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List of Publications by Year in descending order

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1	The weirdest people in the world?. Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 2010, 33, 61-83.	0.4	8,390
2	Culture and systems of thought: Holistic versus analytic cognition.. Psychological Review, 2001, 108, 291-310.	2.7	3,480
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12	Cultural preferences for formal versus intuitive reasoning. Cognitive Science, 2002, 26, 653-684.	0.8	419
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20	The origins of religious disbelief. <i>Trends in Cognitive Sciences</i> , 2013, 17, 20-25.	4.0	270
21	Memory and Mystery: The Cultural Selection of Minimally Counterintuitive Narratives. <i>Cognitive Science</i> , 2006, 30, 531-553.	0.8	266
22	Mean Gods Make Good People: Different Views of God Predict Cheating Behavior. <i>International Journal for the Psychology of Religion, The</i> , 2011, 21, 85-96.	1.3	263
23	Cultural Similarities and Differences in Social Inference: Evidence from Behavioral Predictions and Lay Theories of Behavior. <i>Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin</i> , 2002, 28, 109-120.	1.9	239
24	Cognitive biases explain religious belief, paranormal belief, and belief in life's purpose. <i>Cognition</i> , 2013, 129, 379-391.	1.1	232
25	What Do Cross-National Comparisons of Personality Traits Tell Us?. <i>Psychological Science</i> , 2008, 19, 309-313.	1.8	214
26	Culture and Causal Cognition. <i>Current Directions in Psychological Science</i> , 2000, 9, 132-135.	2.8	209
27	THE CULTURAL TRANSMISSION OF FAITH Why innate intuitions are necessary, but insufficient, to explain religious belief. <i>Religion</i> , 2011, 41, 389-410.	0.3	206
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29	Toward a Psychological Science for a Cultural Species. <i>Perspectives on Psychological Science</i> , 2006, 1, 251-269.	5.2	133
30	It was meant to happen: Explaining cultural variations in fate attributions.. <i>Journal of Personality and Social Psychology</i> , 2010, 98, 702-720.	2.6	132
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37	Weighing outcome vs. intent across societies: How cultural models of mind shape moral reasoning. <i>Cognition</i> , 2019, 182, 95-108.	1.1	67
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41	Which should you use, intuition or logic? Cultural differences in injunctive norms about reasoning. <i>Asian Journal of Social Psychology</i> , 2008, 11, 264-273.	1.1	59
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45	Does religion make people moral?. <i>Behaviour</i> , 2014, 151, 365-384.	0.4	40
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47	Supernatural norm enforcement: Thinking about karma and God reduces selfishness among believers. <i>Journal of Experimental Social Psychology</i> , 2019, 84, 103797.	1.3	34
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49	Parochial prosocial religions: Historical and contemporary evidence for a cultural evolutionary process. <i>Behavioral and Brain Sciences</i> , 2016, 39, e29.	0.4	32
50	An Angry Volcano? Reminders of Death and Anthropomorphizing Nature. <i>Social Cognition</i> , 2008, 26, 190-197.	0.5	29
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57	Secular rule of law erodes believers' political intolerance of atheists. <i>Religion, Brain and Behavior</i> , 2015, 5, 3-14.	0.4	20
58	Explaining Human Behavioral Diversity. <i>Science</i> , 2011, 332, 1041-1042.	6.0	18
59	Belief in karma: How cultural evolution, cognition, and motivations shape belief in supernatural justice. <i>Advances in Experimental Social Psychology</i> , 2019, 60, 1-63.	2.0	18
60	What are the causes and consequences of belief in karma?. <i>Religion, Brain and Behavior</i> , 2017, 7, 339-342.	0.4	16
61	Big questions about <i>Big Gods</i> : response and discussion. <i>Religion, Brain and Behavior</i> , 2015, 5, 327-342.	0.4	15
62	Why We Believe: Religion as a Human Universal. , 2010, , 58-71.		15
63	Cultural similarity among coreligionists within and between countries. <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America</i> , 2021, 118, .	3.3	14
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70	A question of reliability or of boundary conditions? Comment on Gomes and McCullough (2015).. <i>Journal of Experimental Psychology: General</i> , 2015, 144, e105-e106.	1.5	7
71	Analytic atheism revisited. <i>Nature Human Behaviour</i> , 2018, 2, 609-609.	6.2	6
72	Material insecurity predicts greater commitment to moralistic and less commitment to local deities: a cross-cultural investigation. <i>Religion, Brain and Behavior</i> , 2022, 12, 4-17.	0.4	6

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73	Religious Belief, Coalitional Commitment, and Support for Suicide Attacks. <i>Evolutionary Psychology</i> , 2010, 8, 346-349.	0.6	5
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