Articles for April 1st

(The move was a victory for abortion rights advocates who had been fighting laws in states like Texas, North Dakota and Ohio that required providers to follow the original F.D.A. labels.)


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Abstract: "For many wrongfully convicted individuals, DNA testing presents a new and invaluable means of exoneration. In several recently documented cases, however, innocent confessor were tried and convicted despite DNA evidence that excluded them. In each of these cases, the prosecutor proposed a speculative theory to explain away the mismatched
confession and exculpatory DNA. Three studies were conducted that pitted confessions against DNA test results. Study 1 showed that people in general trust DNA evidence far more than self-report, including a defendant's confession. Using student and adult community samples, Studies 2 and 3 showed that in cases in which the defendant had confessed to police but was later exculpated by DNA, prosecutorial theories spun to reconcile the contradiction attenuated the power of exculpatory DNA, significantly increasing perceptions of the defendant's culpability, the rate of conviction, and the self-reported influence of the confession. Implications and suggestions for reform are discussed."

**Closing:** "Finally, we believe that the present studies contribute to the growing literature on how psychology can be used to recommend evidence-based policies and practices aimed at preventing wrongful convictions (Cutler, 2012). Over the years, research has compelled a number of proposals for reform that would protect vulnerable suspect populations and limit the use of deceptive police interrogation practices that put innocent people at risk to confess (for a review, see Kassin et al., 2010). In highlighting the power of confession evidence in court--even, at times, despite exculpatory DNA evidence--the current studies punctuate the need for two additional safeguards that would enable juries to become more critical factfinders of confessions. First, a consensus has emerged that police should be required to record the entire process of interrogation--from start to finish (e.g., see American Bar Association, 2004; The Justice Project, 2007; Kassin et al., 2010; Sullivan, Vail, & Anderson, 2008). These recordings will provide a more accurate factual record for judges and juries needing to assess the voluntariness and credibility of the confessions that were produced. A second means of countering the inherent power of confession evidence is to admit testimony from experts. At present, U.S. courts differ in their willingness to admit such testimony. Our studies add to the literature cited by the American Psychological Association (APA) in amicus briefs recently submitted to state supreme courts (e.g., Rivera v. Illinois, 2011; Michigan v. Kowalski, 2012; People of New York v. Thomas, 2013). In these briefs, APA has argued that judges and juries have difficulty assessing
confession evidence; that false confessions, though counterintuitive, do occur; that scientific research on dispositional and situational risk factors is reliable; and that psychological experts would assist the trier of fact."

(In a dramatic man versus machine encounter, AlphaGo has secured its third decisive victory against a renowned Go player. With scientists amazed at how fast AI is developing, it’s vital that humans stay in control.) (DEEP LEARNING is to blame!)

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