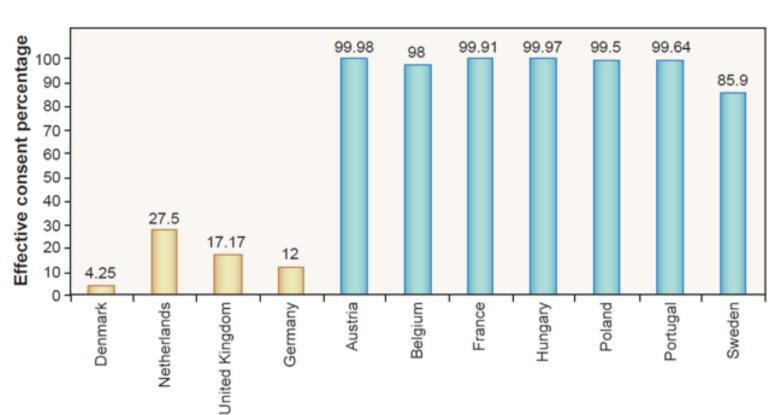






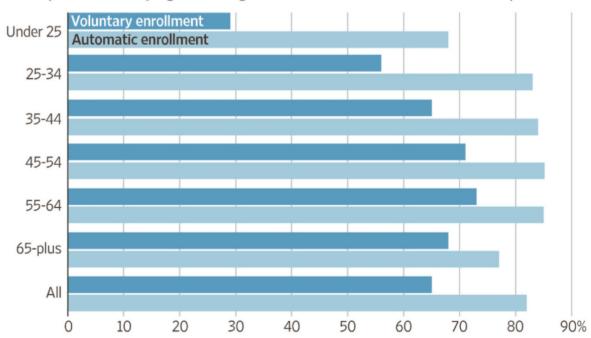
## Defaults





# **Defaults**

Participation rates by age for Vanguard defined-contribution retirement plans



Source: Vanguard Group data for 2013 on about 400 plans and 800,000 participants and eligible nonparticipants

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# Hyperbolic Discounting

#### HOW TO MAKE SAVING HURT LESS

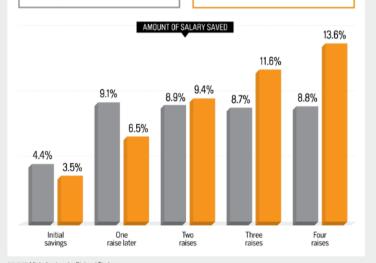
In the moment, we resist saving. Solution: Commit to doing it... later.

#### **THEY BIT THE BULLET**

At one company, 401(k) participants got advice from a consultant, who told them to save an extra 5% of salary. Some took that advice, and were saving 9% by the time they got their first raise.

#### TAKING IT SLOW, BUT AUTOMATIC

Others said 5% was too much. They were given another choice: increase their savings rate by three percentage points each raise. This group ultimately saved more. Many plans now offer this option.

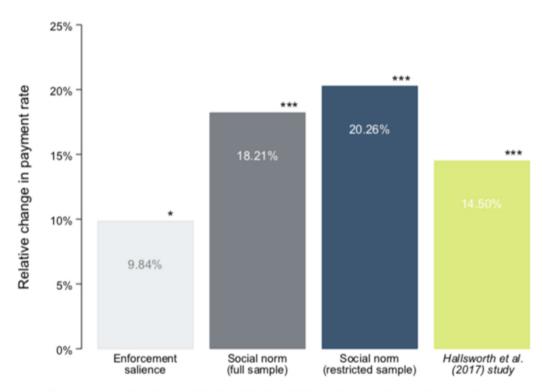


SOURCE: Misbehaving, by Richard Thaler

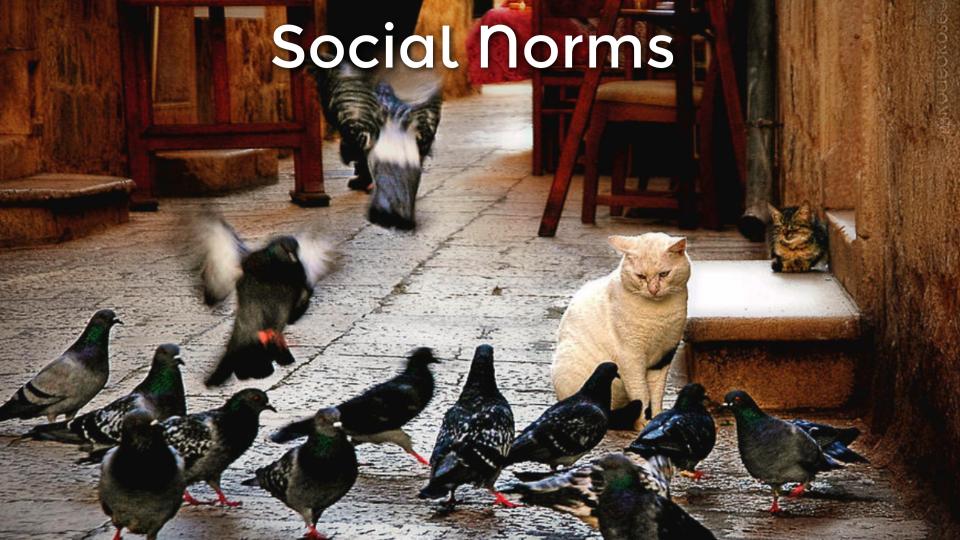




## Social Norms



n=9,130 (in full sample), \*\*\* p<0.001, \*\* p<0.01, \* p<0.05 (signifance relative to trial control)



# **Framing**







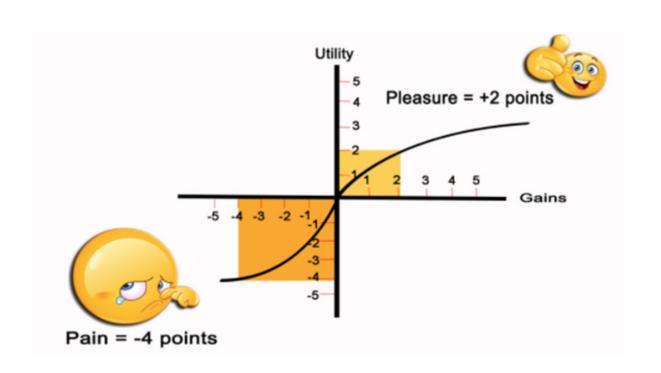
# Decoying

HMM ... EXPENSIVE





# **Loss Aversion**







## Status / values challenge

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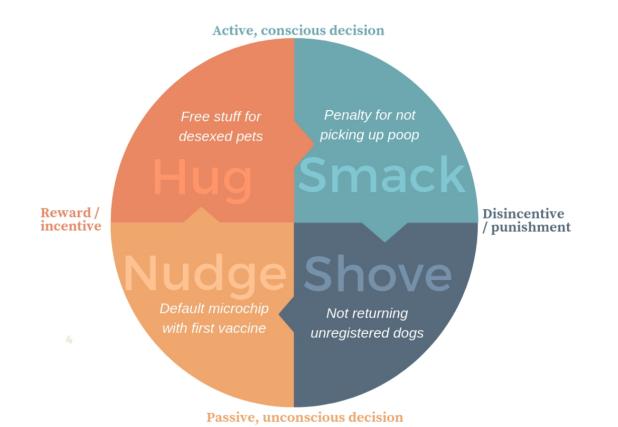
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# KEY TAKEAWAY 1: THERE IS ANOTHER OPTION!





### KEY TAKEAWAY 2: MESSAGING MATTERS





