

People love statistics. But do they understand them?



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Introduction:

What is scienceploitation?

- The misuse and exploitation of scientific information in marketing strategies
- Term coined by Caufield
- Also known as scientificness, scientese.

What are the known effects?

• Manipulation of costumers' views on certain products/services

Background /Lessons from the literature:

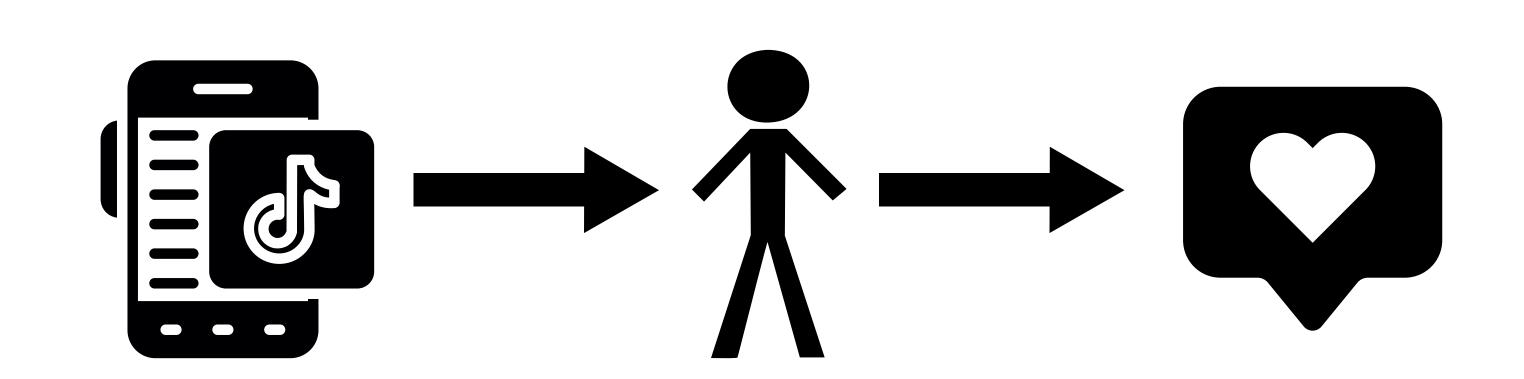
- 1. Misrepresentation of scientific innovation for marketing purposes (Caufield, 2006)
- 2. Use of Latin, Greek, scientific words to give higher credibility
- 3. Use of scientific visuals (ex: photos of eyes, retina etc...) to convey trust in products
- 4. Use of percentages or other numerical values

Method:

Measuring: Consumer purchasing intention based on their interaction with a TikTok video Product: Protein powder (diverse audience, popular demand, and easy accessibility)

Between-Subjects Design:

Presence of both scientific jargon and percentages	Presence of only scientific jargon
Presence of only percentages	Presence of neither scientific jargon or percentages (control)



Additional Information and Works Cited

