

It's All in Our Heads:

Protecting biodiversity with behavior-centered design



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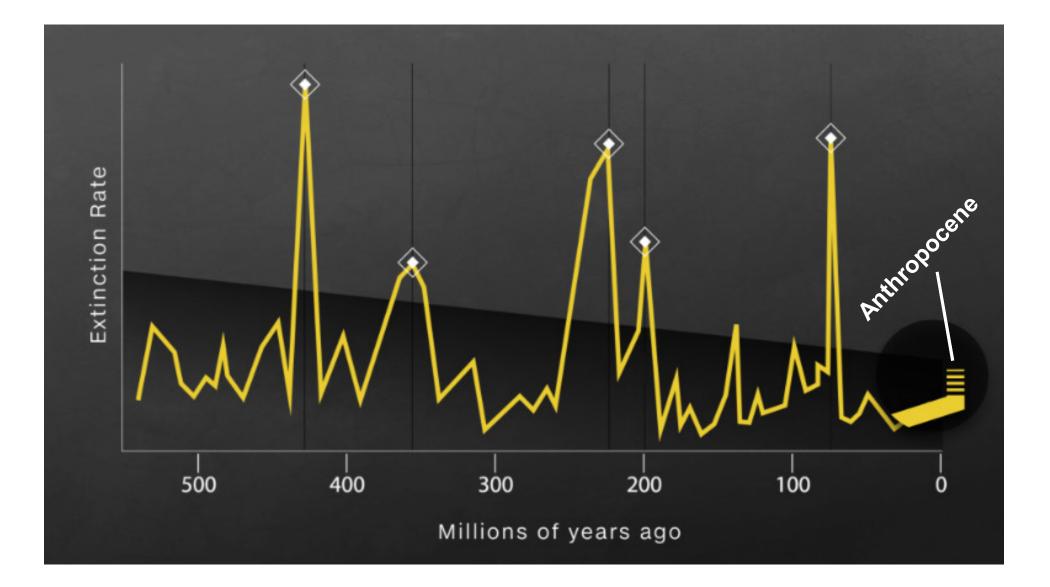
but first, a warm-up question...

You are about to buy a new belt for \$23.99, when you learn that the exact same belt is available for \$15.99 at another store, 10 minutes' walk away.

Would you walk to the other store to get the cheaper belt?



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Biggest threats to biodiversity

Climate change

Deforestation and habitat loss

Overexploitation

Invasive species

Pollution



"The current extinction has its own novel cause: not an asteroid or a massive volcanic eruption but "one weedy species."

Elizabeth Kolbert, The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History



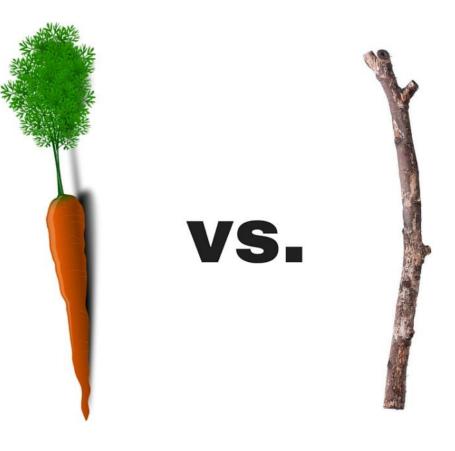




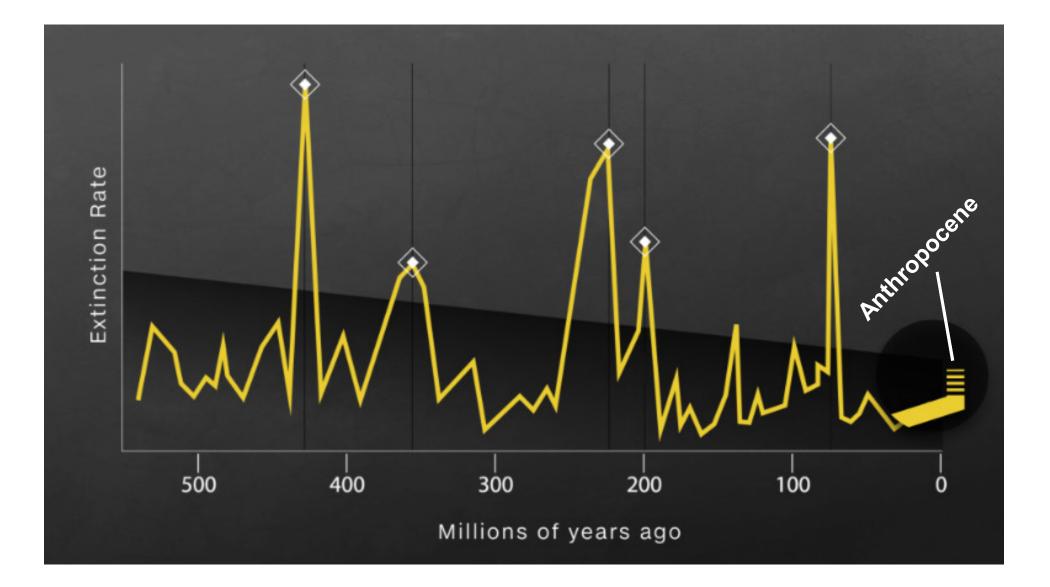
Virtually all environment and sustainability challenges share one thing in common.

To solve them, people have to start behaving differently.









warm-up question part 2...

You are about to buy a new Macbook for \$1129, when you learn that the same Macbook is available for \$1121 at another store, 10 minutes' walk away.

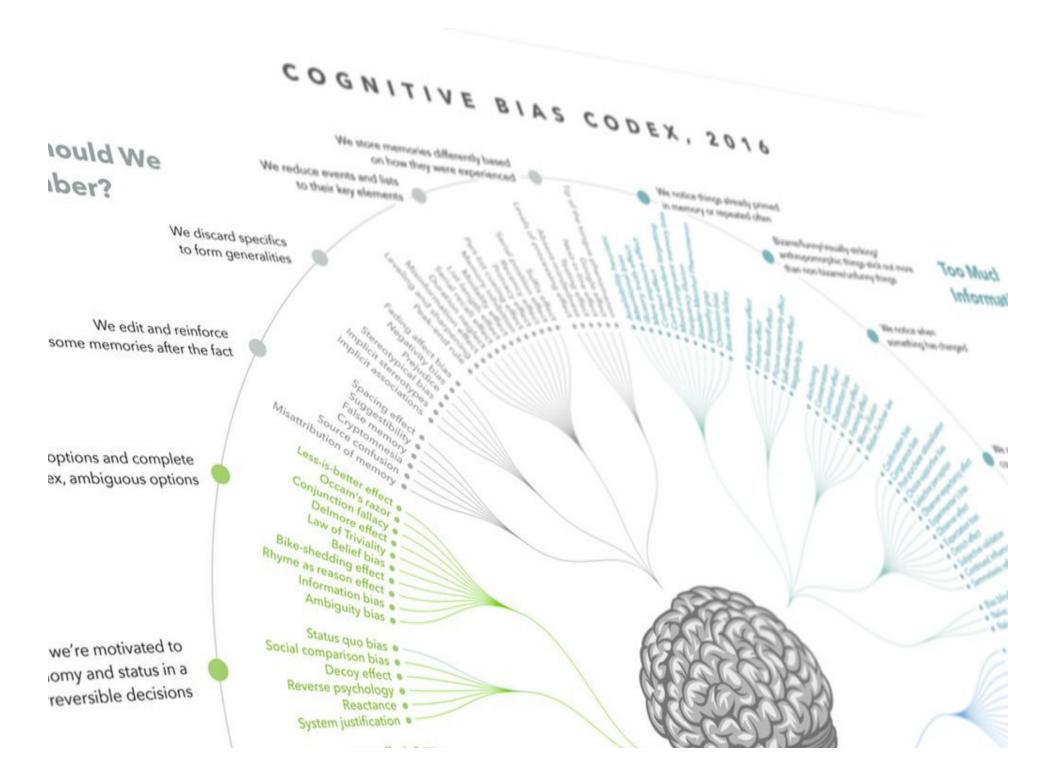
Would you walk to the other store to get the cheaper Macbook?

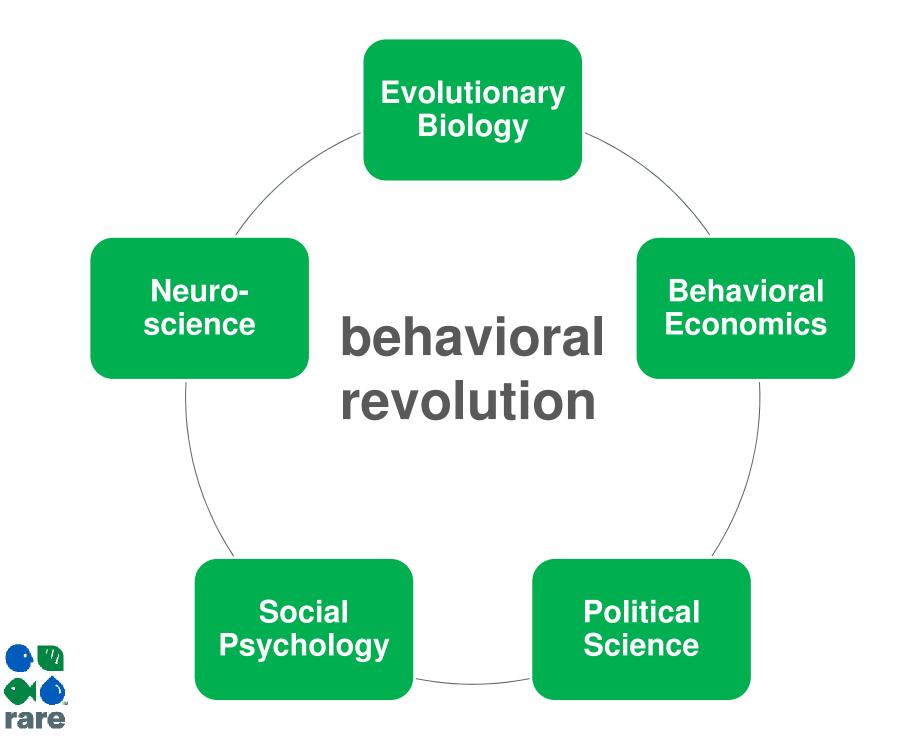


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would you walk 10 minutes to save \$8?

Homo economicus

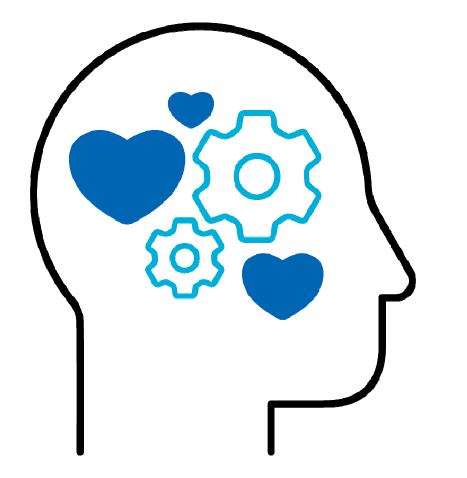




Emotions are often more powerful than reason **2** People are social animals

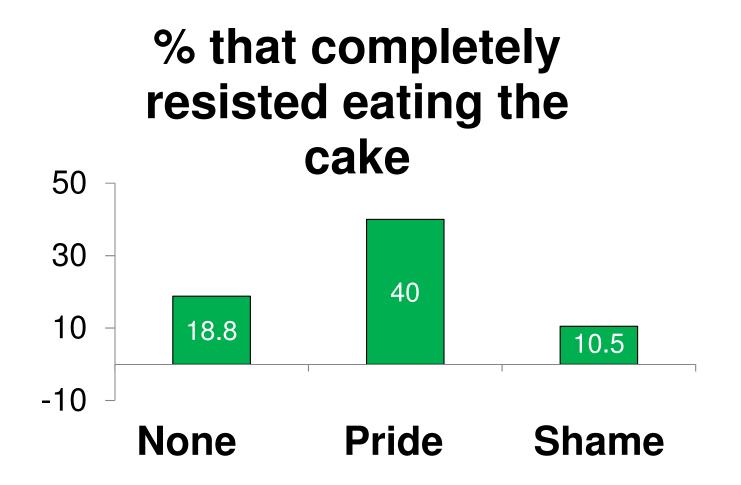
B We have strange, even irrational ways of making decisions





Emotions are often more powerful than reason





Patrick, Chun, and Macinnis, 2009



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"Pride gives us the motivational kick we need to make ourselves great." Dr. Jessica Tracy





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SAVE OUR PLANET

Dear Guest,

Every day millions of gallons of water are used to wash towels that have only been used once.

YOU MAKE THE CHOICE:

A towel on the rack means "I will use again." A towel on the floor means "Please replace."

Thank you for helping us conserve the Earth's vital resources.

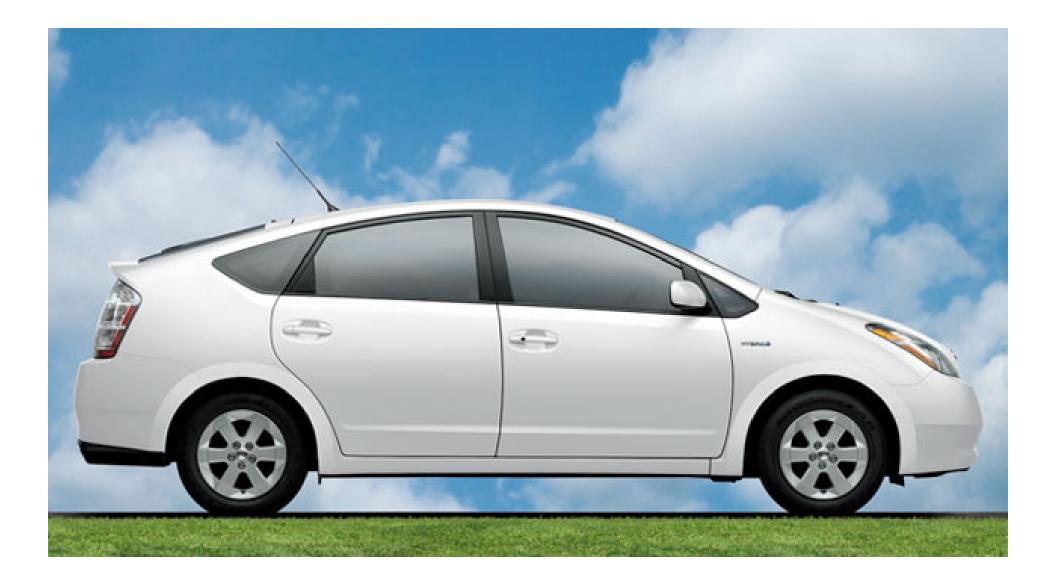
Message on Placard	Conversion Rate
Help the hotel save energy.	16%
Partner with us to save the environment.	31%
Almost 75% of guests reuse towels.	44%
75% of guests who stayed in this room reused towels.	49%

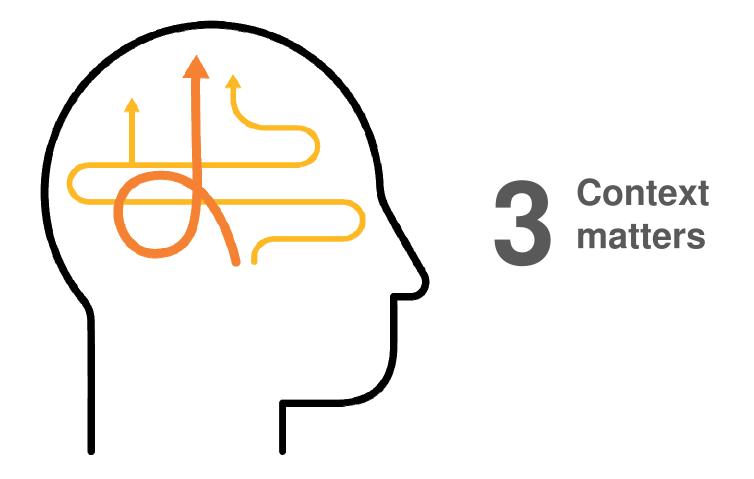




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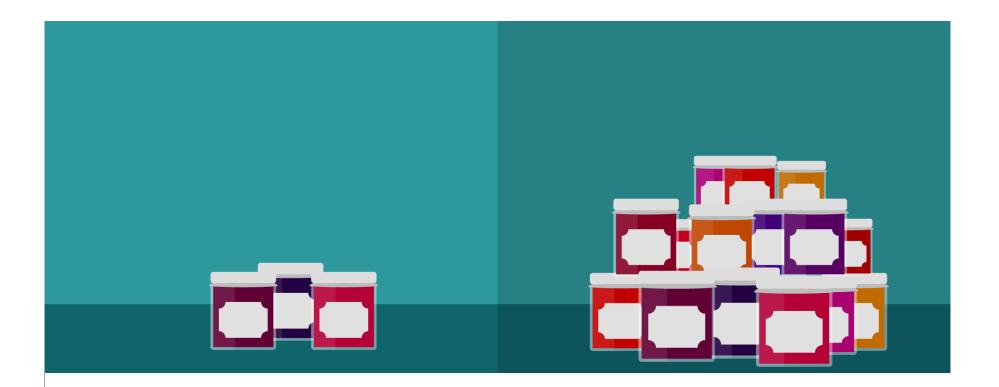












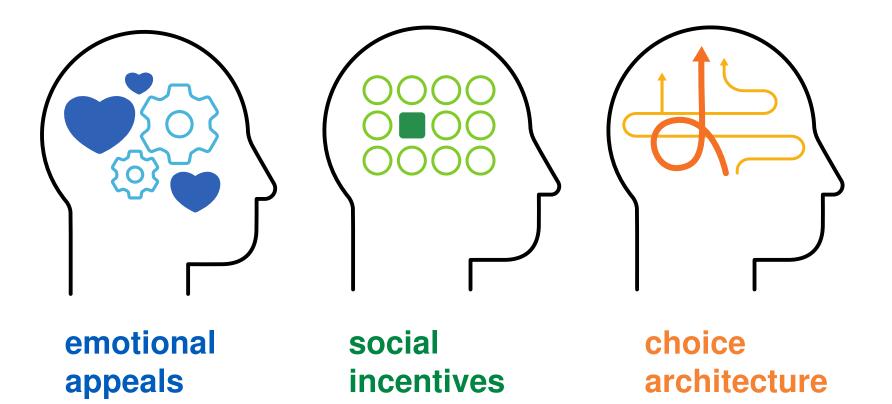
30% of visitors



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3% of visitors purchased

Principles of Behavior-Centered Design





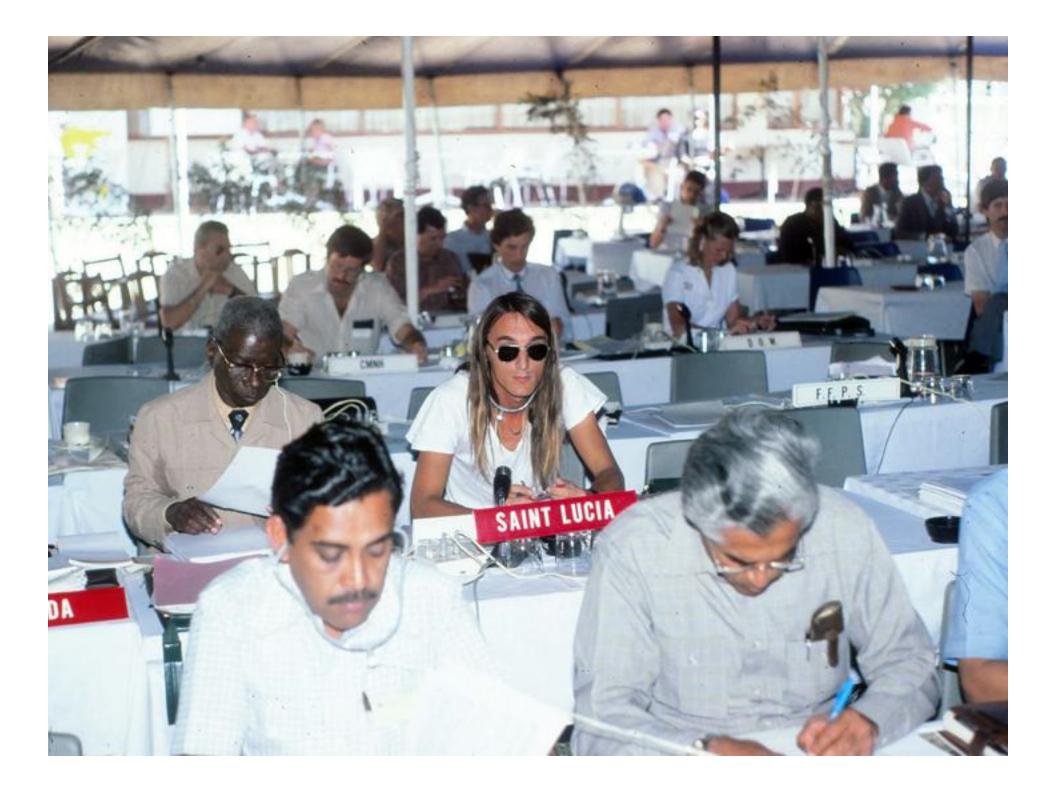
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behavioral activators

Emotional
appealsSocial
incentivesChoice
architecture

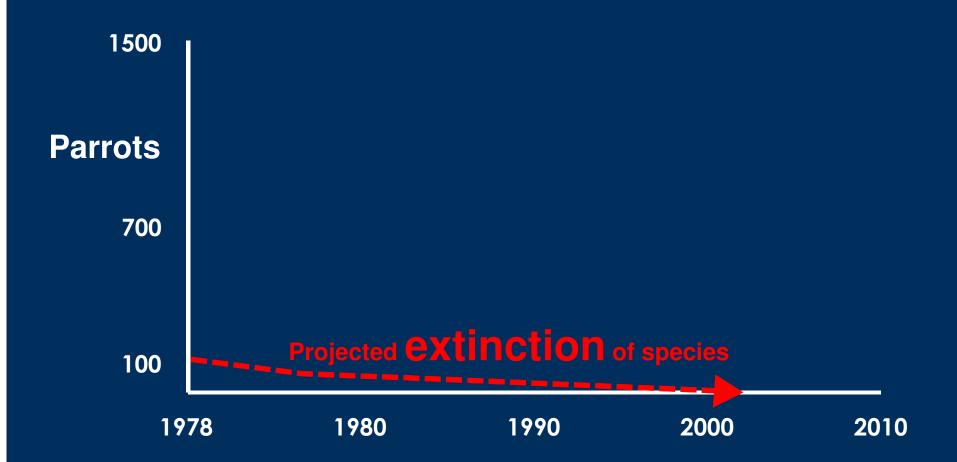
- 1. Leverage the power of pride
- 2. Inspire elevation
- 3. Provoke surprise
- 1. Strengthen group identity
- 2. Establish and clarify norms
- 3. Increase observability
- 1. Build on existing beliefs
- 2. Make choices clear and simple
- 3. Remove barriers







St. Lucia Parrot Population

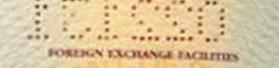




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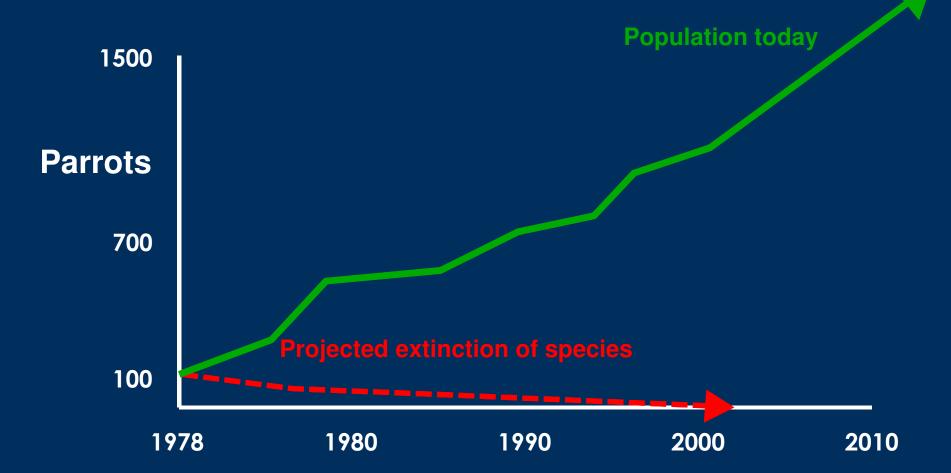
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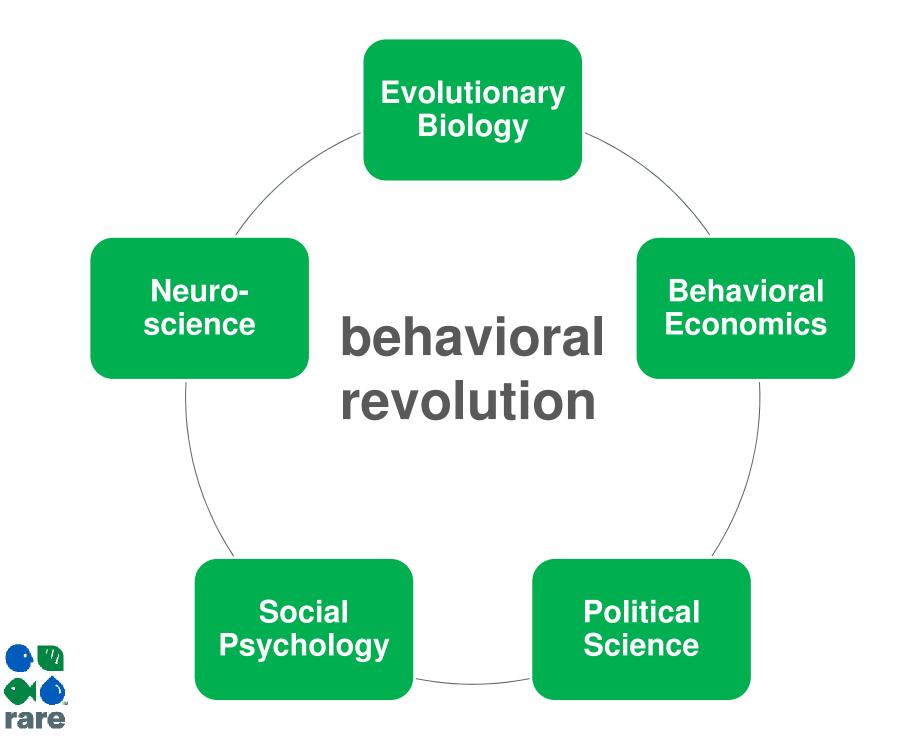


More than 400 Pride campaigns launched in over 50 countries



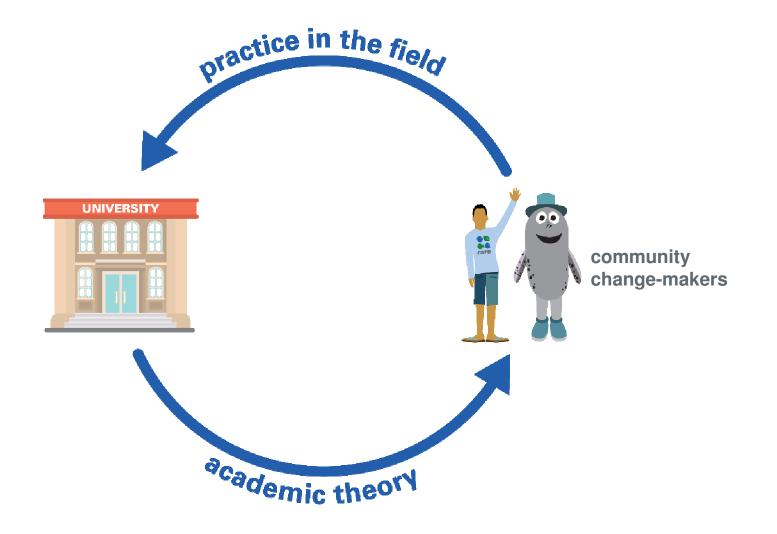






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