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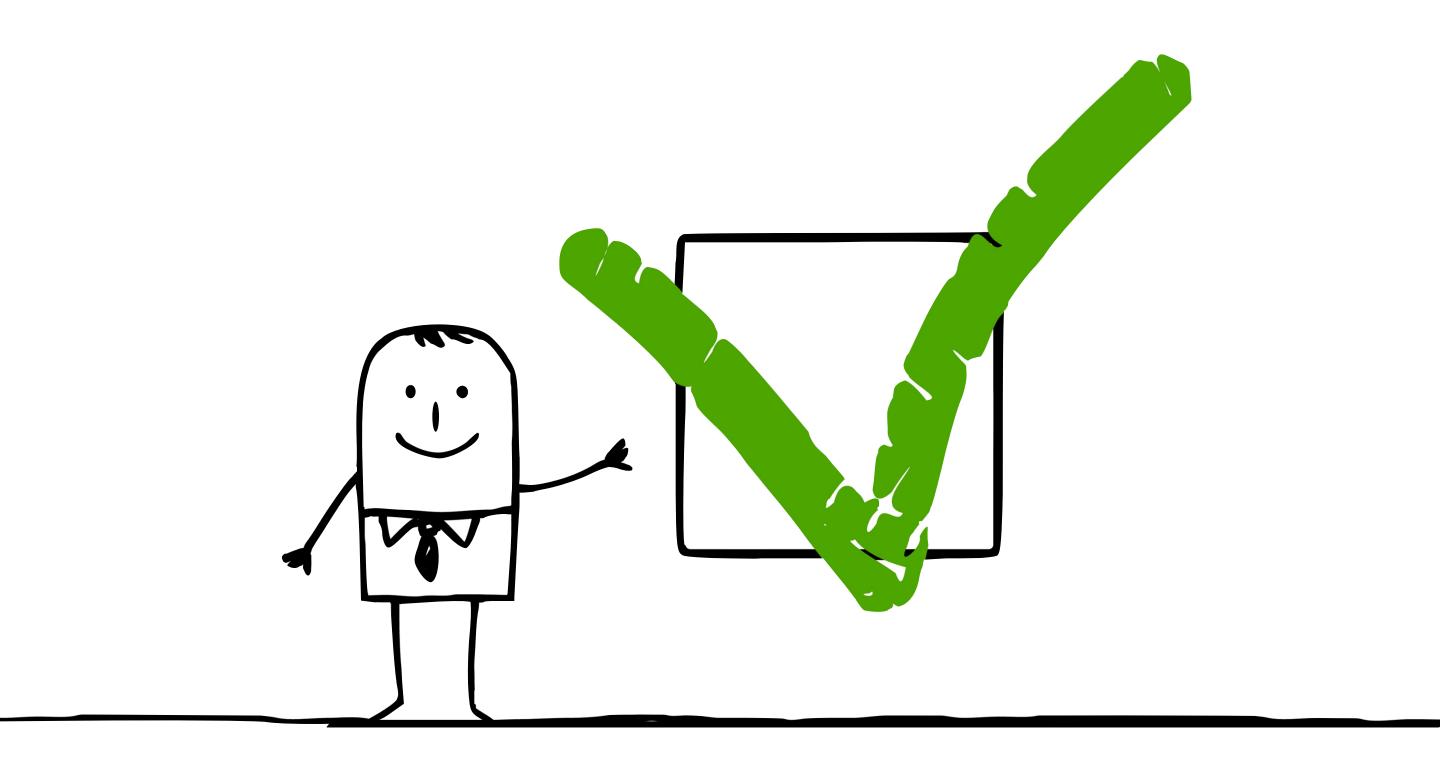
### Bad Data, Bad Decisions: The Art of Asking Better Questions

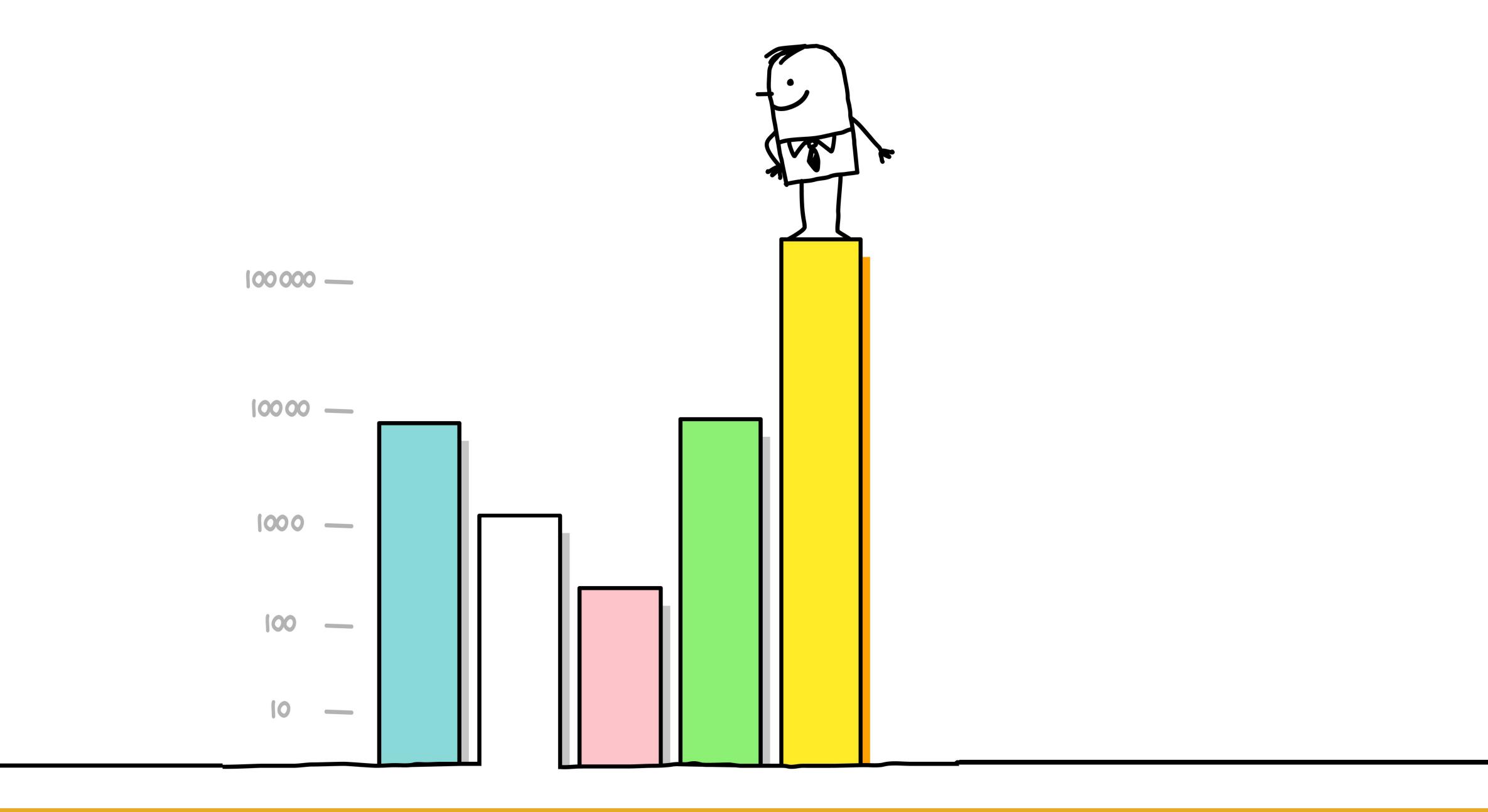
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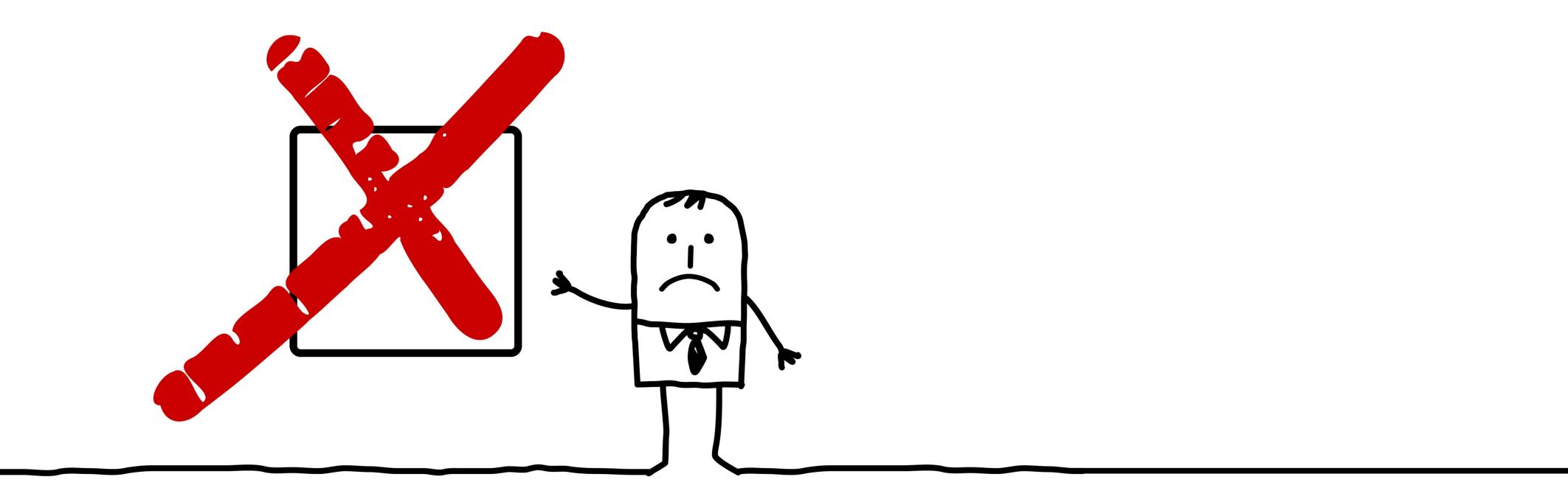


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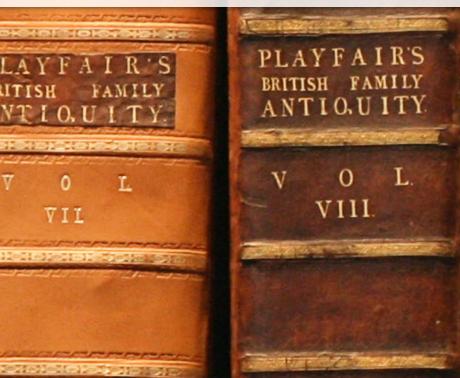






# Ask Questions on a 5-point or 7-point Scale

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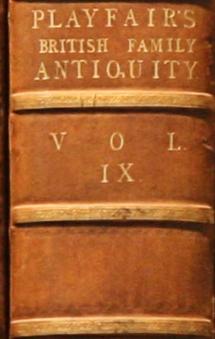
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### Are you happy with your job?

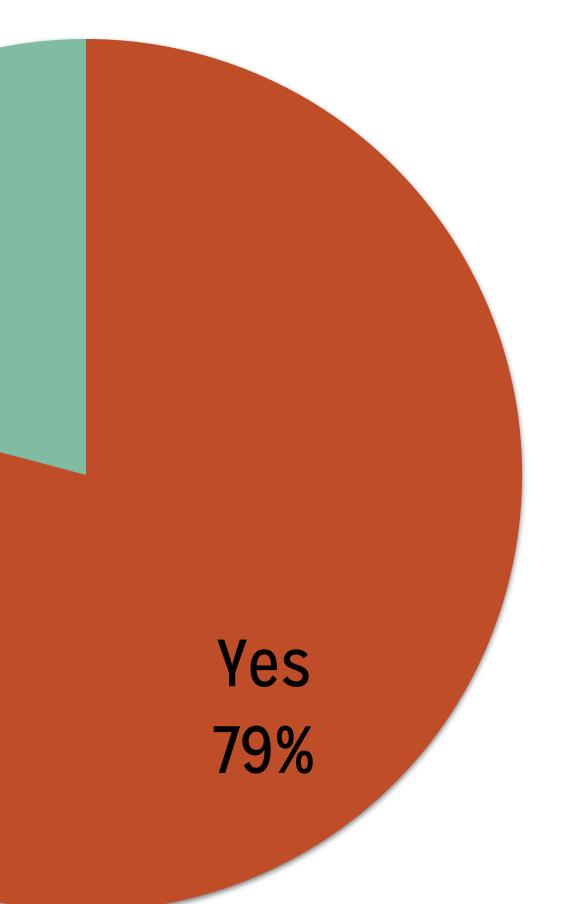


### Sample Survey Question

### People Happy at Their Jobs

No

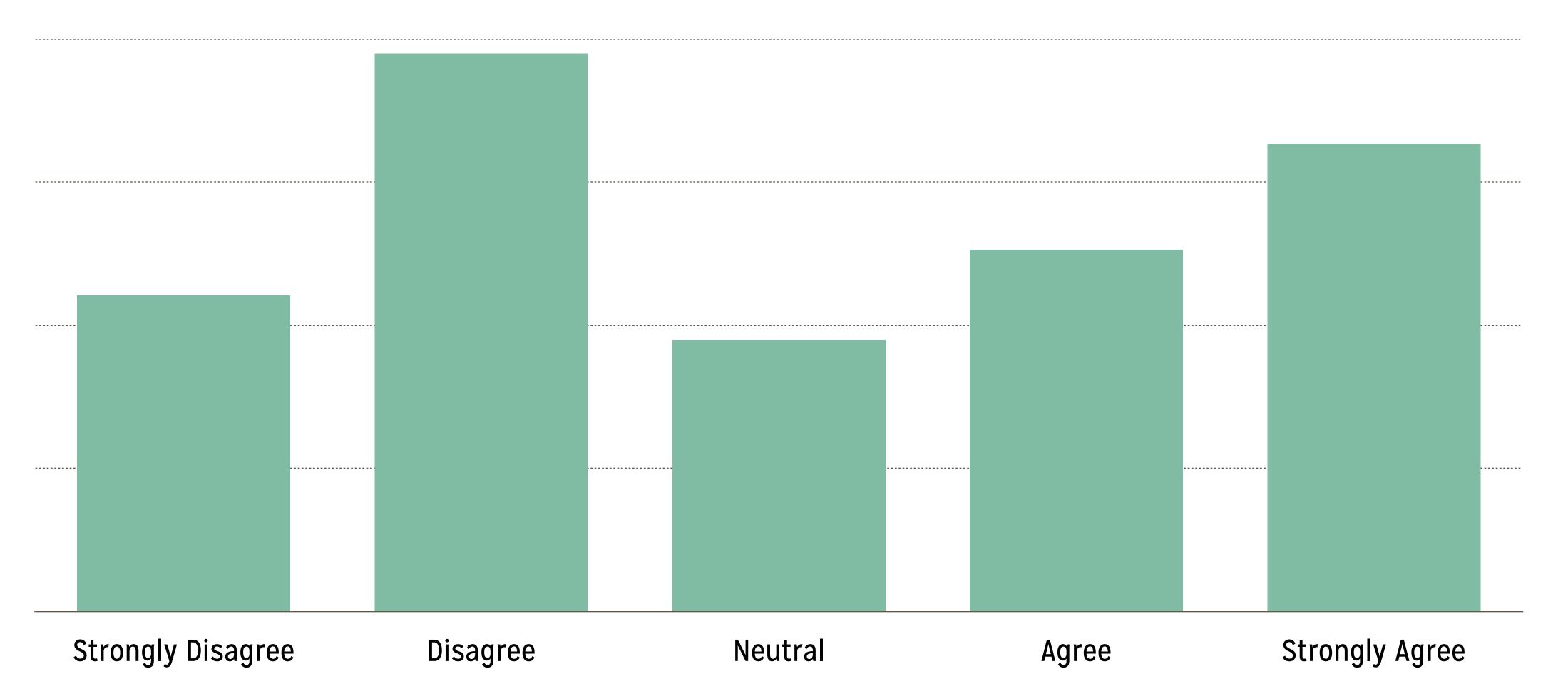
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### Sample Survey Question

### I am happy with my job.

### **Average = 3.05**



### People Happy at Their Jobs

## Break Down Big Concepts into Tangible Pieces

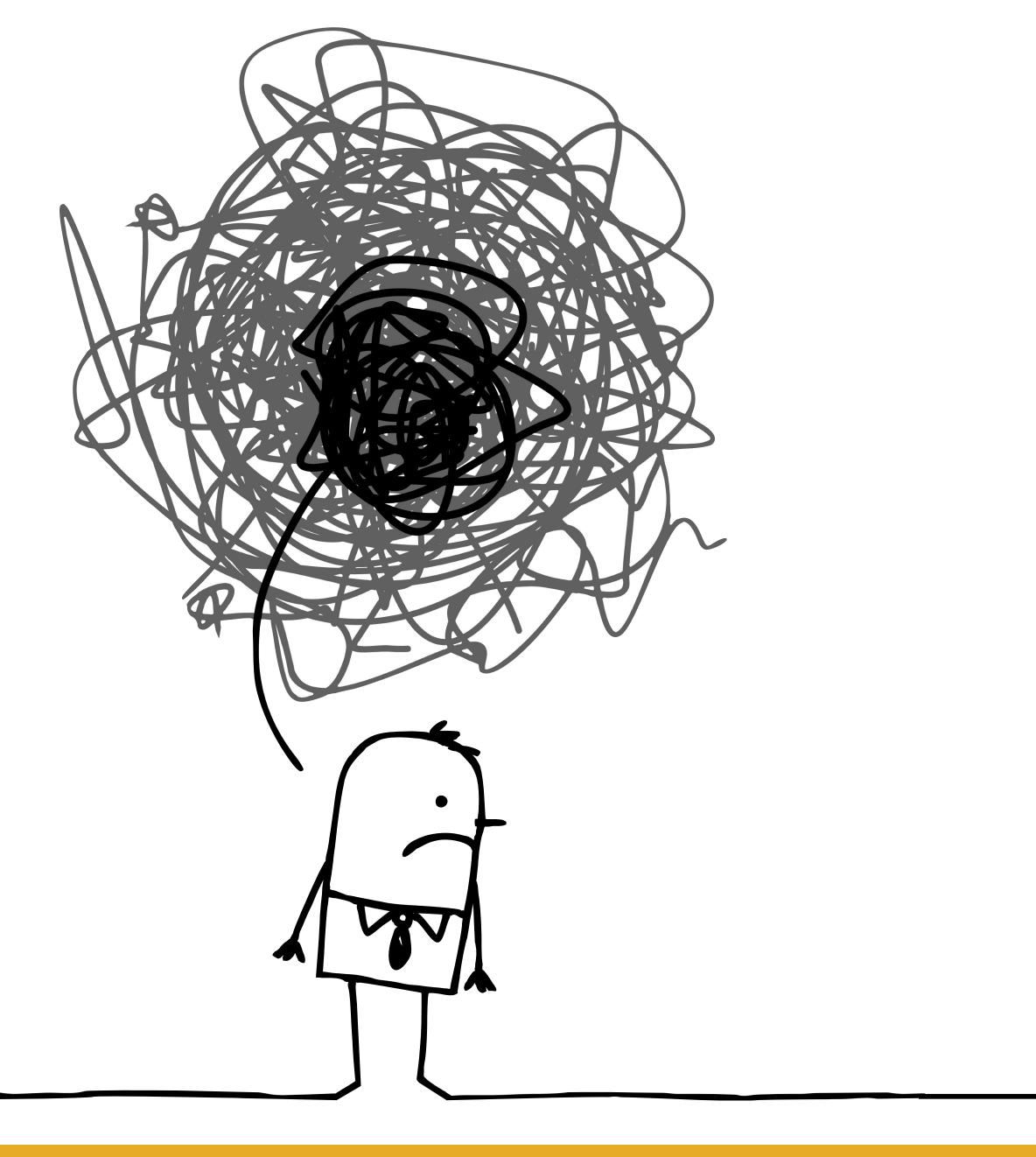






### Sample Survey Question

### Are you satisfied?

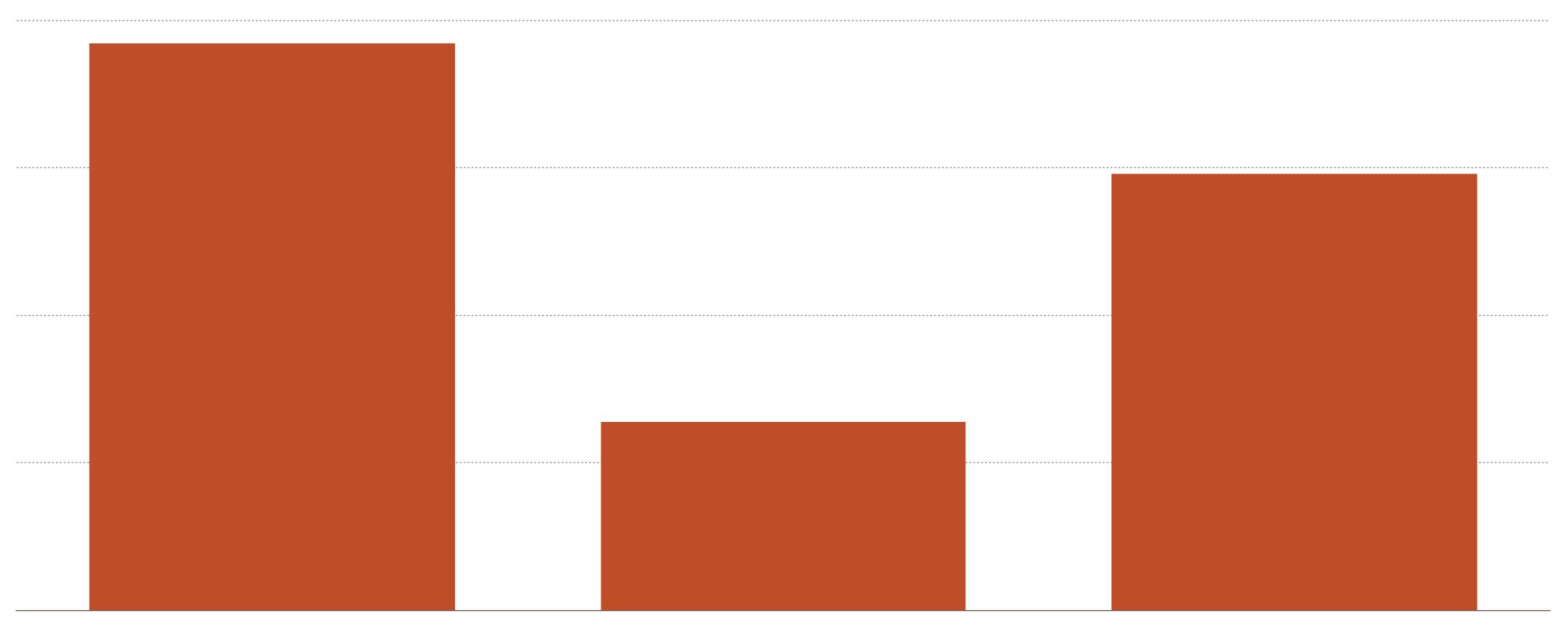




### Please Rate Your Satisfaction with Each Feature

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

### Sample Survey Question



Feature 1

### Satisfaction by Feature





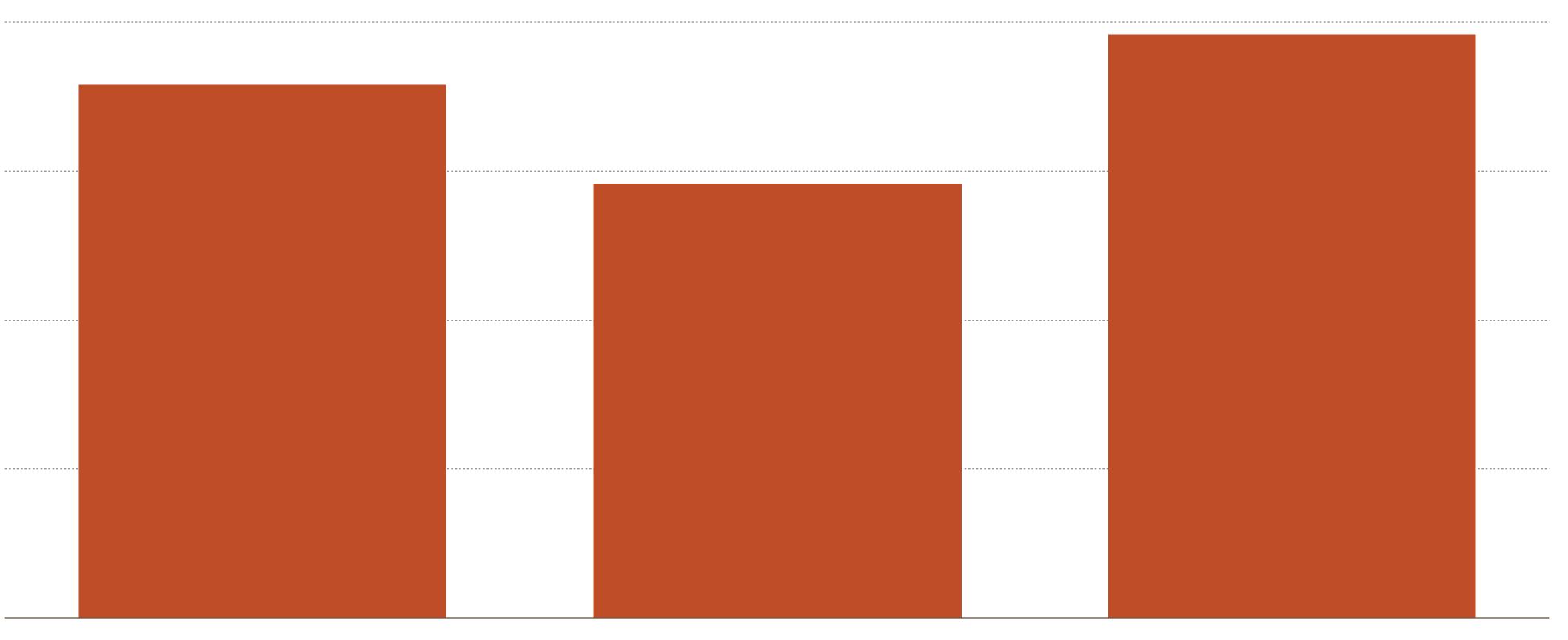
# Compare Answers Across Questions



### 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

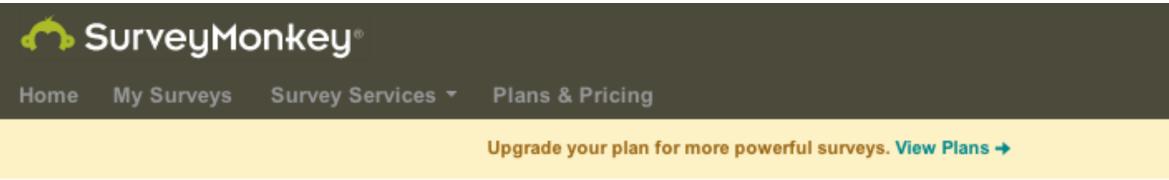
### Small Business



### Business Ratings by Company Size



### Enterprise

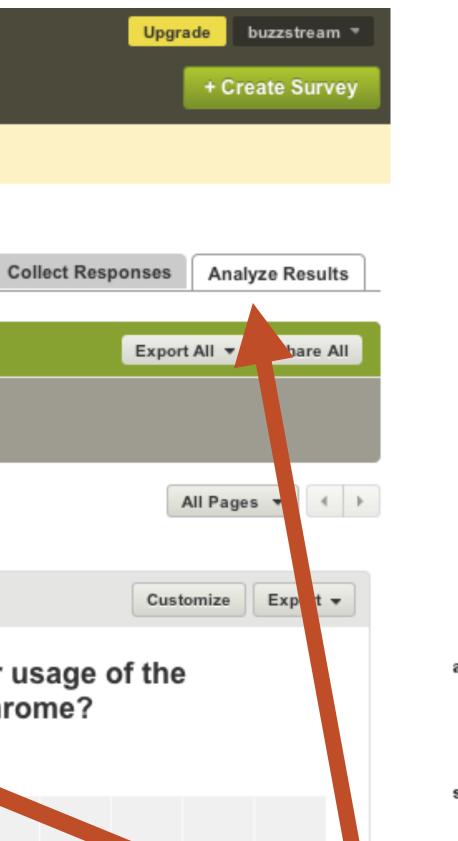


### Buzzmarker for Chrome feedback

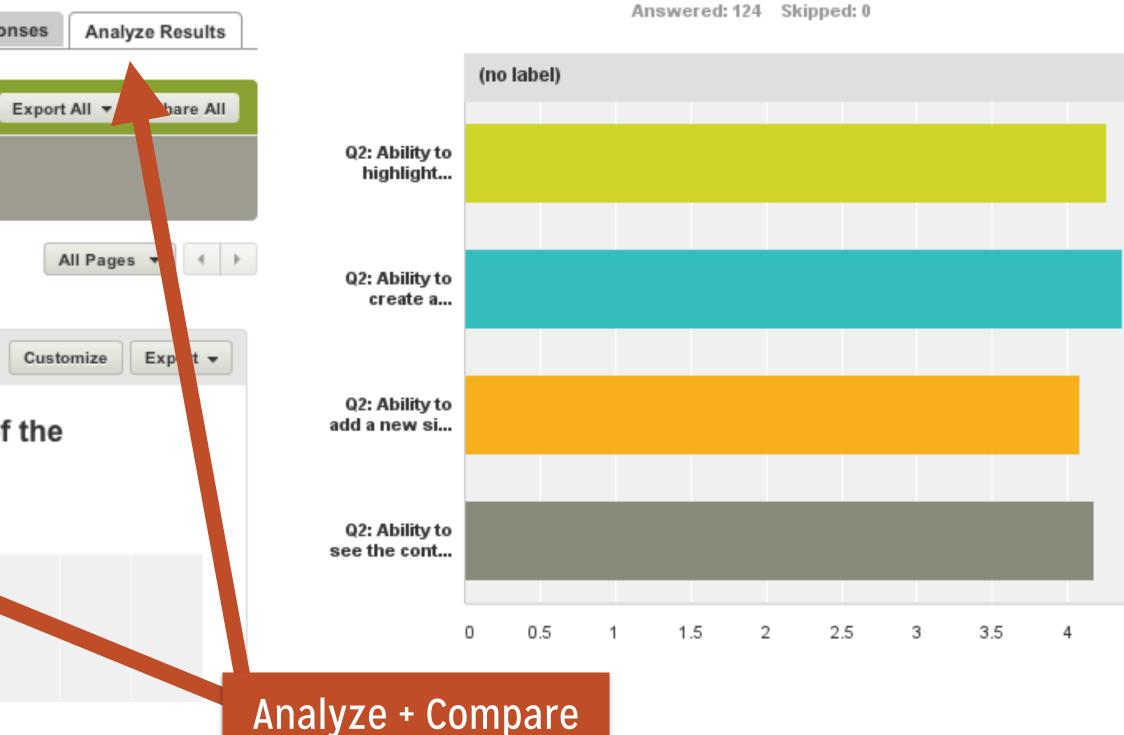


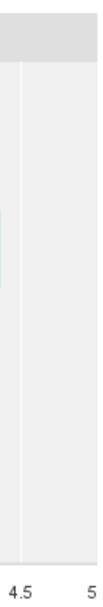
COMPARED: 124 of 124 respondents CURRENT VIEW (?) + COMPARE + FILTER + SHOW O Data Trends Individual Question L Summaries 📥 Responses QUESTION AND ANSWER Choose... ٠ GE ' OR Q Search Q1 Cancel How would you describe your usage of the new Bu. Marker for Chrome? < Back Answered: 1 ipped: 0 SAVED VIEWS (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

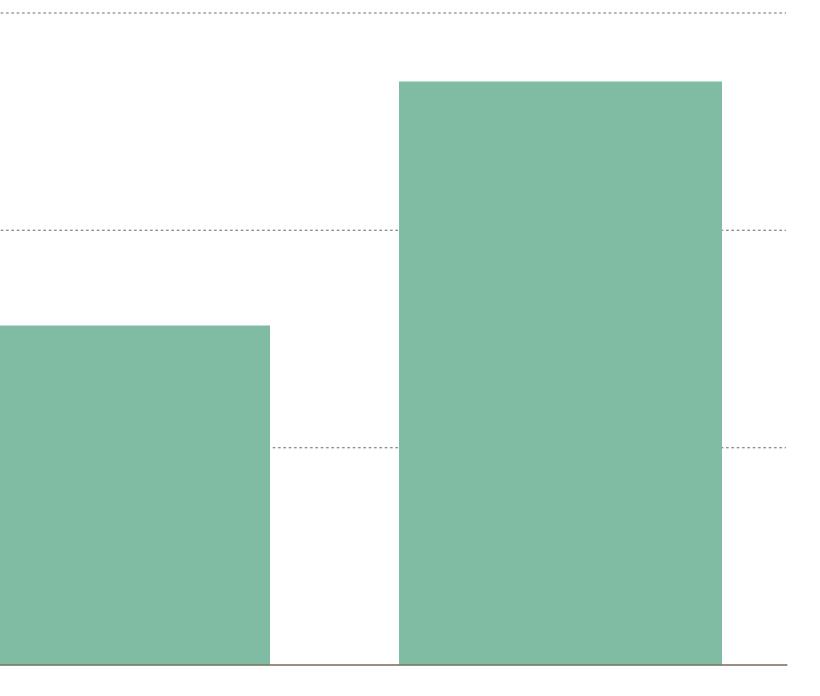
exercising, flawlessly; occasionally rapidly, gleefully, practiced, optimistically, successfully, normally, send, watches, encourages. gives, clears, prepares

### Bargh, Chen, and Burrows (1996)

### People Who Interrupted After Sentence Task



### Bargh, Chen, and Burrows (1996)



Neutral

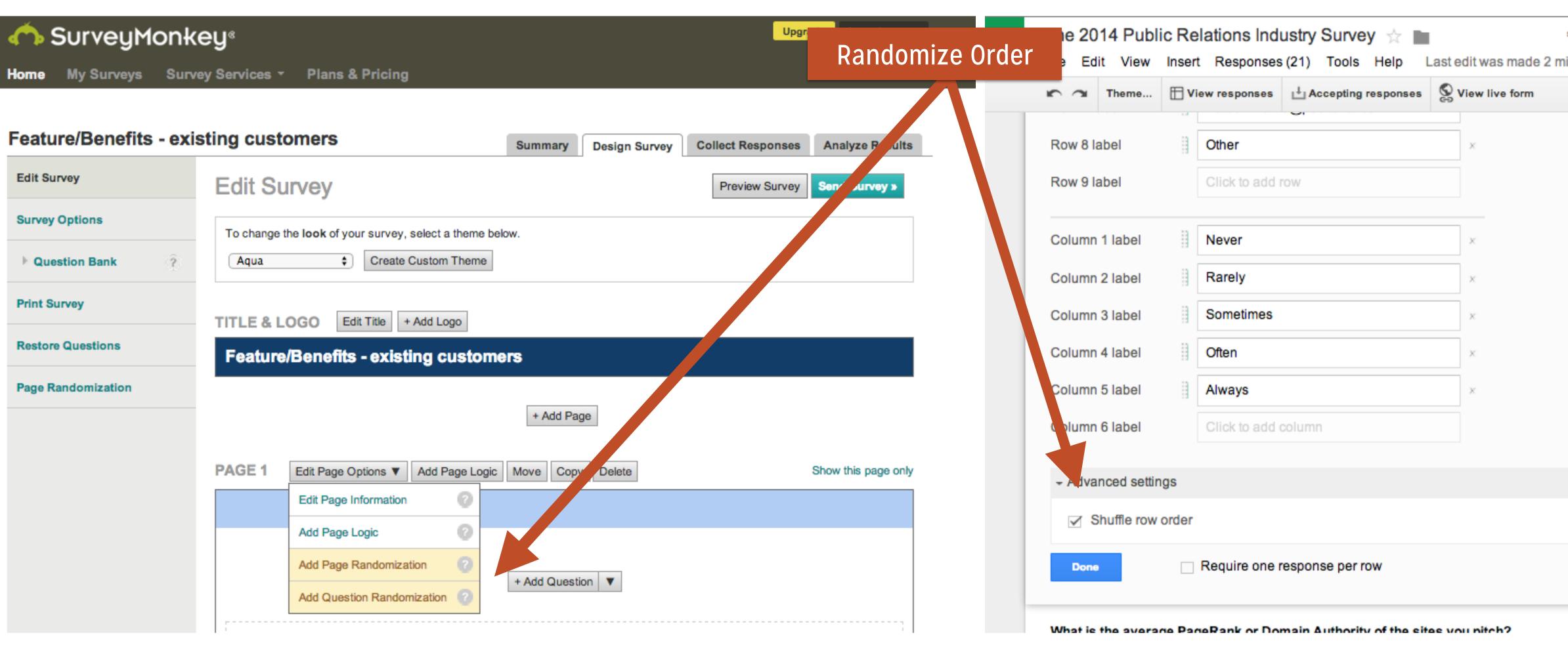
Rude



# 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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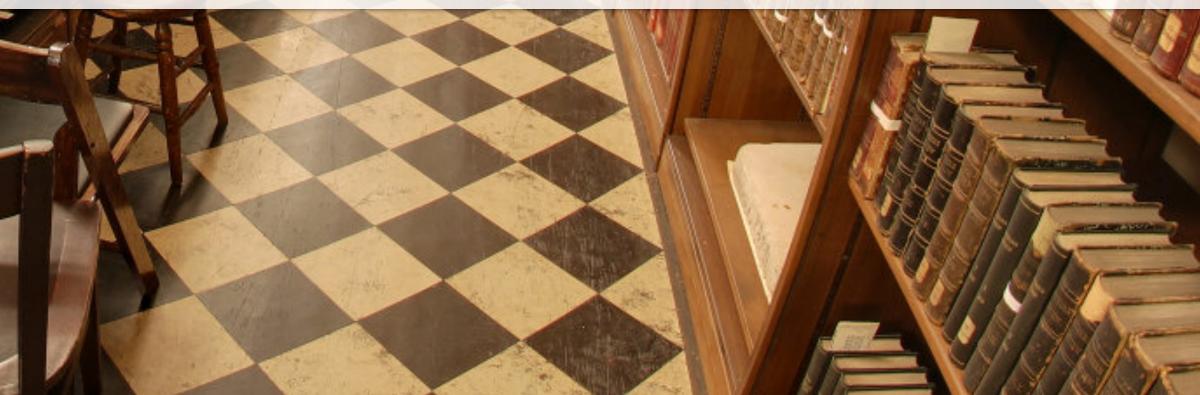
### Do you support helping the poor?

### 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



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#### 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

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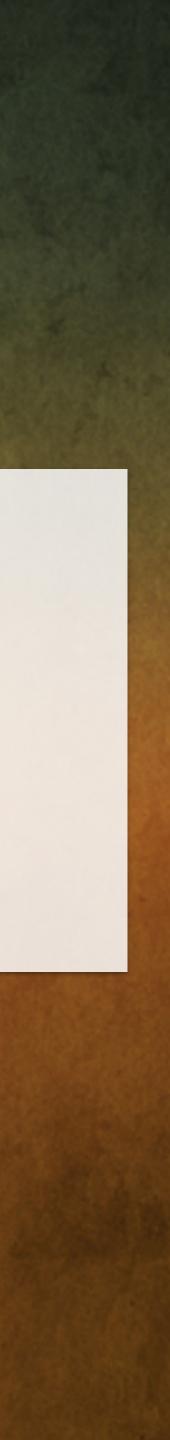
Frequency



### Feature Prioritization Chart

#### Rating

# Categorical

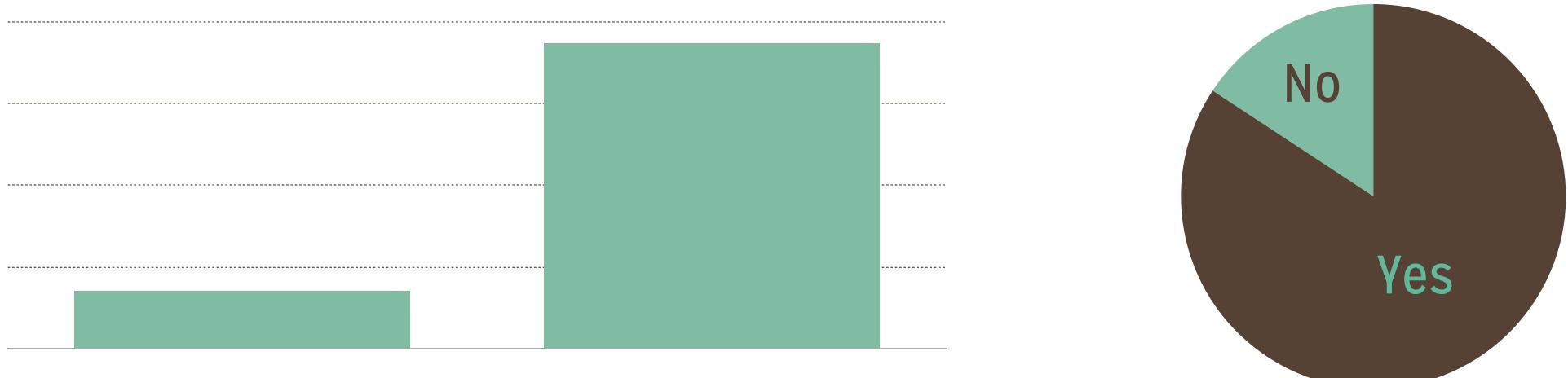


# Do you drink coffee? Yes No



**Categorical Response** 

# **Coffee Drinkers**



No



Yes

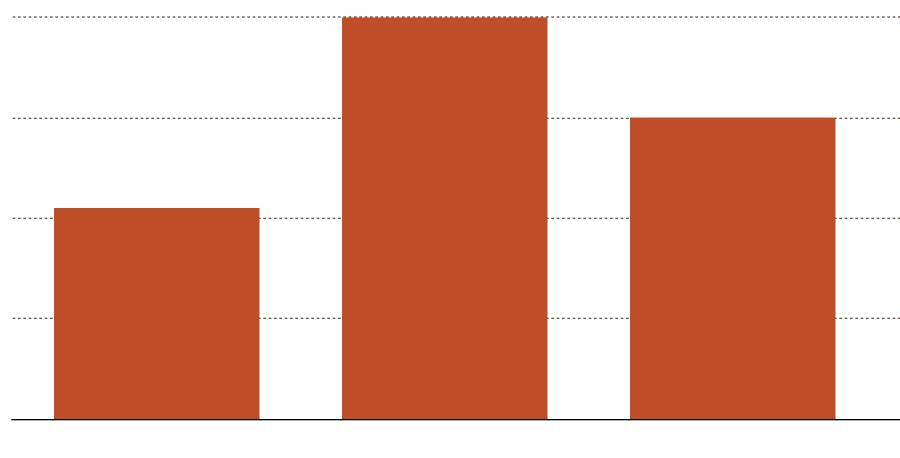
### Categorical Response



# How much coffee do you drink?

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

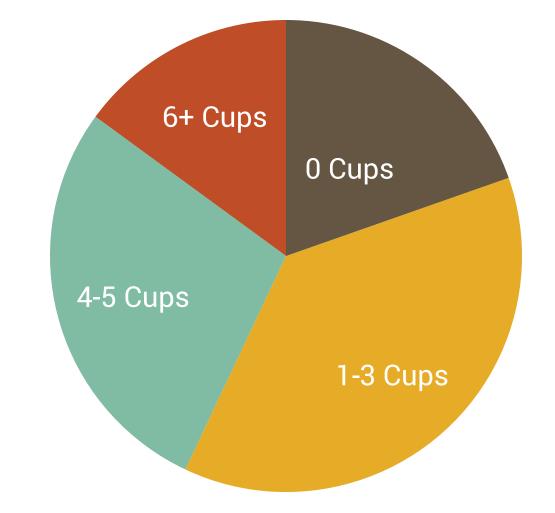
**Ordinal Response** 



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?

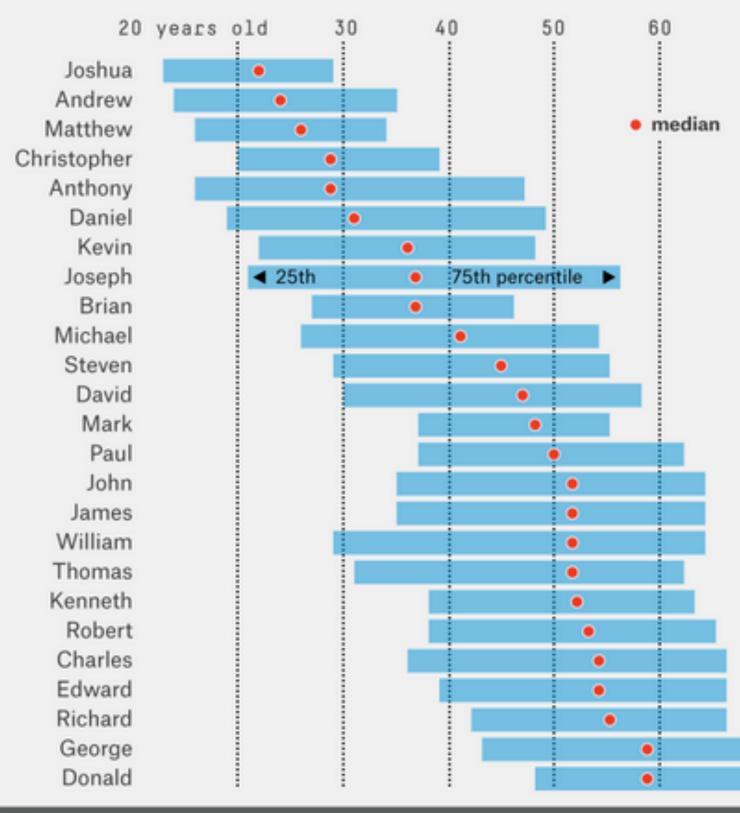
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Interval & Ratio Response

# Mean, Median, Mode

#### Median Ages For Males With the 25 Most Common Names

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



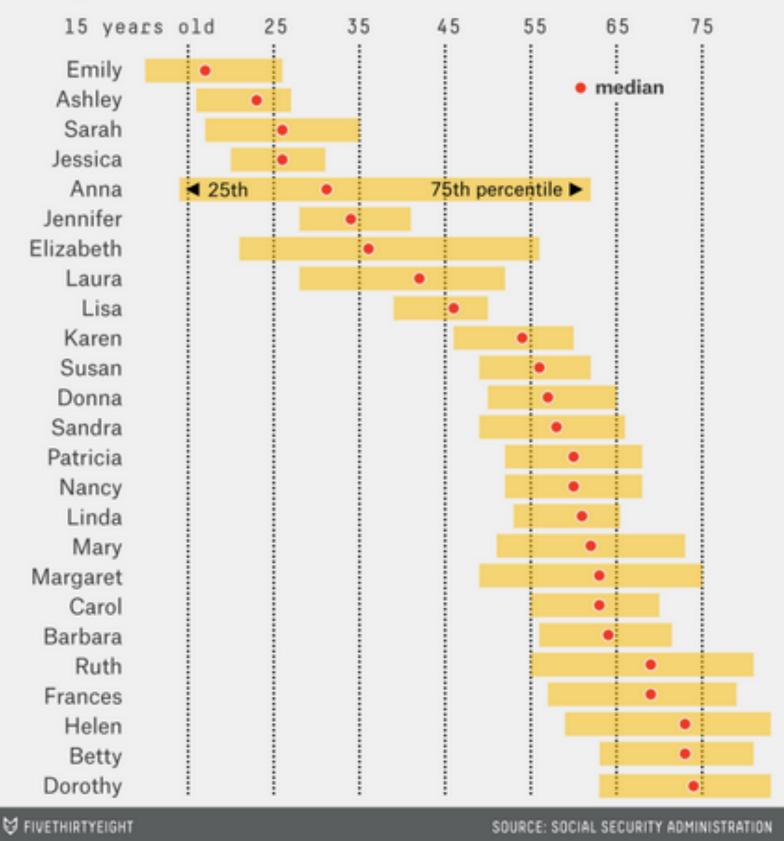
FIVETHIRTYEIGHT

SOURCE: SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

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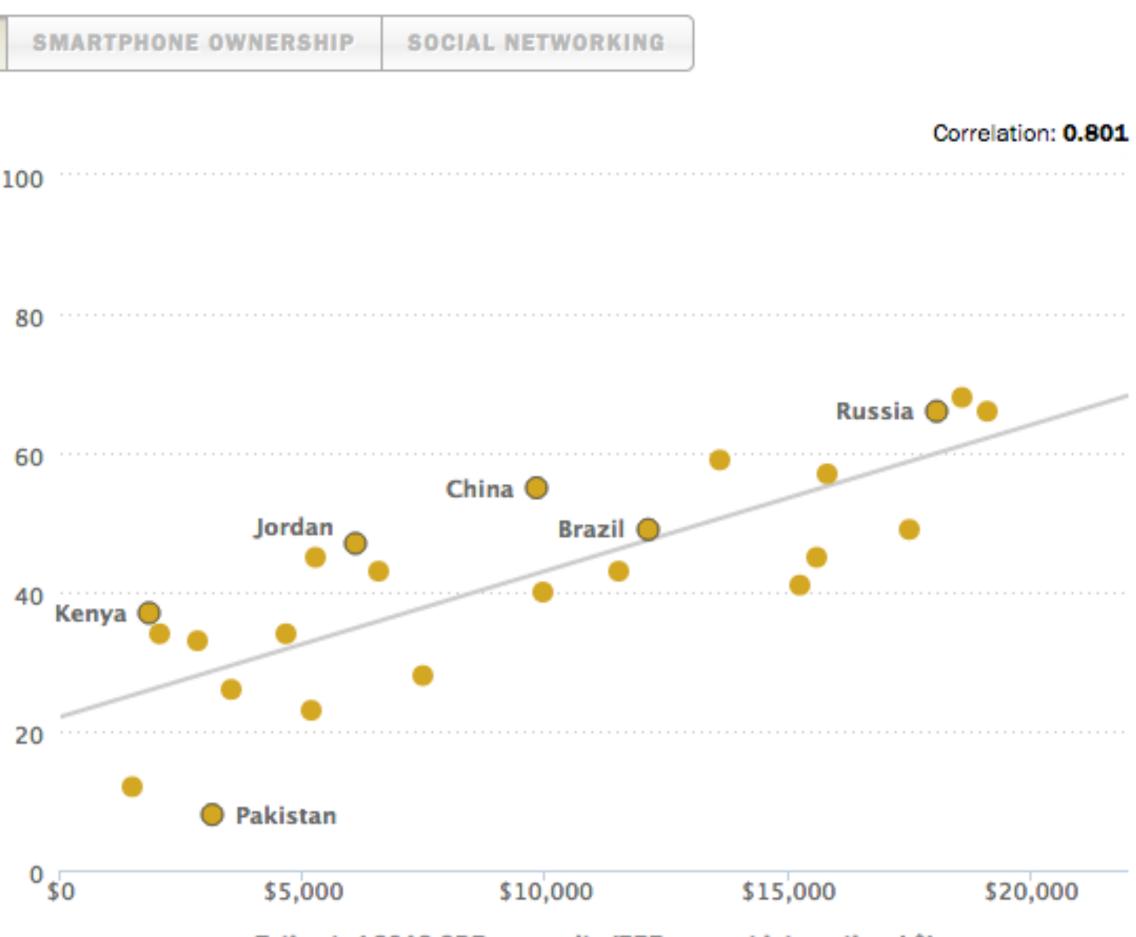
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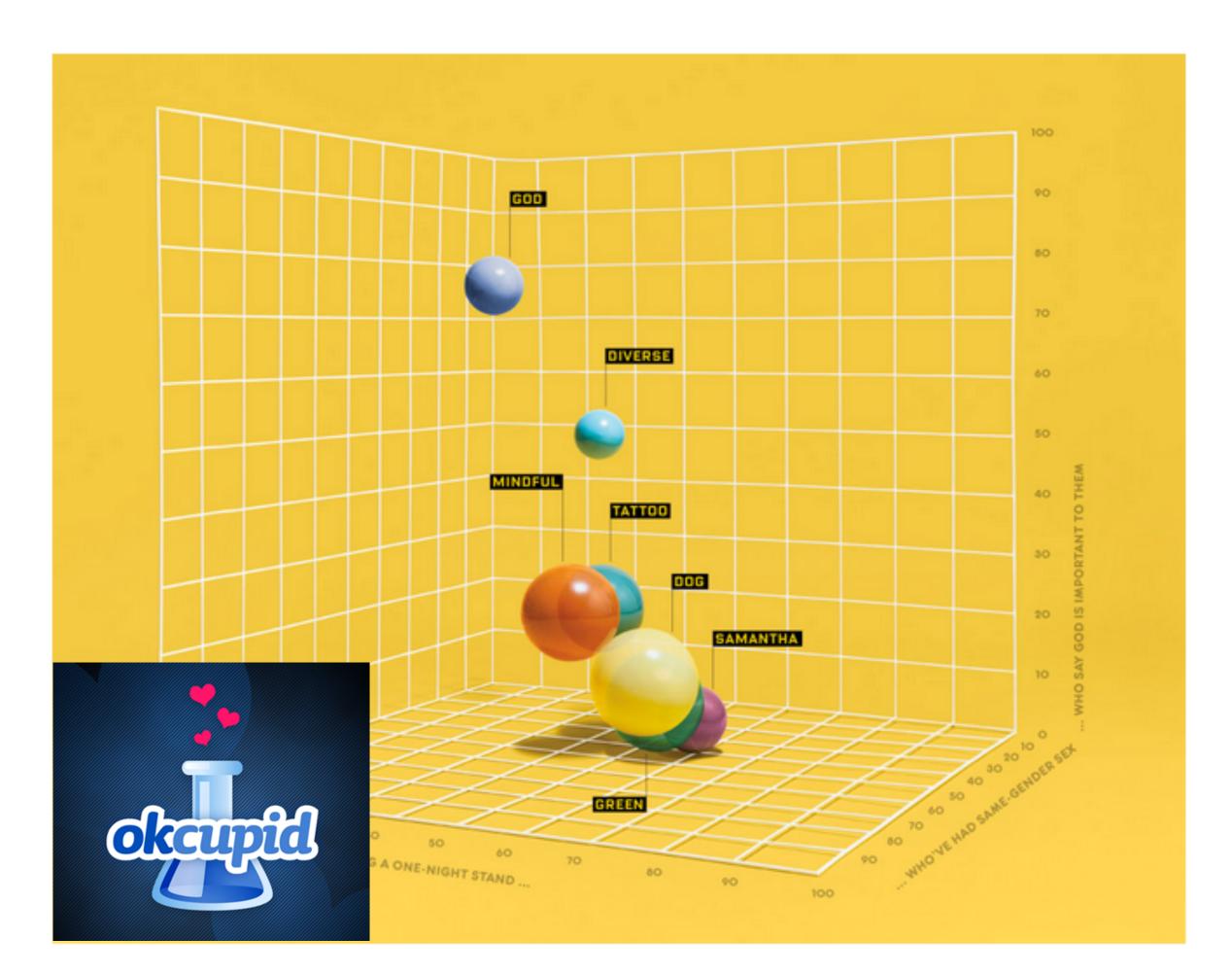
# Correlation

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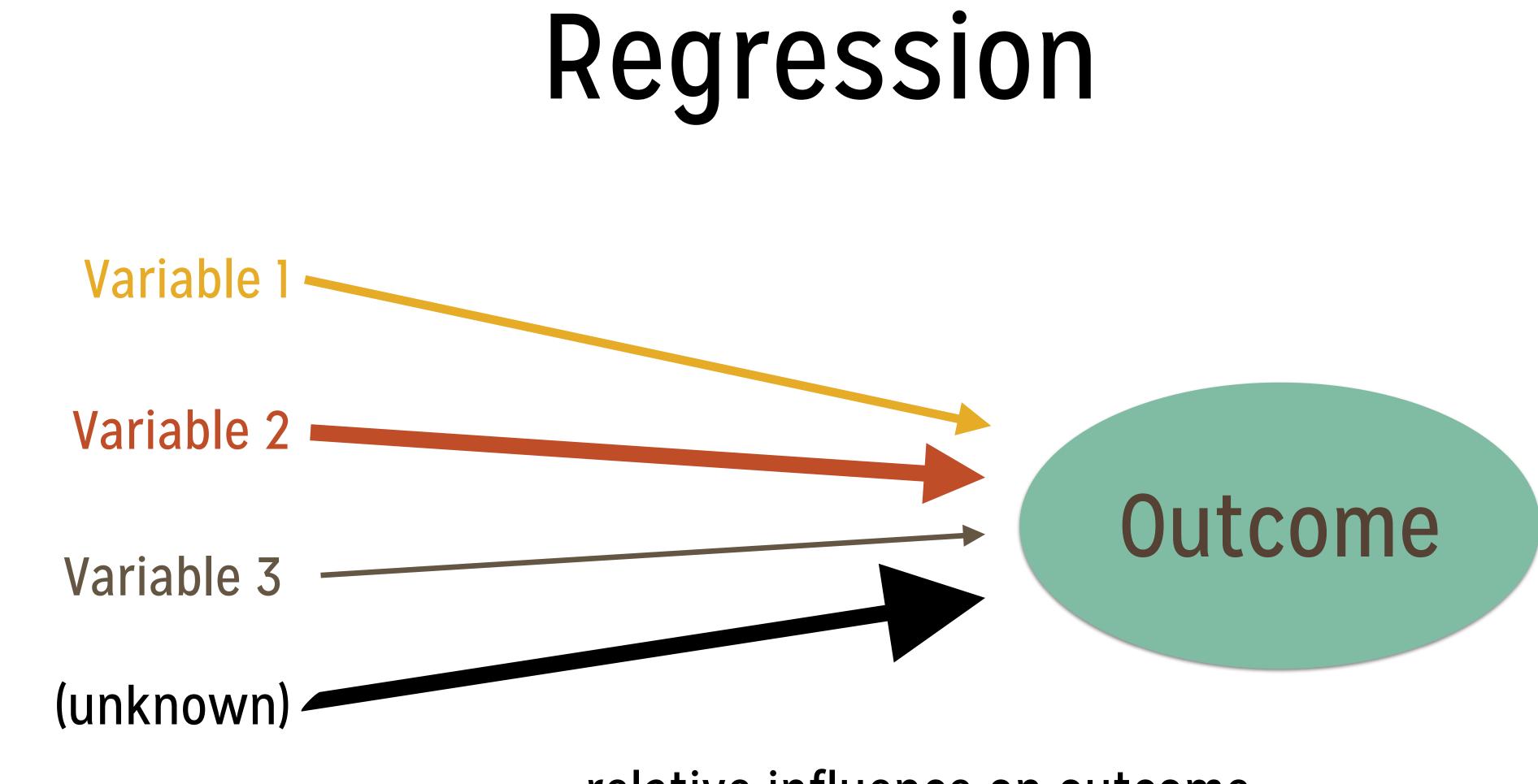
Estimated 2013 GDP per capita (PPP, current international \$)

### Source: Pew Global



### Source: Wired

# Cluster Analysis

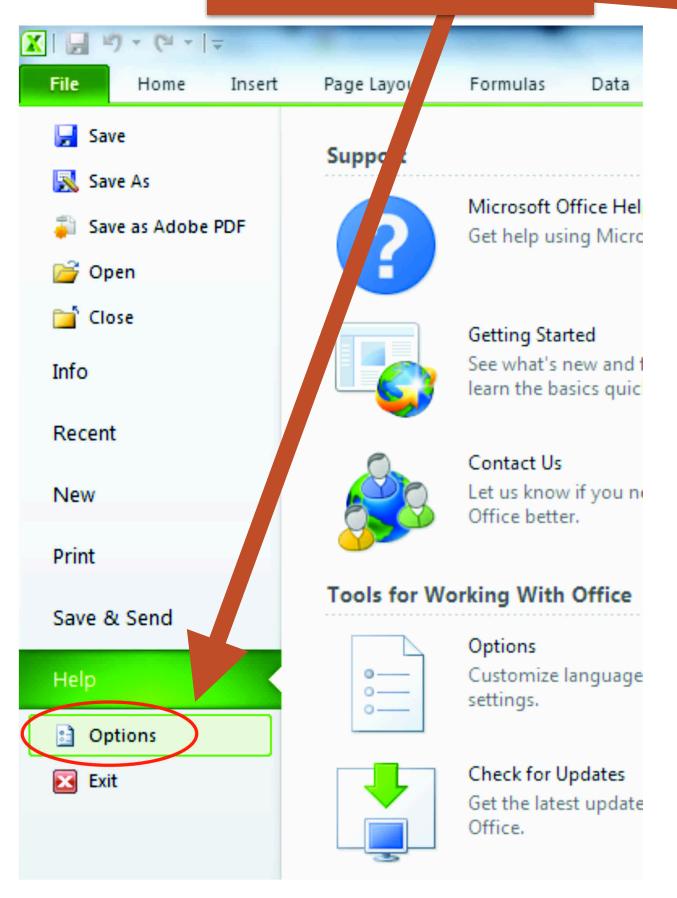


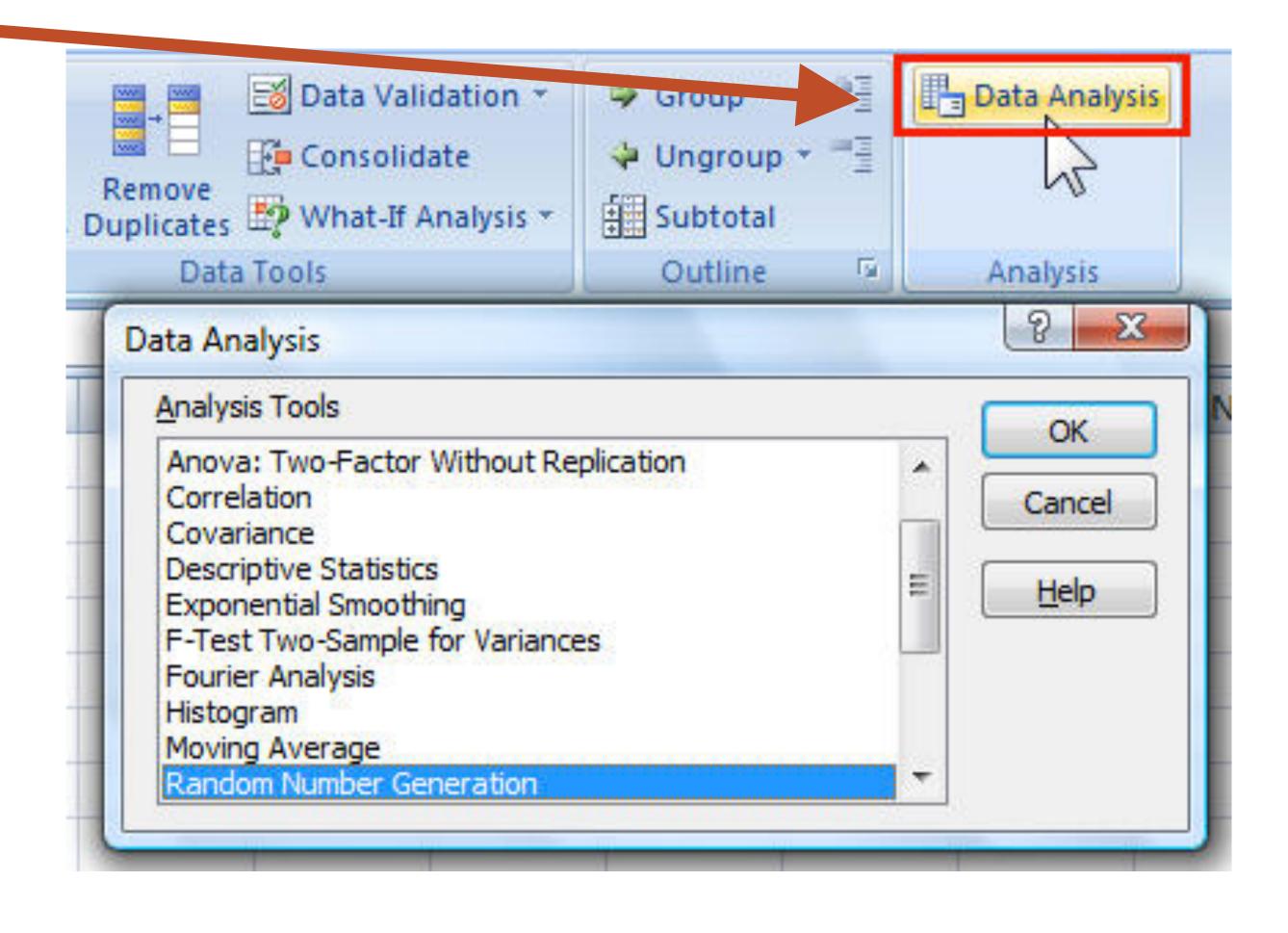
# Interval & Ratio Response

#### relative influence on outcome

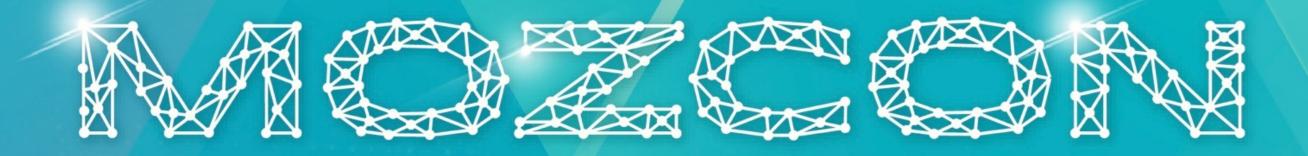
# Excel Add-In: Analysis Toolpak

Free Add-In





# Interval & Ratio Response



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# THANK YOU! SESSION Q&A



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