A Registered Replication Report for the moral typecasting effect

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The theory of dyadic morality (Schein & Gray, 2018) holds that all moral events necessarily involve two different entities: a moral agent and a moral patient. Moral agents are right- or wrong-doers, whereas moral patients are recipients of goodness or evil. A series of experimental studies by Gray and Wegner (2009) examined one derivative of the theory called moral typecasting, which proposes that our perceptions of moral agents and those of moral patients are inversely related, such that those seen as moral patients become less likely to be perceived as moral patients, and vice versa. We report in this article three studies (five sub-studies) (total $N =$ [XXX]) that were well-powered direct replications of Gray and Wegner (2009) as well as one conceptual extension. We included alternative measures, rating scales, and additional conditions to allow a comprehensive assessment of the typecasting effect. Our results suggested that […]. A mini meta-analysis suggested […].

Note. This is a manuscript that I am preparing to submit as a Registered Report. Formal data collection will begin when we receive Provisional Acceptance from a journal, so there will be no results available for presentation. Nonetheless, if selected for oral presentation, I will talk about how to plan and prepare a Registered Report and how to promote open science by integrating R into research workflow. This should be more helpful for our research community than whatever results that may turn up.