

Here's why I rarely come to /. anymore. First comment is nothing but an ad hominem attack, yet gets an 'insightful' rating.

Re: (Score:2)

by [PopeRatzo \(965947 \)](#)

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I know I speak for everyone when I say how much you've been missed.

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Funny. I thought (Score:4, Insightful)

by [John Smith \(4340437 \)](#) on Sunday May 29, 2016 @07:11PM ([#52207599](#))

That 1, it was the male rats affected, and two, those rats actually lived longer. So we should see headlines like this: Constant Cell Phone Use Lengthens Lifespan (in men)

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Re: (Score:2)

by [houghji \(78078 \)](#)

Next on Tublr: Cellphone invented by CIS males to kill off women earlier.

Emotional involvement (Score:4, Insightful)

by [Okian Warrior \(537106 \)](#) on Sunday May 29, 2016 @07:15PM ([#52207623](#)) [Homepage Journal](#)

One problem with media reporting today is the perceived need to get emotional involvement.

In it's economic zeal to get eyeballs on articles, the media has resorted to sensationalizing and emotionalism. They compete for the most outrageous, most shocking headlines in an attempt to lure readers.

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Everything is a crisis, everything is a war on something, everything is a conflict.

(Note: You can learn how to get around this using this [one weird trick!](#) [google.com])

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Re: (Score:3)

by [ancientt \(569920 \)](#)

Nice wording. By phrasing it so that a link needs to quote him specifically saying something you specify, you narrow legitimate potential replies, but lets take a look at what the interwebs are saying:

[9 Outrageous Things Donald Trump Has Said About Latinos](#) [huffingtonpost.com]

"The Mexican government is much smarter, much sharper, much more cunning. And they send the bad ones over because tehy don't want to pay for them, they don't want to take care of them."

"Sadly, the overwhelming amount of violent crime in our major cities i

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Re: (Score:2)

by [careysub \(976506 \)](#)

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Interestingly enough, this is a very popular tactic used by Neo-Nazis to deny that Hitler had anything to do with the Holocaust or other atrocities.

Many years after WWII the German files have been exhaustively searched and analyzed, and so we know exactly what the record shows of the Holocaust's planning and execution. So the tactic is to make up some seemingly reasonable sounding "requirement" that the Hitler-defender knows does not exist - e.g. Hitler *must* have signed a formal order for the Holocaust - an

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by [quantaman \(517394 \)](#)

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The reason republicans have lost faith in the media is they were watching Fox News and finally realized the media was messing with them.

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What's Trump's health care policy? What's his education policy? What's his energy policy? The only time he mentions these is scripted readings of a teleprompter. He doesn't care about them and neither do his supporters.

There's only two policy areas he ever talks about. Mexicans and Muslims and all the things he'll do to keep them out of the country. And a weird mishmash of

The journalism.. (Score:5, Insightful)

by [TechyImmigrant \(175943 \)](#) on Sunday May 29, 2016 @07:20PM ([#52207647](#)) [Homepage Journal](#)

was facepalm worthy from the get go.

But it continues to be facepalm worthy in criticizing the study.

The study was not worthless. It failed to show a statistically significant link. But it might have. The study was big enough that a real effect would have stuck out like a sore thumb. That it didn't, but some weird weak relationships were seen in fact puts a bound on the maximum size of the problem : I.E. In some contexts (gender, ludicrously powered phone, being a mouse) the effect of cell phone radiation doesn't cause excess tumors over the expected rate with a pretty good confidence.

The press started out all "OMG! Cell phones cause cancer!!!!". Then after the criticism of the hyperbole they went all "OMG!!! That study was shite!!!!".

The problem is with the press, not the study.

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Re: (Score:1)

by Anonymous Coward

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No symptoms = no effect. Seems simple enough.

Re: (Score:3)

by [Pseudonym \(62607 \)](#)

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You'd think so, but cancer is actually pretty tricky to pin down and the technology and usage patterns of mobile phone usage hasn't remained constant over those 20 years.

Despite 50 years of outcome improvements, the mortality rate of cancer has remained relatively static. The reason may simply be that people are dying of cancer because they aren't dying of other things, and hence getting old enough to die from cancers that are hard to treat. Moreover, mobile phones were originally mostly car-mounted, and in

Re: (Score:2)

by [JoeMerchant \(803320 \)](#)

In a world of 7 billion people, a 0.01% problem has the potential to adversely affect seven hundred thousand people.

No doubt, cell phones aren't killing a great number of people, but...

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Re:The journalism.. (Score:4, Interesting)

by [Pseudonym \(62607 \)](#) on Sunday May 29, 2016 @08:10PM ([#52207895](#))

The headline of very Slashdot story implies that doubts were raised about the *study* rather than *how it was reported*.

The mistake is being compounded every time the story is retold.

(Incidentally, the "statistically underpowered" comment is accurate but irrelevant. The whole point of a small-scale study is to decide whether or not it's worth spending resources on a larger-scale study. Science journalists should know this.)

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Re: The journalism.. (Score:1)

by Anonymous Coward

Burden of proof is on them. "But maybe" fucking nothing.

Re: (Score:2)

by [Rei \(128717 \)](#)

I immediately thought of that when I heard of the original report.

Obey the Cellpone Lobby! (Score:2)

by [BrendaEM \(871664 \)](#)

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by [dcw3 \(649211 \)](#)

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Forget your meds this morning?

Did anyone read the whole thing? (Score:5, Informative)

by [Solandri \(704621 \)](#) on Sunday May 29, 2016 @11:24PM ([#52208685](#))

I didn't. :) But just reading [the first dozen pages](#) [biorxiv.org]...

It looks like they broke the test rats into groups with 1.5, 3, and 6 W/kg exposure, CDMA and GSM, male and female. That's 3*2*2 = 12 groups. For the brain section, they looked for two types of tumors. So now they've got 24 groupings that they're searching for possible correlations.

The statistical significance of the one correlation they found (male, CDMA, 6 W/kg, malignant glioma) was p < 0.05. In other words, due to their limited sample size, just by random chance alone you'd expect such a blip to occur about 1 in 20 times even when there is no real correlation. Well they tried 24 times and got one blip.

Same thing with the heart results. 24 groupings, one blip with p < 0.05, one blip with p = 0.052. Again, almost exactly what you'd expect by pure chance alone.

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Re:Did anyone read the whole thing? (Score:4, Funny)

by [Solandri \(704621 \)](#) on Sunday May 29, 2016 @11:31PM ([#52208721](#))

Forgot to link the [relevant XKCD cartoon](#) [xkcd.com].

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Rats vs Humans (Score:2)

by [MrKaos \(858439 \)](#)

I think the big thing to remember is that humans are walking around making calls with a 1-3W microwave transmitter attached to the side of their head, rats don't. This may not be a lot of power however combined with human habit (left or right side exposure) it is certain to deliver a constant rate of microwave energy almost directly to the brain.

I've seen someone die from brain cancer and it's bad, so I think it's worth sharing a few things that make it simple to take personal responsibility for your own

Re: (Score:2)

by [Hylandr \(813770 \)](#)

First, it's your brain

Damn right it is, and I will do what I want with it.

Second, don't trust any information from any source that sponsored from an interest in ... industry behave to protect their business model and revenue stream.

This follows for Vaccines, Climatology, Alcoholism, Dairy and Eggs, etc.

it is simple to make minor changes to usage patterns that can also increase the usefulness of the device.

Cancer is obviously caused by holding it wrong.

At approximately 2.4 Ghz the wavelength is roughly 13cm, which is about the width of a human head, so if you are within one wavelength your head will absorb a portion of the energy from the phone. At 60-180 degrees of the fresnel of transmission into the head, it can vary between >0% to 50% of the power output

Did Shatner whisper that in your ear when he came in your ass?

or to use the same headphone you are using for music to take the call

BlueTooth ~~~ More RF. Not just microwave. Cook it right !!!

Increasing its signal output to overcome the effects of the capacitance from the water in your brain to maintain the call connection.

Tinfoil works better.

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All in all a great post of genuine concern by someone completely clueless and legitimately thinking they are helping by making shit up.

It's a disease, seek help and don't post anymore ple

Re: (Score:2)

by [MrKaos \(858439 \)](#)

Climate change will exist so long as there's money to be made from it.

Interesting.

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Is there anything specific you are referring too, or are you speaking to your assumptions?

Re: (Score:2)

by [Hylandr \(813770 \)](#)

Just because you don't like it doesn't mean it isn't true.

People *Are* making money off this and it runs through every industry, Tell me, who is *selling* carbon credits and what programs are funded by that money?

Crickets

Although I have been considering changing my signature to the following:

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by [dcw3 \(649211 \)](#)

Let's just stop the speculation, and look at facts. The number of cases of brain cancer per 100,000 population simply has NOT increased since the introduction of cell phones. In fact, citing the site below..Using statistical models for analysis, rates for new brain and other nervous system cancer cases have been falling on average 0.2% each year over the last 10 years. Do you have statistical evidence to the contrary? If not, then you should stop spreading FUD.

[http://seer.cancer.gov/statfac...](#) [cancer.gov]

It's in your feed. (Score:2)

by [Hylandr \(813770 \)](#)

"a breathtaking example of irresponsible science hype."

Welcome to Facebook.

Outcome of reasearch (Score:2)

by [houghji \(78078 \)](#)

The consensus is that research causes cancer in mice. News at 11.

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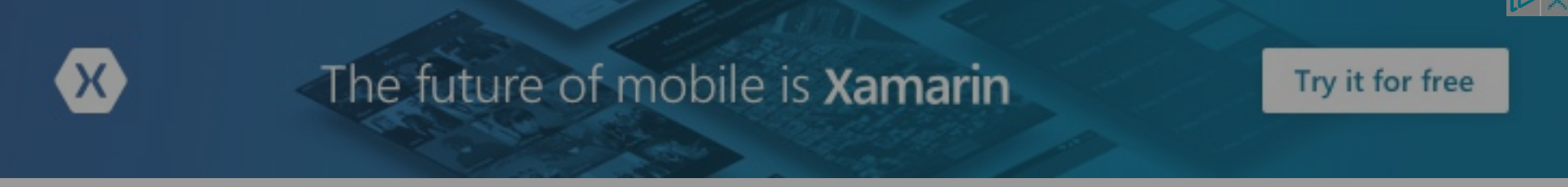


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