

BEHAVIOURAL INSIGHTS

EVIDENCE-BASED BEHAVIOUR CHANGE IN SOCIAL HOUSING

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HUMAN BEHAVIOUR

Whatever business you think you're in, you're actually in the behaviour change business





Adopted with gusto by governments around the world... led by our very own Behavioural Insights Team.



Wednesday 12 October 2011

The Telegraph

Comment: A Nudge Unit - the new 'must have' for hea	alth
insurers?	



By George Parker, Political Editor

September 15, 2011 12:11 am

PM's nudgers score notable successes

By George Parker, Political Editor

Cameron Nudges people to do right thing

Nudge unit praised



The Government's new 'nudg to change people's behaviour that rather than legislation has bee first report on its work. The u successes include organ doant Financial Times reports.

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Give us a nudge and we'll behave ourselves Daniel Finkelstein



And more recently by private sector by the private sector: the rise of the Chief Behavioural Officer (CBO)





Behavioural economics

'Homer Economicus': How we behave in reality

Classical economics

'Homo Economicus': How we behave in theory.

It's behaviour Jim, but not as we know it: The predictable irrationality of human behaviour.

INTENTION-ACTION GAP



Attitudes and intentions are weak predictors of behaviour. Behaviours predict behaviours



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£210m of revenue brought forward in 2012/13 alone.



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£30m per year in **saved** in escalation activity



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PAYMENT RATES

Proportion of tenants who made a payment: entire trial



Reframing Letter 1 led to a **12% increase in payments.**



PAYMENT AGREEMENTS

Proportion of tenants who overpaid against 'amount due'



Thank tenants for keeping up repayment agreements resulted in 71% of them further increasing the amount they paid to reduce their debt.



REVENUE

Average payments per tenant within 7 days of intervention



Changes to an envelope **increased revenue by 46%**



ENGAGEMENT

Proportion of tenants that made contact following intervention



Simplifying the layout of a letter using basic information design resulted 24% higher tenant engagement.



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Adding just 1 extra message to arrears comms resulted in significantly less tenant engagement—the desired result for a channel-shift agenda.



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Evidence based behaviour change

- Policies
- Procedures
- Strategy
- Vision
- Ethos

Behaviour change opportunities

- Colleague and workforce?
- ASB?
- Downsizing?
- End of tenancy?
- Call centre enquiry handling?
- Ownership and accountability?
- Repairs demand?







WHAT DO WE MEAN BY BEHAVIOURAL INSIGHTS





DATA ANALYSIS + BEHAVIOURAL INSIGHTS + RIGOROUS TESTING

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EVIDENCE-BASED POLICIES AND SERVICES





"One of the few books I've read recently that fundamentally changes the way I think about the world." --Steven Levitt, coauthor of Freukonomics

Let's get things moving with the Nudge.

"...any aspect of the choice architecture that alters people's behavior in a predictable way without forbidding any options or significantly changing their economic incentives.

To count as a mere nudge, the intervention must be easy and cheap to avoid. Nudges are not mandates. Putting fruit at eye level counts as a nudge. Banning junk food does not."



ENVIRONMENTAL NUDGES: EXAMPLES









MADE ACCESSIBLE BY POPULAR LITERATURE



Improving Decisions about Health. Wealth. and Happiness Richard H. Thaler and Cass R. Sunstein ...with a new afterword

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER



The Hidden Forces That Shape Our Decisions

DAN ARIELY







Our ability to make rational decisions is limited by a vast range of systematic errors.

Ambiguity effect // Anchoring or focalism // Anthropomorphism // Attentional bias // Automation bias // Availability heuristic // Availability cascade // Backfire effect // Bandwagon effect // Base rate fallacy or Base rate neglect // Belief bias // Bias blind spot // Cheerleader effect // Choice-supportive bias // Clustering illusion // Confirmation bias // Congruence bias // Conjunction fallacy // Regressive bias // Conservatism (Bavesian) // Contrast effect // Curse of knowledge // Decov effect // Denomination effect // Disposition effect // Distinction bias // Dunning-Kruger effect // Duration neglect // Empathy gap // Endowment effect // Essentialism // Exaggerated expectation // Experimenter's or expectation bias // Focusing effect // Forer effect or Barnum effect // Framing effect // Frequency illusion // Functional fixedness // Gambler's fallacy // Hard-easy effect // Hindsight bias // Hot-hand fallacy // Hyperbolic discounting // Identifiable victim effect // IKEA effect // Illusion of control // Illusion of validity // Illusory correlation // Impact bias // Information bias // Insensitivity to sample size // Irrational escalation // Less-is-better effect // Loss aversion // Mere exposure effect // Money illusion // Moral credential effect // Negativity effect // Negativity bias // Neglect of probability // Normalcy bias // Not invented here // Observer-expectancy effect // Omission bias // Optimism bias // Ostrich effect // Outcome bias // Overconfidence effect // Pareidolia // Parkinson's Law of Triviality // Pessimism bias // Planning fallacy // Post-purchase rationalization // Pro-innovation bias // Pseudocertainty effect // Reactance // Reactive devaluation // Recency illusion // Restraint bias // Rhyme as reason effect // Risk compensation / Peltzman effect // Selective perception // Semmelweis reflex // Social comparison bias // Social desirability bias // Status guo bias // Status guo bias // Status guo bias // Status guo bias // Weber-Fechner law // Well travelled road effect // Zero-risk bias // Zero-sum heuristic // // Social biases[edit] // Most of these biases are labeled as attributional biases. // // Name // Actor-observer bias // Defensive attribution hypothesis // Egocentric bias // Extrinsic incentives bias // False consensus effect // Forer effect (aka Barnum effect) // Fundamental attribution error // Group attribution error // Halo effect // Illusion of asymmetric insight // Illusion of external agency // Illusion of transparency // Illusory superiority // Ingroup bias // Just-world hypothesis // Moral luck // Naïve cvnicism // Naïve realism // Outgroup homogeneity bias // Projection bias // Self-serving bias // Shared information bias // System justification // Trait ascription bias // Ultimate attribution error // Worse-than-average effect // // Memory errors and biases[edit] // Main article: List of memory biases // In psychology and cognitive science, a memory bias is a cognitive bias that either enhances or impairs the recall of a memory (either the chances that the memory will be recalled at all, or the amount of time it takes for it to be recalled, or both), or that alters the content of a reported memory. There are many types of memory bias, including: // // Name // Bizarreness effect // Choice-supportive bias // Change bias // Childhood amnesia // Conservatism or Regressive bias // Consistency bias // Context effect // Cross-race effect // Cryptomnesia // Egocentric bias // Fading affect bias // False memory // Generation effect (Self-generation effect) // Google effect // Hindsight bias // Humor effect // Illusion of truth effect // Illusory correlation // Lag effect // Leveling and Sharpening // Levels-of-processing effect // List-length effect // Misinformation effect // Modality effect // Part-list cueing effect // Part-list cueing effect // Peak-end rule // Persistence // Picture superiority effect // Positivity effect // Primacy effect, Recency effect & Serial position effect // Processing difficulty effect // Reminiscence bump // Rosy retrospection // Self-relevance effect // Source confusion // Spacing effect // Spotlight effect // Stereotypical bias // Suffix effect // Sug ity // Telescopine effect // Testing effect // Tip of the tongue phenomenon // Travis Syndrome // Verbatim effect // Von Restorff effect // Zeigarnik effect //

Much of our behaviour is driven by emotional (internal) or social (external) dynamics... not 'rational' self interest.



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THE LIMITATIONS OF THE HUMAN CONDITION







Small changes and big impacts

Hard work



A BEHAVIOURAL INSIGHTS APPROACH



EVIDENCE-BASED BEHAVIOUR CHANGE



DESIGN THE SOLUTION

IDENTIFY THE AGENTS

Where should we focus our resources? Where can we have greatest impact?

We need to segment our communities in order develop more targeted interventions and services.

EXAMPLE - REPAIRS DEMAND

50% 47% 40% 36% 35% 33% 30% 32% 31% 20% 20% 18% 16% 15% 14% 10% 4% 0% Medium Medium Medium Low High Very high Low High Very high Low High Very high No of repairs Tenants Total cost

FREQUENCY SEGMENTS

Low	0 to 3
Medium	4 to 7
High	8 to 13
Very high	14+

Key segments = High & Very High:

19% of tenants account for:

- 49% of repairs
- 52% of repairs costs

EXAMPLE - REPAIRS DEMAND



Persistent repairers more likely to be

- Women
- Older
- Asian / Asian Bangladeshi
- Have larger property / family



EXAMPLE - REPAIRS DEMAND



Tenants reporting repairs triggered by move more likely to be

- Male
- Younger
- Asian / Asian Bangladeshi
- Living in a bedsit



QUALITATIVE INSIGHT



MINDSPACE

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Messenger Incentives Norms Defaults Salience Priming Affect Commitments Ego

http://instituteforgovernment.org.uk

Dolan et al, 2010.



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Messenger Incentives Norms Defaults Salience Priming Affect Commitments Ego We are heavily influenced by who communicates information. Our responses to incentives are shaped by mental shortcuts We tend to do what those around us are already doing. We 'go with the flow' of pre-set options. Our attention is drawn to what is novel and relevant to us. Our acts are often influenced by sub-conscious cues. Emotional associations can powerfully shape our actions. We seek to be consistent with our public promises We act in ways that make us feel better about ourselves





Emerging from all this:

- Intention action gap
- Evidence, and attention to this when determining organisational direction
- Understanding people's behaviour



GROUP WORK

To pick up and explore some of these themes, and how they might be useful to you, on your table is a very simple case study. Use the MINDSPACE stimulus cards to work on some solutions to the issues raised.

We'll take feedback from 1 or 2 tables.





WRAP UP AND QUESTIONS:

WHAT IS THE ONE THING THAT YOU WILL DO DIFFERENTLY AS A RESULT OF TODAY'S SESSION?

