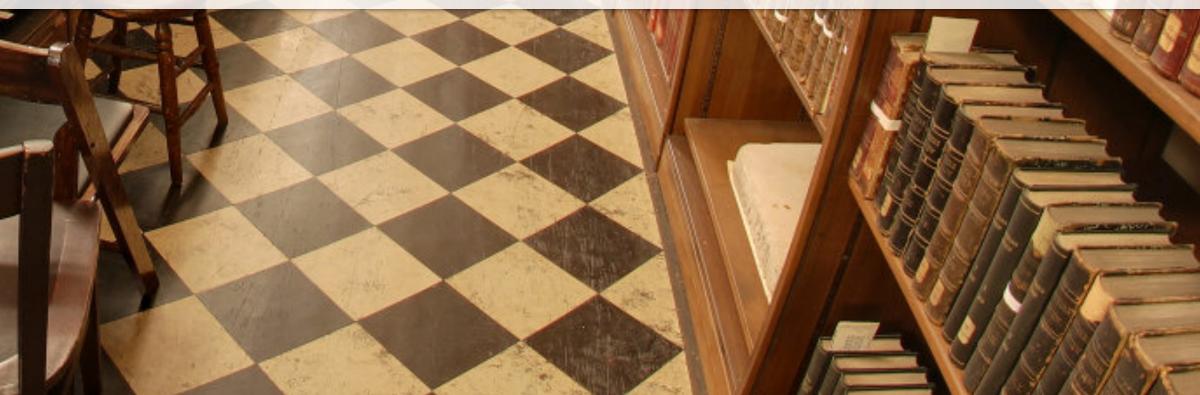
Do you support helping the poor?

Do you support welfare?



Leading Questions

Understand How and Why People Lie







Sensitive Information





Use ranges for demographic info.



Sensitive Information



Set expectations & show progress.





Guessing is Hard







Be reasonable about estimations.



Guessing is Hard



Cool Things You Can Do With Data



How often do you use OSE?

Sample Survey Question

How often do you use Open Site Explorer for the following tasks?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
Find Backlinks					
Anchor Text Analysis					
Competitor Analysis					

Sample Survey Question 1



How would you rate Open Site Explorer for the following tasks?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
Find Backlinks					
Anchor Text Analysis					
Competitor Analysis					

Sample Survey Question 2



How important are the following Open Site Explorer features?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
Find Backlinks					
Anchor Text Analysis					
Competitor Analysis					

Sample Survey Question 3

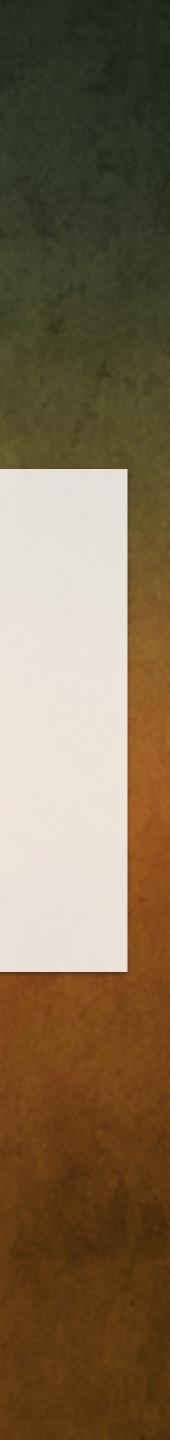
Frequency



Feature Prioritization Chart

Rating

Categorical

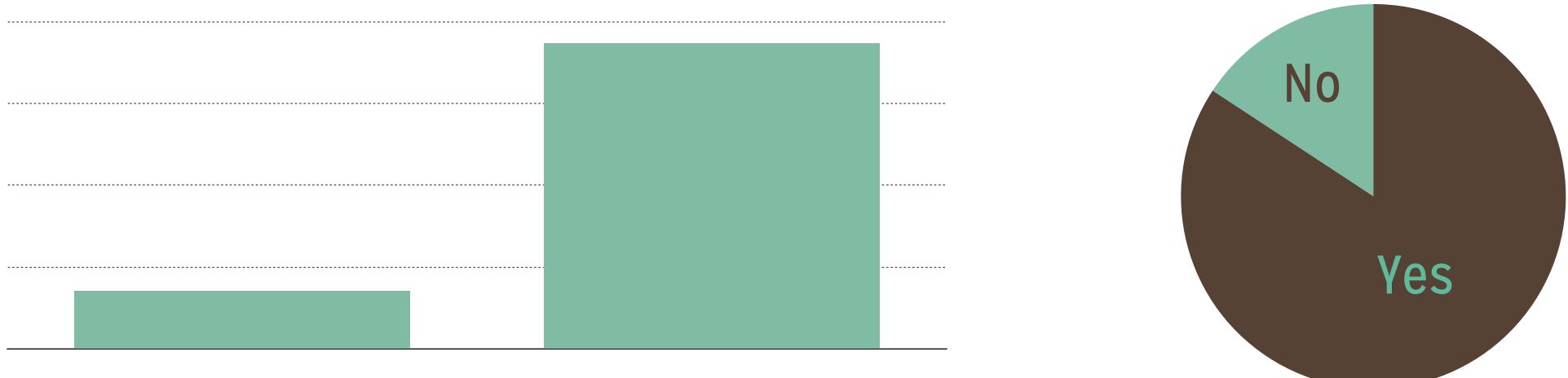


Do you drink coffee? Yes No



Categorical Response

Coffee Drinkers



No



Yes

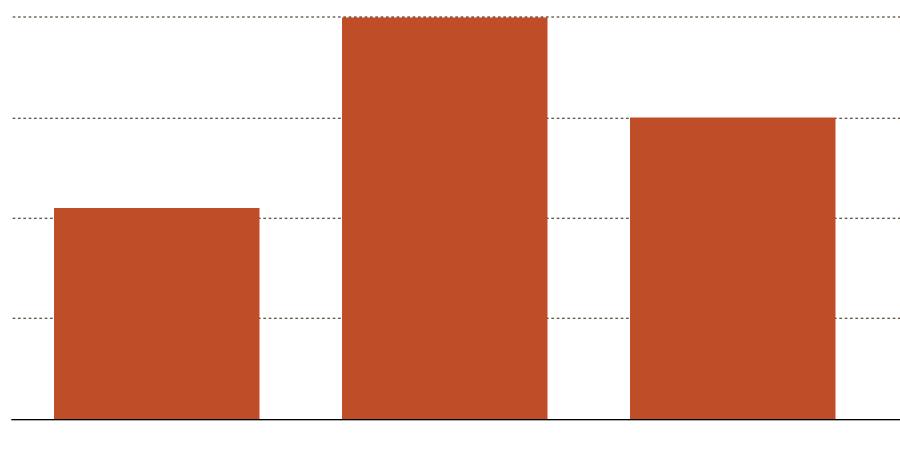
Categorical Response



How much coffee do you drink?

- O cups per day I-3 cups per day 4-5 cups per day 6+ cups per day

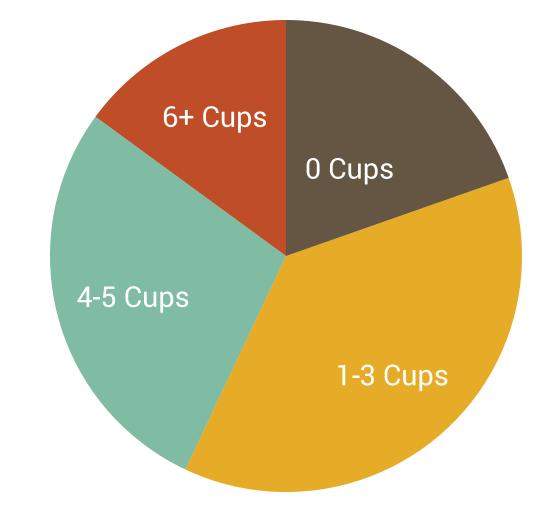
Ordinal Response



0 Cups 1-3 Cups 4-5 Cups

Ordinal Response

Coffee Drinkers







Interval & Ratio





How often do you drink coffee? Never Rarely Sometimes Often Always

Interval & Ratio Response

How many cups of coffee do you drink each day?

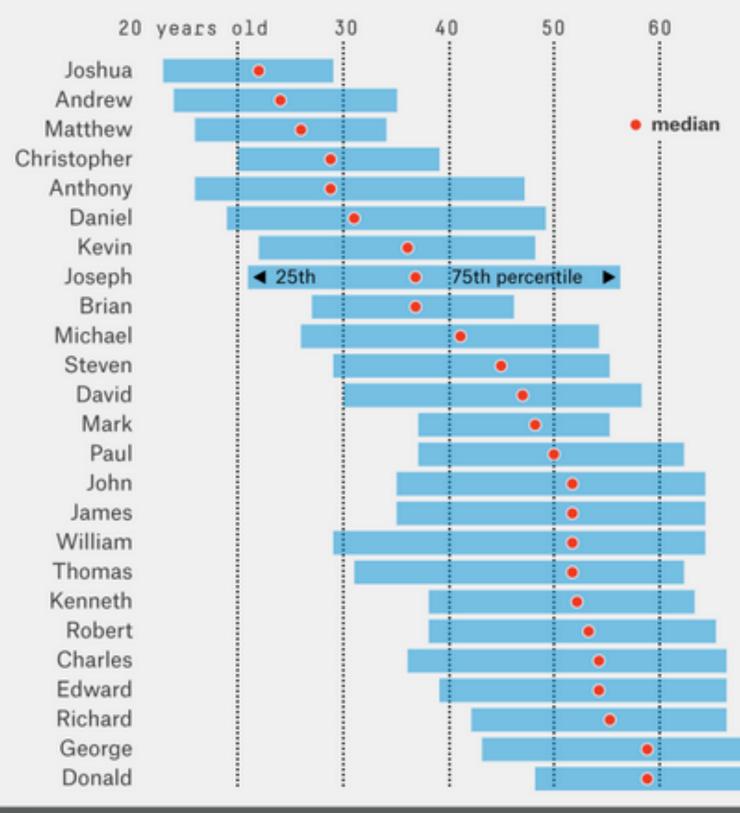
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Interval & Ratio Response

Mean, Median, Mode

Median Ages For Males With the 25 Most Common Names

Among Americans estimated to be alive as of Jan. 1, 2014



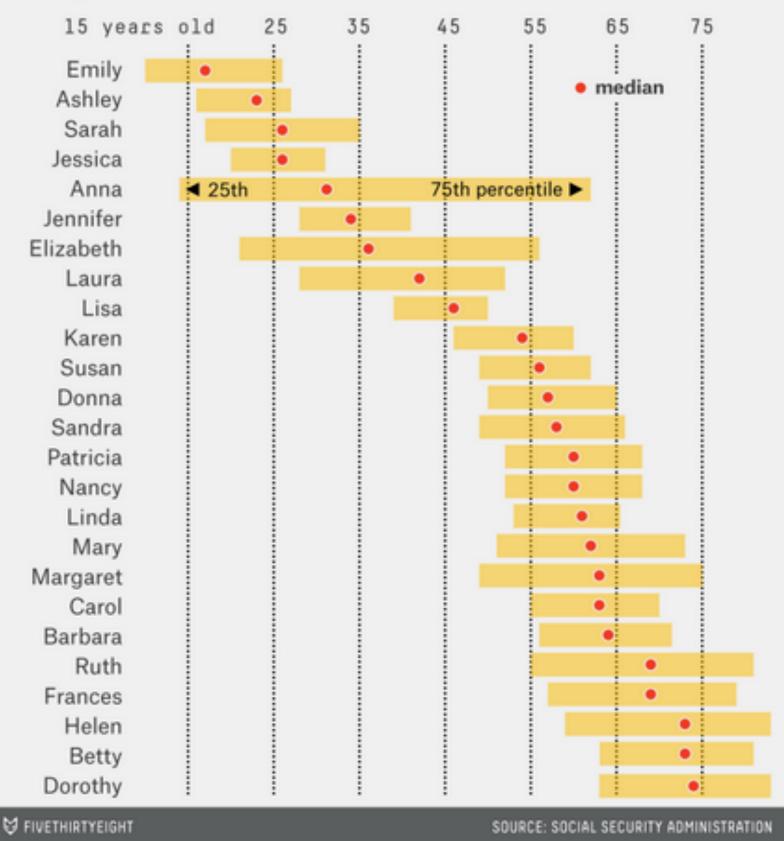
FIVETHIRTYEIGHT

SOURCE: SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

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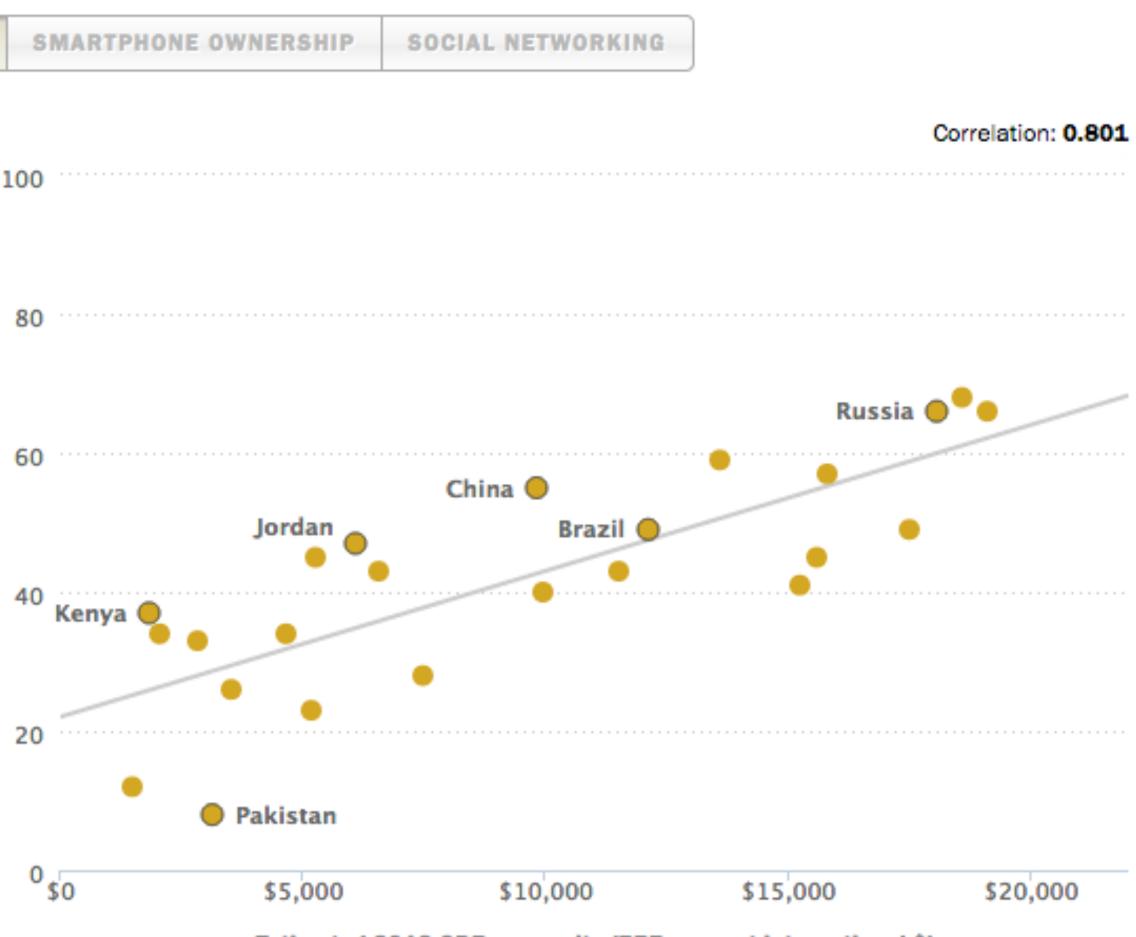
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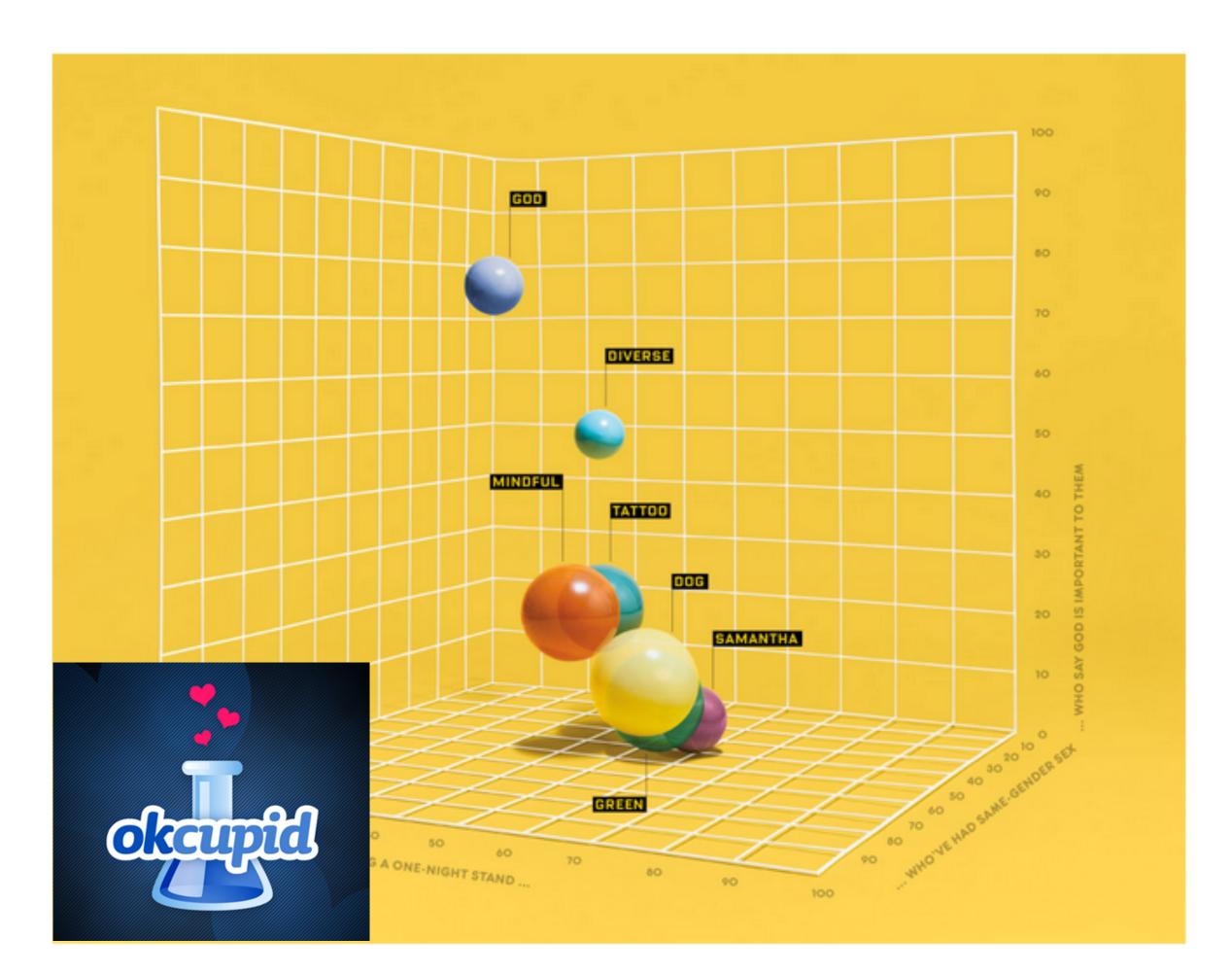
Correlation

INTERNET USE	SMARTPHONE OWNERSHIP	S
% who use/own selected technology*	L00	
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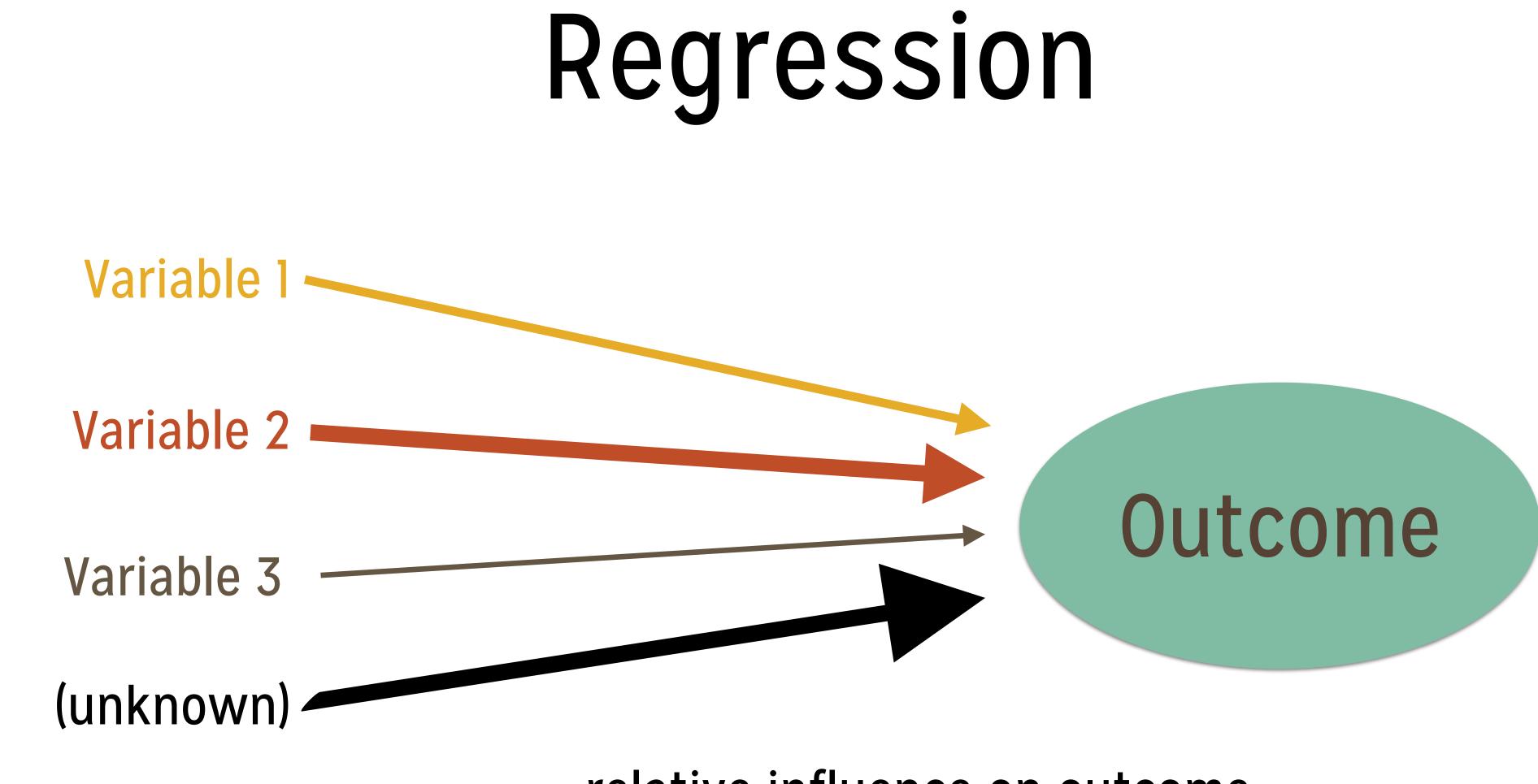
Estimated 2013 GDP per capita (PPP, current international \$)

Source: Pew Global



Source: Wired

Cluster Analysis

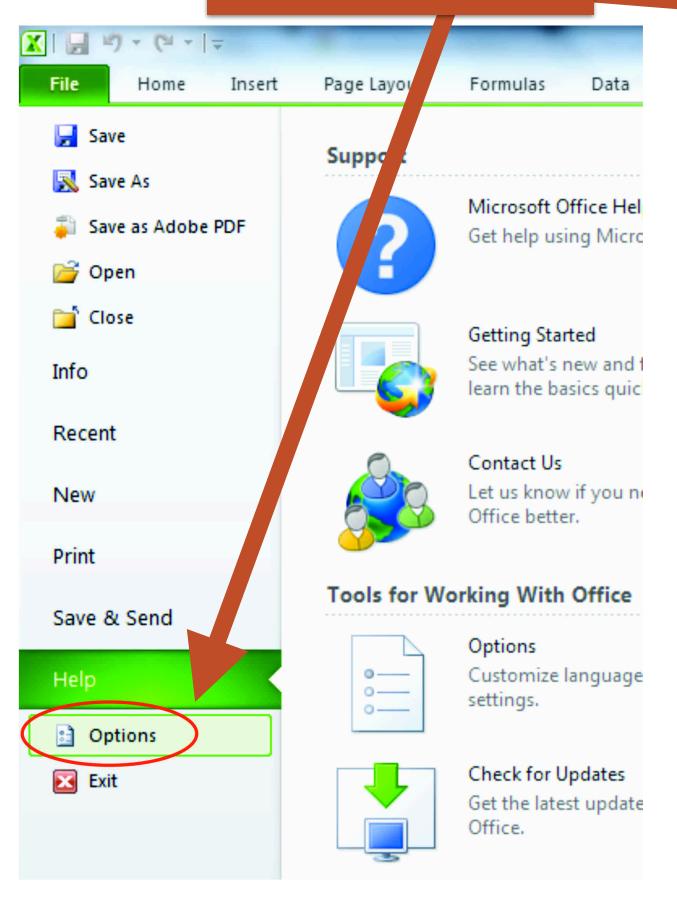


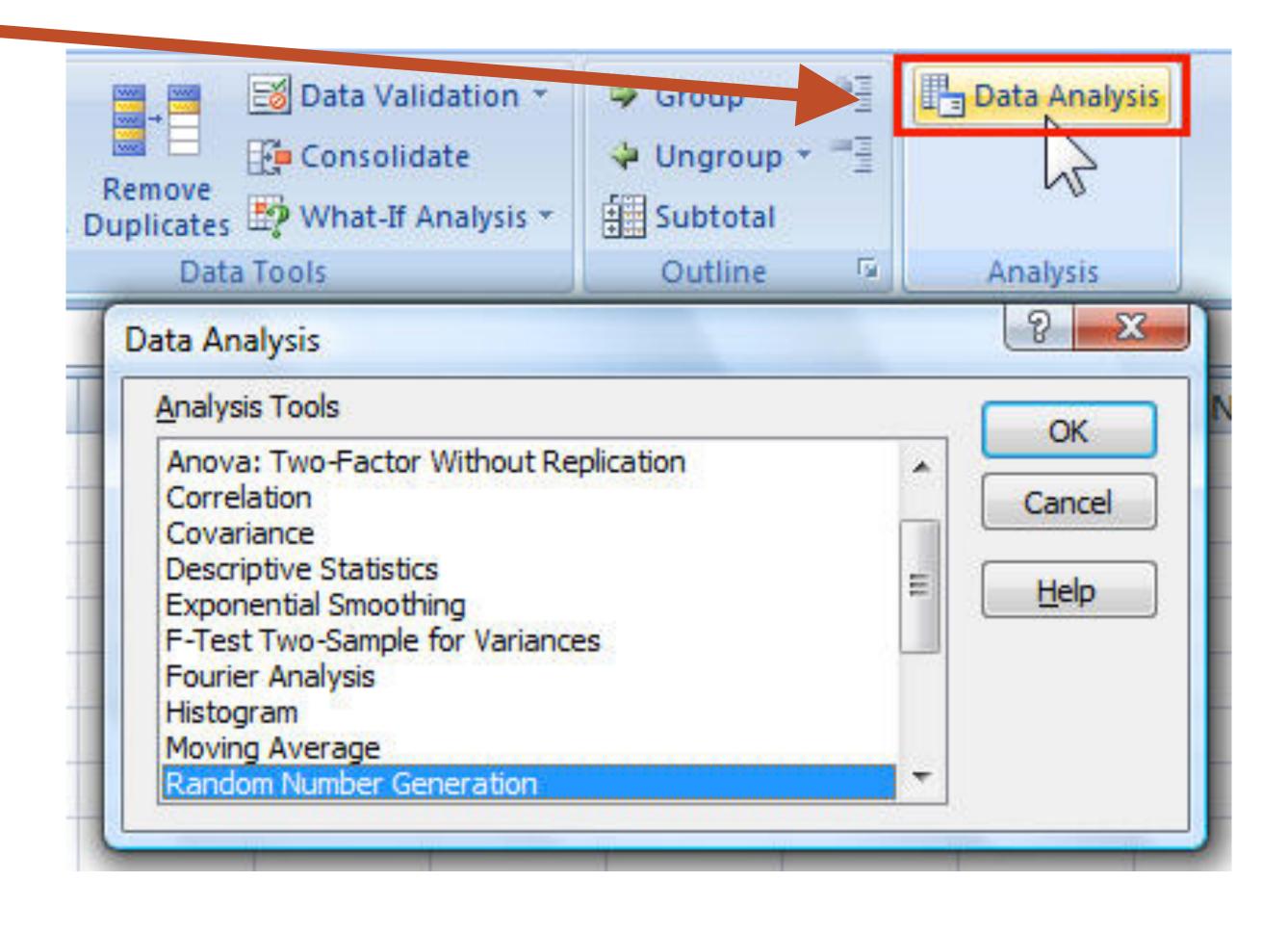
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relative influence on outcome

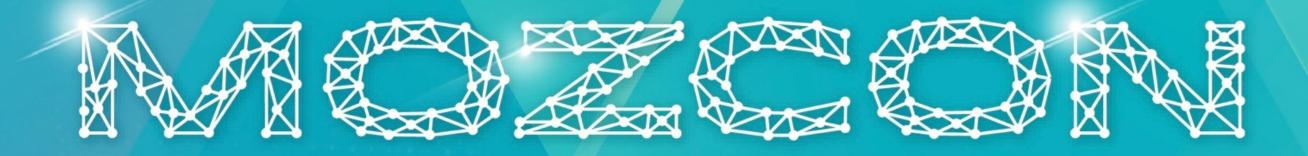
Excel Add-In: Analysis Toolpak

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