The Size of Thought: Estimations of Object Size Are Relative to the Body

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Abstract: Studies have shown that visual perception is pliable and that perceptual estimations can be affected by factors such as an individual’s current eye height. It has been shown that perception of slope, distance, and height are subject to the influence of physiological and social variables. The studies conducted and outlined here investigated the impact of an individual’s height on estimations of object size with both pictures and written words. Results presented here suggest a pattern opposite from those found in eye height studies, where an individual will instead estimate the size of an object as larger, the taller they are.