decision fatigue

optimizing for the stuff that matters

(aka why I always wear solid color crew necks t-shirts)

mild tangent: set up emoji autocomplete on OS X



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what is decision fatigue?



decision fatigue

Decision fatigue refers to the deteriorating quality of decisions made by an individual, after a long session of decision making



how many choices do you make on a daily basis?



























so how many?

grand total...





Niels Simenon, avid observer 8k Views

Originally Answered: How many decisions does an adult make every day?

It's nearly impossible to give a discrete answer. Your brain makes dozens of boolean decisions every single second through chemical reactions. Of the 400 billion bits of information per second that reach the brain, only 2,000 bits are utilized and make us aware of our surroundings.

Based on this are impulsive and logic thinking, where more complex decisions are made. According to multiple sources on the Internet, the average amount of remotely conscious decisions an adult makes each day equals about 35,000. In contrast, young children only make about 3,000 decisions each day.

*some dude on quora



At least 200 on food alone

"The aggregated number of food-related decisions for these three individuals ... was 217, 283, and 221, respectively."

*two professor dudes from Cornell doing a legit study Wansink, B. & Sobal, J. (2007). Mindless eating: The 200 daily food decisions we overlook. Environment and Behavior







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- find something you like and stick with it, experiment with spices and sauces!
 - buy in bulk
- prepare a week's worth of food sunday evening and package individually









- stay away from seasonal items, use layers for warmth
 - pick solid neutral colors, they'll match everything

throw out or donate clothes that don't fit or you won't wear

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by optimizing boring decisions that we have to make every day, we can save our mental energy for decisions that really matter









First day back after paternity leave. What should I wear?



thanks

