**FIRST IMPRESSIONS:**

**Evaluations of ability and intent to harm**

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**BACKGROUND**

- We form judgements of trustworthiness and dominance every time we meet someone new.
- It is assumed that trustworthiness reflects our evaluation of intent to harm whereas dominance reflects our evaluation of ability to harm.

**HOWEVER...** This hasn’t been systematically investigated.

**METHOD**

- Ratings of trustworthiness, dominance, intent and ability to harm were collected from:
  - Study 1: Natural faces and voices
  - Study 2: Audiovisual identities
  - Study 3: In-person encounters

**KEY FINDINGS**

- Trustworthiness is not specifically related to intent, rather than ability
- Dominance is not specifically related to ability, rather than intent
- Very different pattern of results when meeting in person

**TAKE-AWAY**

- The relationship between the two fundamental impression dimensions and evaluations of threat might not be as straightforward as suggested.
- Impressions formed in the lab might be very different to those formed in everyday life.