Choice-supportive misremembering: A robust phenomenon?

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Presentation/abstract
Although the literature on the impact of memory and biases on decisions is extensive, research on the effects of decision making on memory is sparse and scattered across domains. Choice-supportive memory bias has been observed in several of these studies, but to our knowledge, no attempt had been made to review and categorize the literature and the generalizability of the evidence in support of this phenomenon. Thus, we presented a new taxonomy for choice-supportive memory bias and distortion after decision making, and reviewed the current status of the scientific understanding of such distortions.[1] Next, we carried out an experiment involving choices, with a control condition of being assigned an option. We investigated memory distortions after three delay levels through free recall and then a step-wise cued recall. The memory errors and omissions were classified according to our taxonomy and whether or not they were choice-supportive. A sequel to this experiment is currently being run at Stockholm university, with more complex choices, a wider age range, only one level of delay, but four different conditions relating to the presentation of the scenarios.