



# Making fruit desirable for children: The role of conscious message processing

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#### Media Presentations Affect Children's Food Preferences

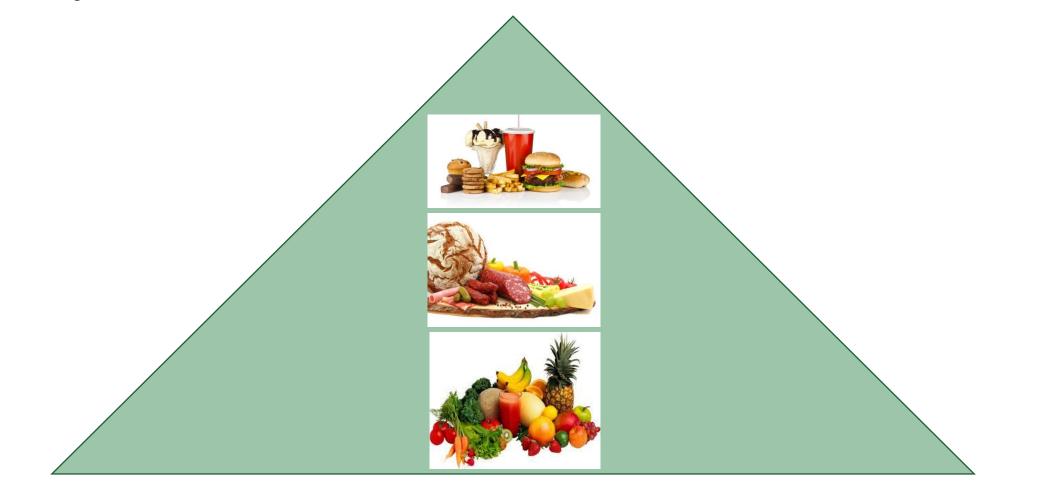


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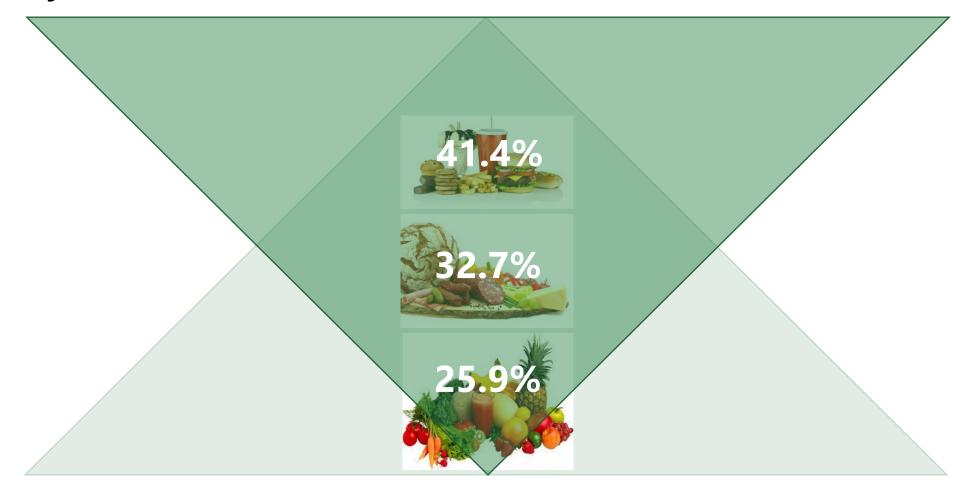


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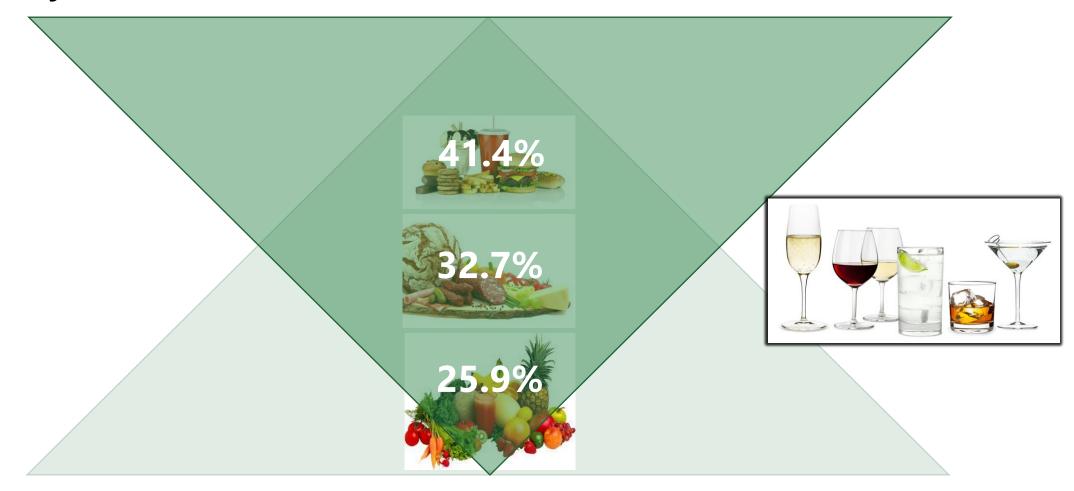


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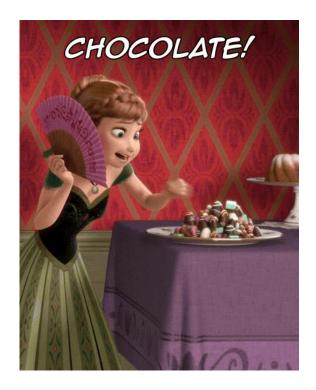


### Food Evaluations in Movies



### Center Stage or Just a Prop

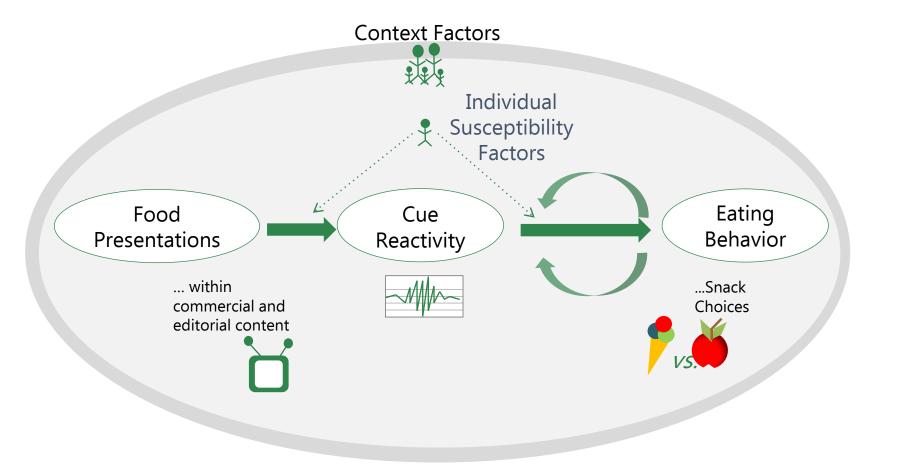








### Processing Food Cues



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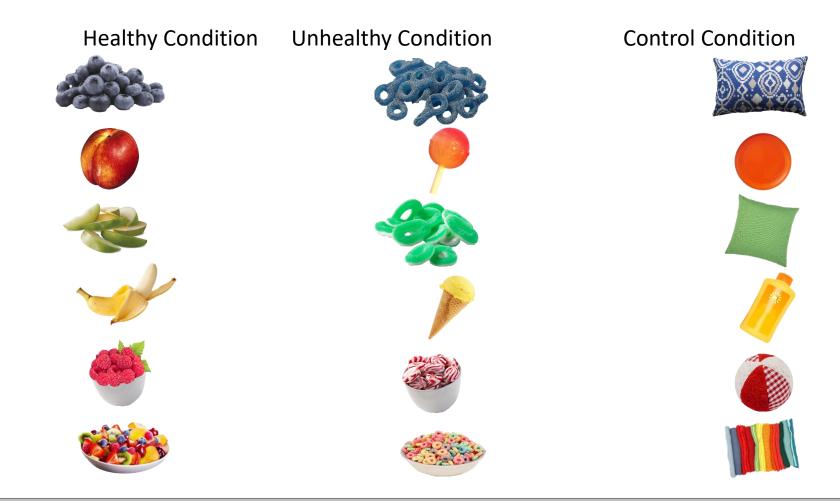


Healthy Condition Unhealthy Condition

**Control Condition** 

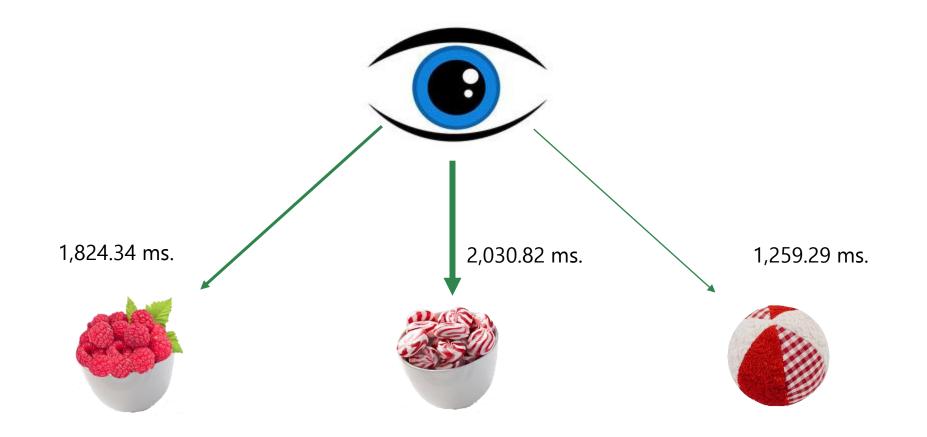


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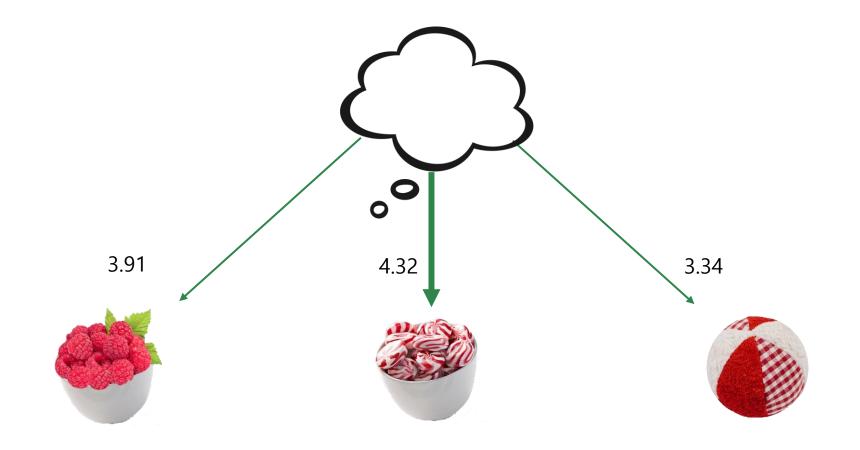


#### **Results Awareness**



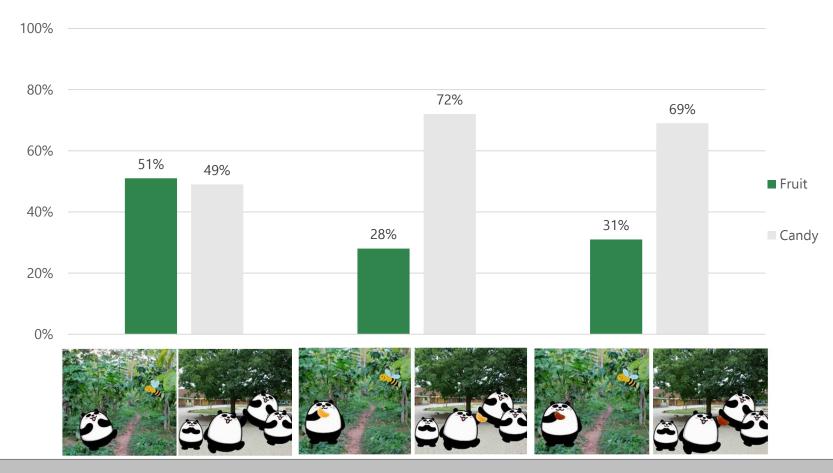


#### **Results Memory**





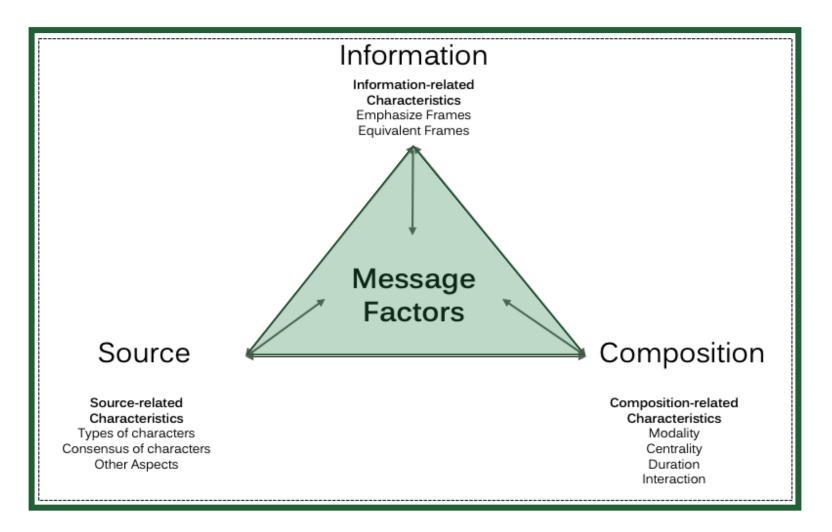
## Choice Candy vs. Fruit N = 459



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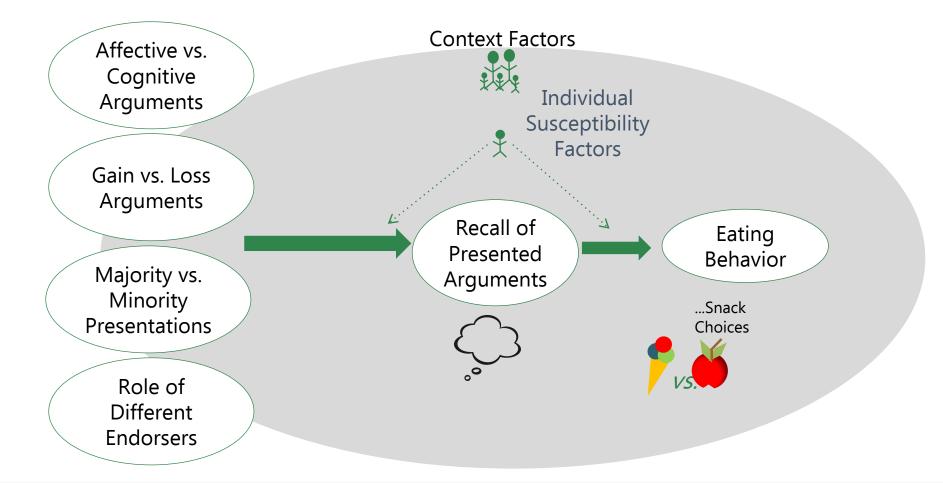


## Typology of Persuasive Strategies





## Effects on Healthy vs. Unhealthy Eating Behavior



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## Recommendations

 Narrative, entertaining media content is a potentially helpful tool to educate children about healthy food and elicit healthy food choices.



- It matters: with what arguments, how, and who delivers the message
  - 1. Interactive, prominent food presentations
  - 2. Positive, likeable characters that are perceived as experts
  - 3. Gain oriented, affective arguments







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