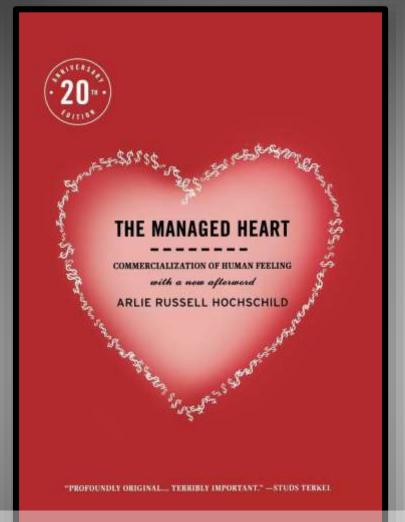
Service with a smile: Linking employee emotional displays to customer outcomes

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"Management of feelings to create a publicly observable facial and bodily display"





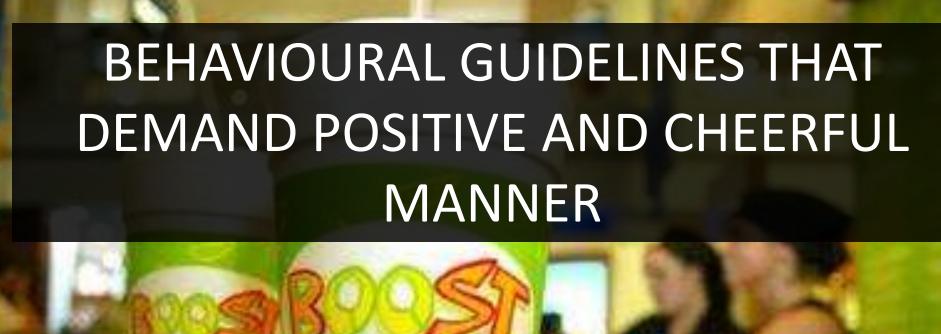
Pizza Hut
Share a slice of life

Have I smiled & greeted you?

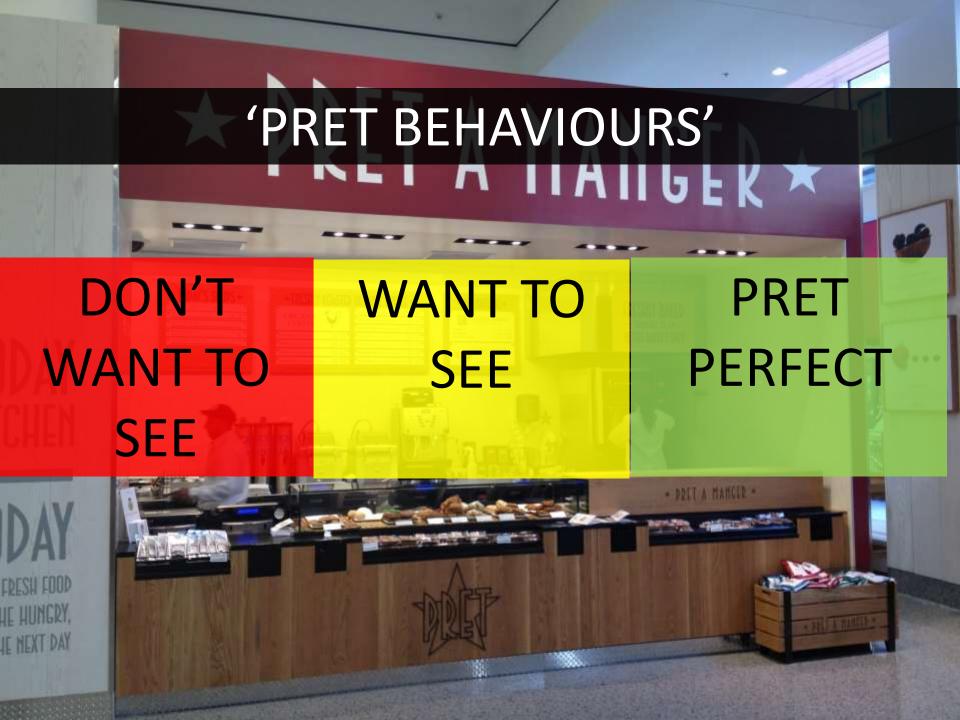
If not, your next personal pan pizza* is on us!

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Inauthentic emotions
Feign or suppress
emotions

Surface acting

Authentic emotions
Induce authentic
emotions within self



Deep acting

Positive

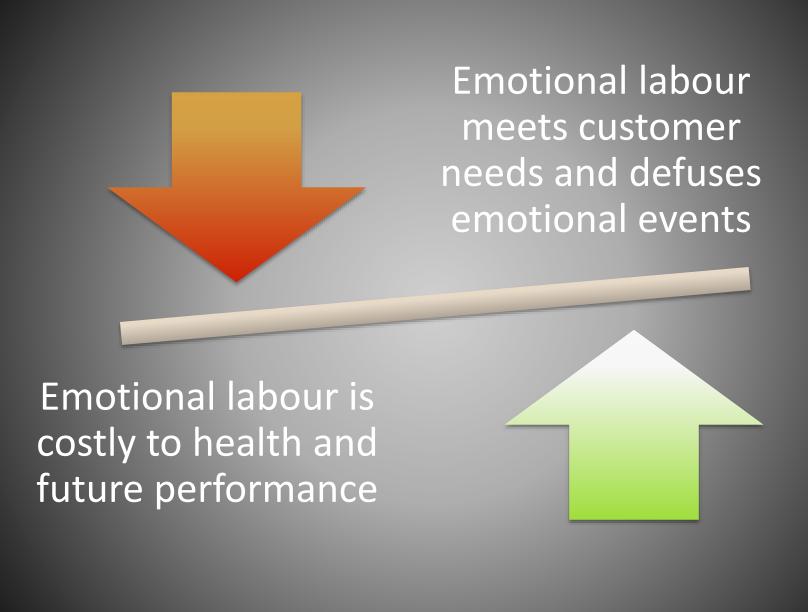


Emotional labour leads to positive customer outcomes

Negative



Emotional labour leads to negative employee outcomes



















SO WHAT ABOUT THE CUSTOMER?

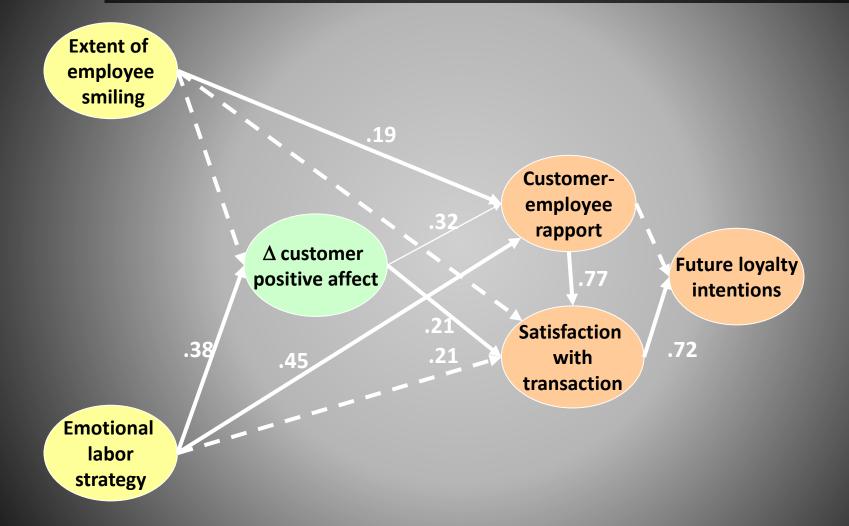




VIDEO STORE SIMULATION - METHOD

□ 2 X 2 between-subjects factorial design, N=223 ☐ Extent of employee smiling (high vs. low) ☐ Emotional labor strategy (surface acting vs. deep acting) ☐ Measures of customer experience: Pre-encounter: filler items, customer affect Post-encounter: customer affect, customeremployee rapport, satisfaction, loyalty intentions ☐ Objective measures by raters

VIDEO STORE SIMULATION- RESULTS



Note: Solid lines indicate significant paths at p < .01. Dashed line indicates insignificant path.

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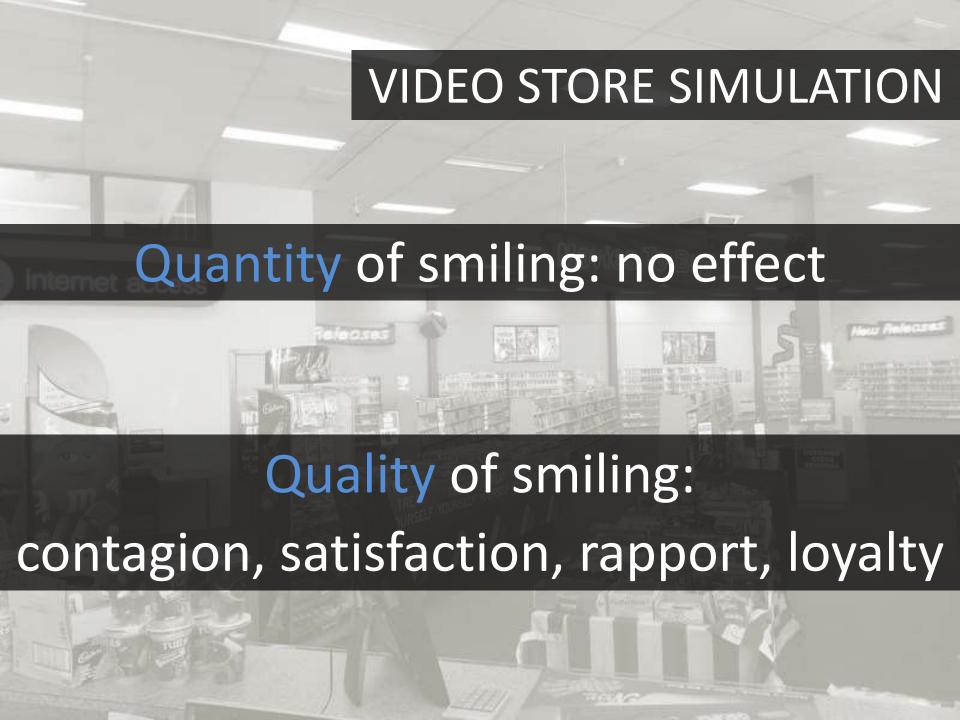
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Amount of smiling	High	3.72		
	Low	3.70		
Authenticity	High	3.71		
	Low	3.70		

VIDEO STORE SIMULATION - RESULTS

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	Low	3.70	4.30	0.67
Authenticity	High	3.71		
	Low	3.70		

VIDEO STORE SIMULATION - RESULTS

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Customer positive affect					
met access	Release	Time 1: Pre- encounter	Time 2: Post- encounter	Change in customer positive affect	
Amount of smiling	High	3.72	4.54	0.84	
	Low	3.70	4.30	0.61	
Authenticity	High	3.71	4 - 87	1.18	
	Low	3.70	3.95	0.25	







COUNSELING STUDY - METHOD

- ☐ Three time points: beginning, middle, end
- ☐ Two strategies: deep acting and surface acting
- ☐ 1-factorial design with 8 betweensubject conditions (N = 174)
- ☐ Controlling for affect
- Customer satisfaction: overall and at each time point

COUNSELING STUDY - METHOD

Beginning	Middle	End	Trend
deep acting	deep acting	deep acting	Steady
surface acting	surface acting	surface acting	Steady
surface acting	surface acting	deep acting	Improvement
surface acting	deep acting	deep acting	Improvement
surface acting	deep acting	surface acting	Erratic
deep acting	surface acting	deep acting	Erratic
deep acting	deep acting	surface acting	Decline
deep acting	surface acting	surface acting	Decline

COUNSELING STUDY - RESULTS

Primacy and recency effects

Improvement superior to erratic and decline, but not steady trends

Steady superior to decline trend

COUNSELING STUDY - RESULTS

