

When the thought counts less: intent matters less for incest than assault

Appendix

Stimuli

Experiments 1A, 2, and 3

Intentional & Accidental Violations

“How morally wrong was the action?”

Harm

Allergy - Intentional: Imagine your cousin is over for dinner. You **know** she is allergic to peanuts. You decide to add peanuts to the dish because they really bring out the flavor for you. You grind up the peanuts, add them in, and serve your cousin.

Allergy - Accidental: Imagine your cousin is over for dinner. You **have no idea** she is allergic to peanuts. You decide to add peanuts to the dish because they really bring out the flavor for you. You grind up the peanuts, add them in, and serve your cousin.

Poison - Intentional: Imagine you and a co-worker are taking a tour of a chemical plant. During the coffee break, you go to pour some coffee. You like yours black, but your co-worker asks for sugar in hers. You spoon some powder into your co-worker’s coffee. **You know full well that you are putting poison in her coffee.**

Poison - Accidental: Imagine you and a co-worker are taking a tour of a chemical plant. During the coffee break, you go to pour some coffee. You like yours black, but your co-worker asks for sugar in hers. You spoon some powder into your co-worker’s coffee. **You do not know that someone replaced the sugar with poison.**

Incest

Sibling - Intentional: Imagine you are at a dorm party and really hit it off with someone. This person feels the same way about you. **That night, you end up talking, and you discover that you are actually long lost siblings.** At the end of the night, you decide to sleep together (using two forms of birth control to be safe).

Sibling - Accidental: Imagine you are at a dorm party and really hit it off with someone. This person feels the same way about you. At the end of the night, you decide to sleep together (using two forms of birth control to be safe). **The next day, you end up talking, and you discover that you are actually long lost siblings.**

Parent - Intentional: Imagine you were adopted at birth - you have never met your birth parents. The weekend of your college reunion, you go to your school’s football game and meet someone a bit older. You **discover** that this person is actually your biological parent. You two get along really well and, that night, end up sleeping together (using two forms of birth control to be safe).

Parent - Accidental: Imagine you were adopted at birth - you have never met your birth parents. The weekend of your college reunion, you go to your school’s football game and meet someone a bit older. You **have no idea** that this person is actually your biological parent. You two get along really well and, that night, end up sleeping together (using two forms of birth control to be safe).

Ingestion

Dog - Intentional: Imagine that a car just killed your beloved dog. Your significant other has heard that dog meat is delicious and freezes the meat of your dog before it goes bad. Later, you

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decide to make yourself dinner. You see a package in the freezer. It is **correctly labeled “dog”**. You end up eating your dog for dinner.

Dog - Accidental: Imagine that a car just killed your beloved dog. Your significant other has heard that dog meat is delicious and freezes the meat of your dog before it goes bad. Later, you decide to make yourself dinner. You see a package in the freezer. It is **incorrectly labeled “beef” – but it is actually the meat from your dog. Without realizing it**, you end up eating your dog for dinner.

Urine - Intentional: Imagine that you are waiting to brush your teeth while your friend is in the bathroom. As she leaves, you notice a cup and a pregnancy test. Your friend **warns** you that the cup contains her urine for her pregnancy test. You finish brushing your teeth and use that cup to rinse out your mouth.

Urine – Accidental: Imagine that you are waiting to brush your teeth while your friend is in the bathroom. As she leaves, you notice a cup and a pregnancy test. Your friend **forgets to tell you** that the cup contains her urine for her pregnancy test. You finish brushing your teeth and use that cup to rinse out your mouth.

Experiment 1B

Intentional & Accidental Violations - Third-person scenarios
“How morally wrong was the action?”

Harm

Allergy - Intentional: Imagine Sam's cousin is over for dinner. Sam knows she is allergic to peanuts. Sam decides to add peanuts to the dish because they really bring out the flavor for Sam. Sam grinds up the peanuts, adds them in, and serves the meal.

Allergy - Accidental: Imagine Sam's cousin is over for dinner. Sam has no idea she is allergic to peanuts. Sam decides to add peanuts to the dish because they really bring out the flavor for Sam. Sam grinds up the peanuts, adds them in, and serves the meal.

Incest

Sibling - Intentional: Imagine Sam is at a dorm party and really hits it off with someone. This person feels the same way about Sam. That night, they end up talking, and they discover that they are actually long lost siblings. At the end of the night, they decide to sleep together (using two forms of birth control to be safe).

Sibling - Accidental: Imagine Sam is at a dorm party and really hits it off with someone. This person feels the same way about Sam. At the end of the night, they decide to sleep together (using two forms of birth control to be safe). The next day, they end up talking, and they discover that they are actually long lost siblings.

Experiments 4 and 5

Failed Attempts

“How morally wrong was the decision to act?”

Harm

False Belief: Imagine your cousin is over for dinner. You **think** she is allergic to peanuts. But you decide to add peanuts to the dish anyway because they really bring out the flavor for you.

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You grind up the peanuts, add them in, and serve your cousin. But actually your cousin isn't allergic to peanuts at all, so she is able to enjoy the meal.

True Belief: Imagine your cousin is over for dinner. You **know** she is allergic to peanuts. But you decide to add peanuts to the dish anyway because they really bring out the flavor for you.

But then you realize that you're all out of peanuts, so you grind up some walnuts and add those to the dish instead. You serve your cousin, and she is able to enjoy the meal.

Neutral: Imagine your cousin is over for dinner. You know that she is not allergic to peanuts. So, you decide to add peanuts to the dish because they really bring out the flavor for you. You grind up the peanuts, add them in, and serve your cousin. She enjoys the meal.

Incest

False Belief: Imagine you are at a dorm party and really hit it off with someone. This person feels the same way about you. That night, you end up talking, and you **decide** that you are actually long lost siblings. At the end of the night, you decide to sleep together (using two forms of birth control to be safe). **The next day, upon further investigation, you discover that you are actually not related at all.**

True Belief: Imagine you are at a dorm party and really hit it off with someone. This person feels the same way about you. That night, you end up talking, and you **discover** that you are actually long lost siblings. At the end of the night, you decide to sleep together (using two forms of birth control to be safe). **But then, because of a fire alarm in the building you don't end up sleeping together that night.**

Neutral: Imagine you are at a dorm party and really hit it off with someone. This person feels the same way about you. At the end of the night, you decide to sleep together (using two forms of birth control to be safe).