Suicide thoughts and behaviors: effects of Future Time reference

In this talk, I will use suicide thoughts and behavior as an example to illustrate the effects of future time reference. Specifically, I will conduct empirical investigation to demonstrate language markers on future tense have impacts on its speakers’ suicide behaviors. Countries with primary languages having obligatory marker of future tense have lower suicide rates. Individuals speaking language marking future time tend to have lower acceptance on suicide and euthanasia. The economic effects of future time reference have been extended to multiple disciplines.

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