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1	The Emotional Path to Action: Empathy Promotes Physical Distancing and Wearing of Face Masks During the COVID-19 Pandemic. <i>Psychological Science</i> , 2020, 31, 1363-1373.	3.3	359
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8	Social Welfare as Small-scale Help: Evolutionary Psychology and the Deservingness Heuristic. <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , 2012, 56, 1-16.	4.5	165
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17	Evolutionary Political Psychology: On the Origin and Structure of Heuristics and Biases in Politics. <i>Political Psychology</i> , 2015, 36, 45-78.	3.6	97
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51	The evolutionary psychology of mass mobilization: how disinformation and demagogues coordinate rather than manipulate. <i>Current Opinion in Psychology</i> , 2020, 35, 71-75.	4.9	21
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54	Need, Compassion, and Support for Social Welfare. <i>Political Psychology</i> , 2018, 39, 907-924.	3.6	19

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87	The ancestral logic of politics: Upper body strength regulates men's assertion of self-interest over economic redistribution. <i>SSRN Electronic Journal</i> , 2012, , .	0.4	3
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101	Is the political animal politically ignorant? Applying evolutionary psychology to the study of political attitudes. <i>Evolutionary Psychology</i> , 2012, 10, 802-17.	0.9	0
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