Recent Scientific Research on the Transcendental Meditation ® technique (2014-2019)

David W. Orme-Johnson, PhD Professor Emeritus of Psychology Maharishi International University Research Desk, Maharishi Foundation davidoj@earthlink.net Recent Research (2014-2019) on the *Transcendental Meditation*® Technique Four Stories Knowledge (Basic Research) -> Organizing Power (Applied Research)

Story # 1: TM Improves Gene Expression -> Health and Longevity

Story #2: TM Increases Brain Integration —> Improves Academic Outcomes

Story #3: TM Most Effective Stress Reduction Technique —> Universal Stress Reduction

Story #4: TM Is From Authentic Vedic Knowledge —> Improved National Consciousness

Story #1: TM Improves Gene Expression -> Health and Longevity

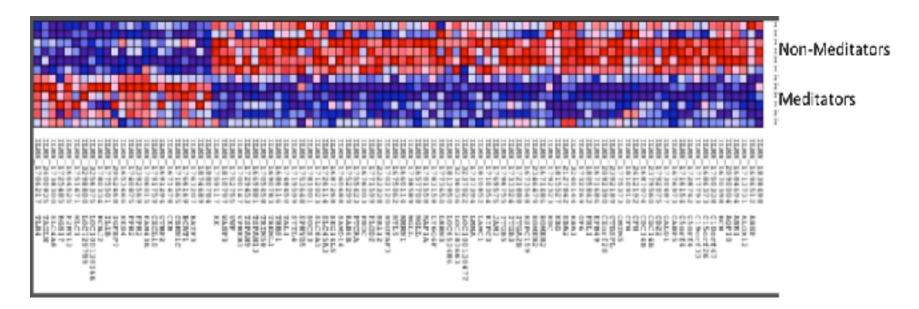
New Basic Research

- TM improves gene expression in a manner that could be expected to reduce inflammation, improve the response to stress, protect from cardiovascular disease, and protect from cancer.
- TM increases telomere length, which is associated with increased longevity.

New Applications

- TM prevents enlargement of heart in hypertensive patients.
- TM enhances cardiac rehabilitation.
- TM enhances cardiac rehabilitation.
- TM decreases risk of atherosclerosis.
- TM improves immune function.
- TM increases vitality in HIV patients.
- Chapter on Stress, TM and Hypertension published in major medical text book.

DNA: Improved Gene Expression (Basic Research) through the *Transcendental Meditation* Technique



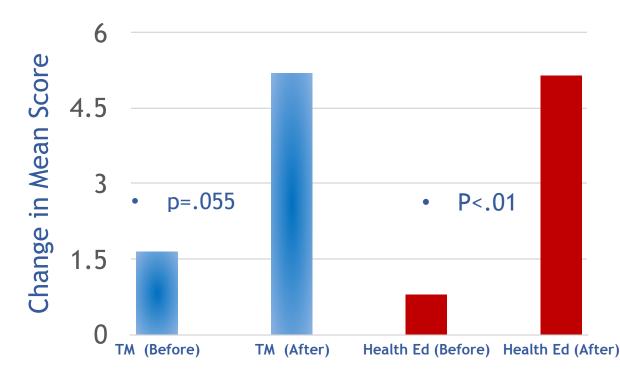
Red = Genes that were increased in expression **Blue** = Genes that were decreased in expression

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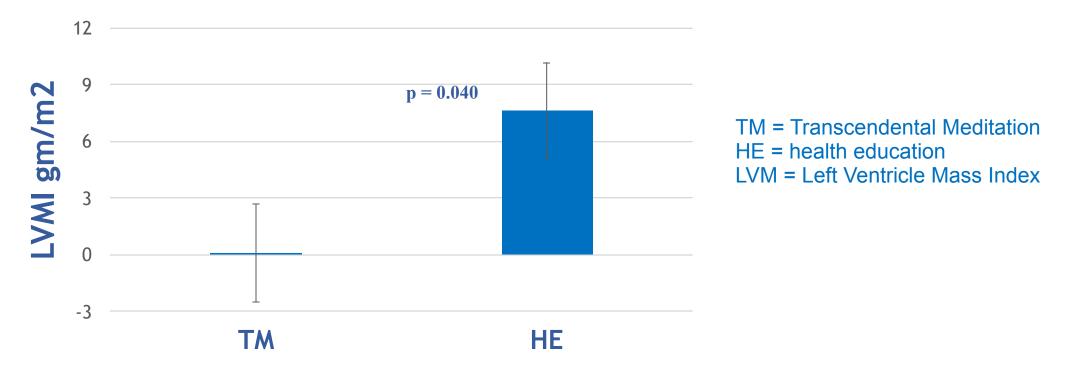
Transcendental Meditation and Health Education: Effects on Telomerase Gene Expression

Funded by National Institutes of Health



Reference. Duraimani, Shanthi , Schneider, Robert H., Randall, O.S., Nidich, S.I., Xu, S. , Ketete, M, . . . Fagan, John (2015, Nov 16). Effects of lifestyle modification on telomerase gene expression in hypertensive patients: A pilot trial of stress reduction and health education programs in African Americans. *PLoS ONE, 10*(11), e0142689. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0142689

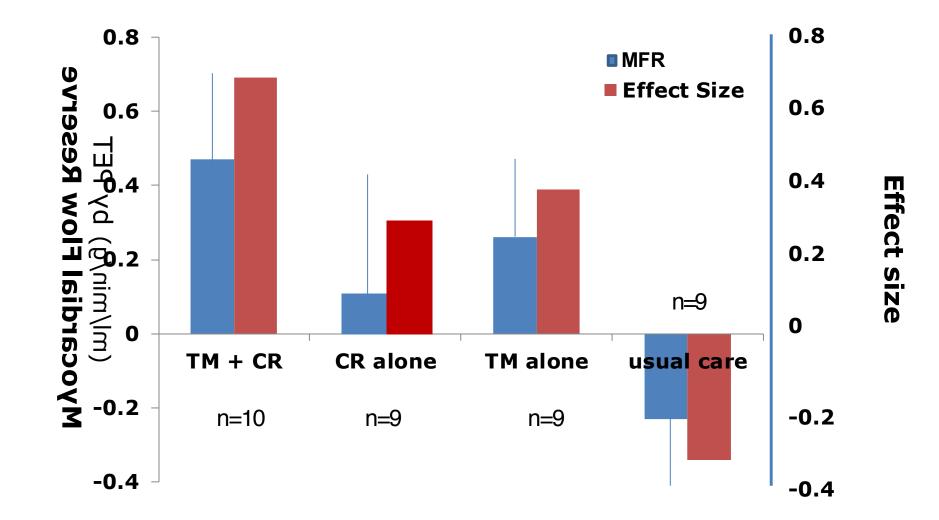
Prevention of Left Ventricular Hypertrophy: A Randomized Controlled Trial of Transcendental Meditation and Health Education



Change in Left Ventricle Mass Index (±Standard Error of Mean) after 6-months of Transcendental Meditation or Health Education

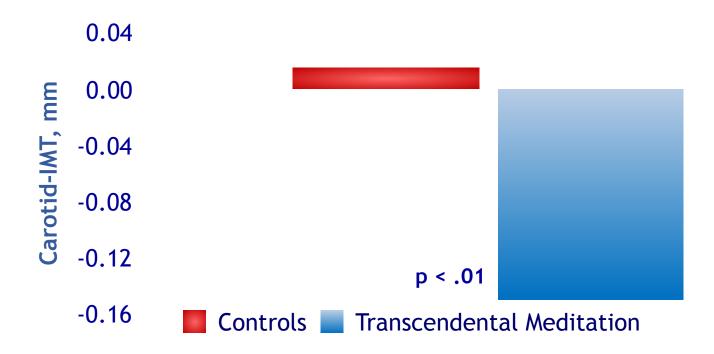
Reference. Schneider, R. H., Myers, H. F., Marwaha, K., Rainforth, M. A., Salerno, J. W., Nidich, S. I., . . . Norris, K. C. (2019). Stress Reduction in the Prevention of Left Ventricular Hypertrophy: A Randomized Controlled Trial of Transcendental Meditation and Health Education in Hypertensive African Americans. *Ethnicity & Disease*, 29(4), 577 - 586.

Enhanced Cardiac Rehabilitation through TM



Reference. Bokhari S, Schneider R, Salerno J, Rainforth M, Gaylord-King C, Nidich S. Effects of cardiac rehabilitation with and without meditation on myocardial blood flow using quantitative positron emission tomography: A pilot study. Journal of Nuclear Cardiology. 2019(Sept 16):1-12 (online).

Reduced Risk of Atherosclerosis through the *Transcendental Meditation* Technique

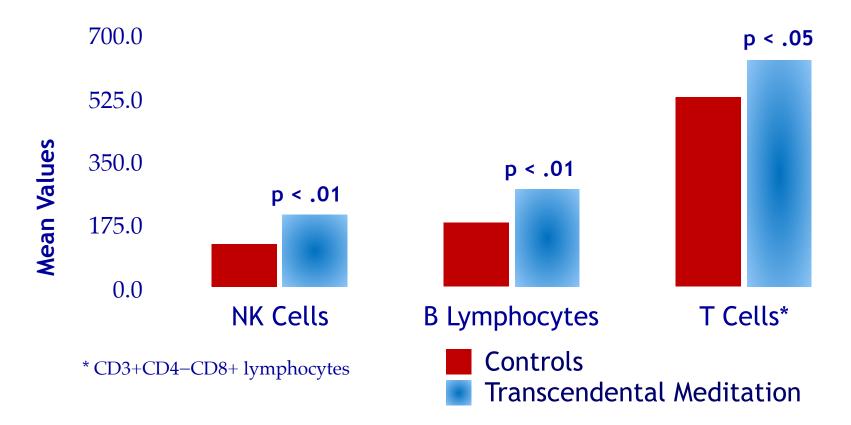


TM, along with a heart-healthy Ayurvedic diet, exercise, and herbal food supplements, significantly decreases blockage to the carotid artery (carotid-IMT), a correlate of atherosclerosis in the heart and brain.

Reference. Walton, K. G., B. Olshansky, E. Helene, and R. H. Schneider. "Trials of Maharishi AyurVeda for Cardiovascular Disease: A Pooled Analysis of Outcome Studies with Carotid Intima-Media Thickness." *Journal of Preventive Cardiology* 4, no. 1 (2014): 615-23.

Stronger Immune System

through the Transcendental Meditation Technique

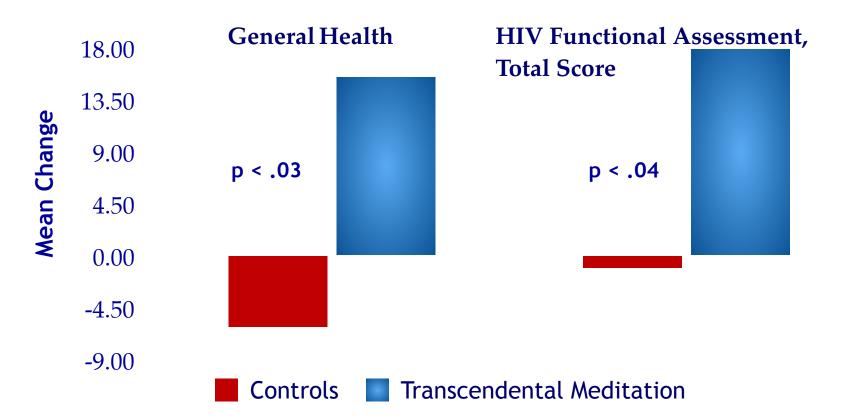


TM increases white blood cells that defend the body from infection and cancer.

Reference. Infante, Jose R, Fernando Peran, Juan I Rayo, Justo Serrano, Maria L Dominguez, Lucia Garcia, Carmen Duran, and Ana Roldan. "Levels of Immune Cells in Transcendental Meditation Practitioners." *International Journal of Yoga 7, no. 2 (2014): 147-51*

Increased Vitality in HIV Patients

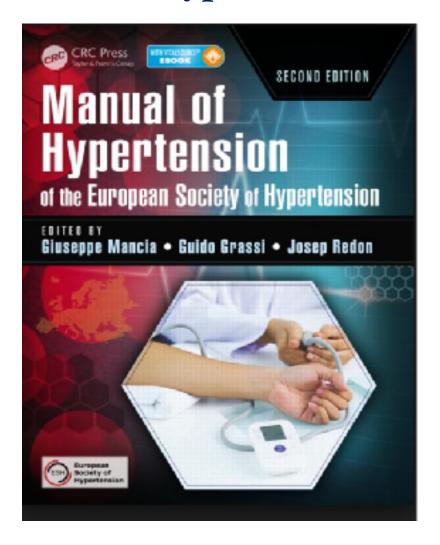
through the Transcendental Meditation Technique



The TM technique improves general health as well as quality of life and health issues specific to HIV.

Reference. Chhatre, Sumedha, David S. Metzger, Ian Frank, Jean Boyer, Edward Thompson, Sanford Nidich, Luis J. Montaner, and Ravishankar Jayadevappa. "Effects of Behavioral Stress Reduction Transcendental Meditation Intervention in Persons with HIV." *AIDS Care 25*, no. 10 (2013): 1291-97.

New Chapter on Stress, Transcendental Meditation and Hypertension



Komal Marwaha, MD, PhD Cand. and Robert Schneider, MD, FACC, 2018

Story #1: TM Improves Gene Expression —> Health and Longevity

Conclusion #1. The many documented benefits of TM for improving health and reducing biological aging may be explained on the level of DNA.

TM appears to improve the way the DNA expresses itself such that it promotes better health and longevity.

Story #2: TM Increases Brain Integration -> Improved Academic Outcomes

New Basic Research

- Brain Imaging study (fMRI) confirms TM is a state of restful alertness.
- Study of EEG Microstates describes the mechanics of how TM normalizes stresses in the body to create normal brain functioning—> enlightenment.
- Studies on the Brain Integration Scale of cosmic consciousness find it is associated with success in many fields.
- Longitudinal study in college students shows that TM increases scores on the Brain Integration Scale.
- The same longitudinal study in college students shows that TM decreases sleepiness.
- Longitudinal study on administrators and staff shows that TM increases scores on the Brain Integration Scale.
- Paper on cosmic consciousness is presented at a major scientific conference in New York.

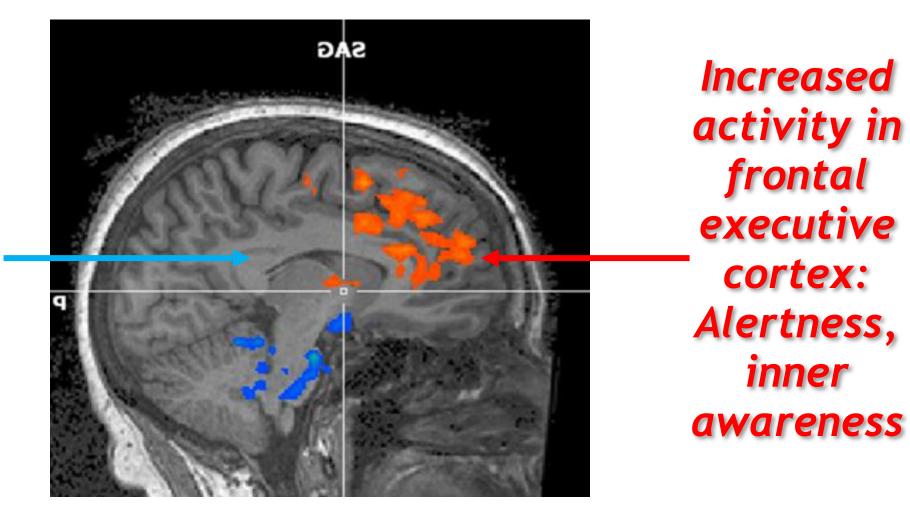
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<u>New Applications</u>

- TM improves school outcomes.
- TM reduces the number of high school dropouts.
- TM increases the percentage graduating.
- TM Increases the percentage accepted to college and post-secondary education.

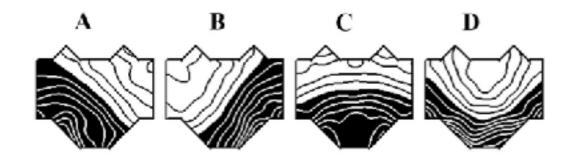
fMRI Study of Restful Alertness: The Pattern of Brain Blood Flow *During* TM

Decreased activity in the brain stem: **Restfulness**decreased respiration, heart rate, etc.



Reference. Mahone, Michelle C., Travis, Fred, Gevirtz, Richard, & Hubbard, David (2018). fMRI during Transcendental Meditation practice. *Brain and Cognition*, Epub 2018 Mar 2.

EEG Microstates: The "Atoms" of Thought and Emotions



Microstate class topographies. Equipotential area maps are shown. Head seen from above, nose up, left ear left. The isopotential contour maps show the areas of opposite polarity in black and white. Here is some of what is known about them.

Class A: relates to visualization. Class B: relates to verbalization. Class C: relates to interoceptive and autonomic processes. Class D: relates to reality testing.

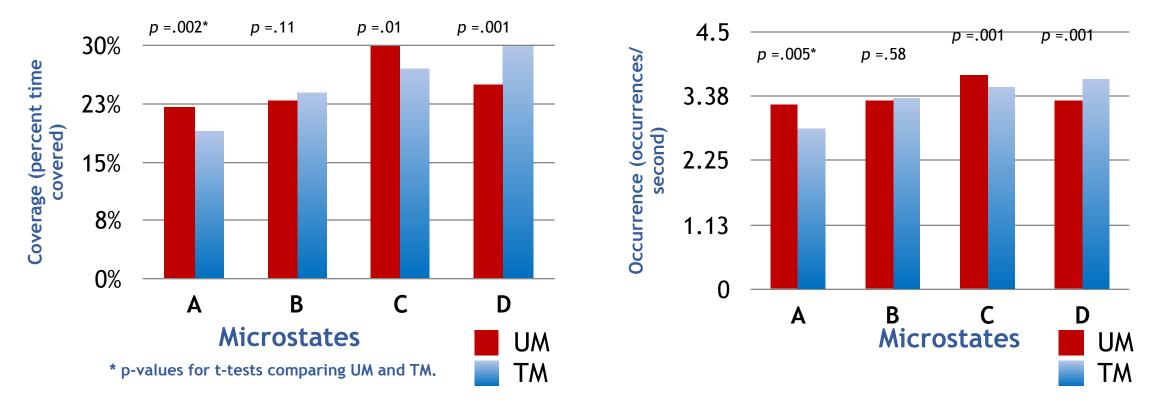
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EEG Microstates : Comparison of Transcending and Undirected Mentation

During the Transcendental Meditation Technique

Coverage

Occurrence



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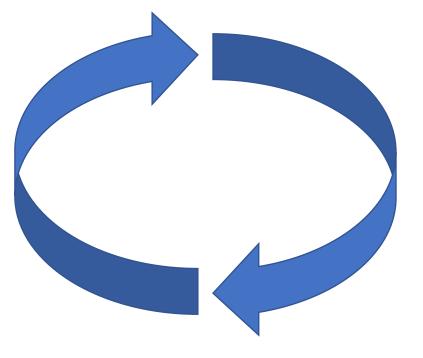
What Science Tells Us About Transcending and Undirected Mentation (i.e., the rise of thoughts during the practice of TM)

Undirected Mentation	Transcending
Faster breathing	Slower breathing
Decreased EEG coherence	Increased EEG coherence
Increased arousal (sympathetic nervous system activity)	Decreased arousal (sympathetic nervous system activity)
More microstate A - visualization, thoughts	Less microstate A- less visualization, mental quiescence
No difference in microstate B	No difference in microstate B
More microstate C, thoughts from internal processes	Less microstate C
Less microstate D, undirected thought	More microstate D, executive awareness of thoughts

References Travis, F. T. (2001). Autonomic and EEG patterns distinguish transcending from other experiences during Transcendental Meditation practice. *International Journal of Psychophysiology*, *4*2(1), 1-9. Faber, P. L., Travis, F., Milz, P., & Parim, N. (2017). EEG microstates during different phases of Transcendental Meditation practice. *Cognitive Processes, Published online: 27 April, 2017.* doi:10.1007/s10339-017-0812-y

The TM Stress Pump

Undirected Mentation (rise of thoughts during TM) Normalization of Stress

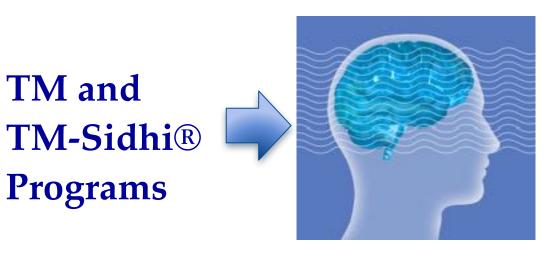


Transcending Restful Alertness

In the Transcendental Meditation process, the mind automatically transcends to finer levels of thought, settling the body into a unique state of restful alertness, characterized by a marked reduction of arousal and global integration of brain functioning. In this state of restful alertness, the body's intrinsic self-repair feedback loops detect and repair imbalances, creating physiological activity that creates undirected mentation (thoughts). When the physical activity of stress normalization lightens up, the person becomes aware that he or she was off on thoughts and comes back to begin the transcending process again for another round of detecting and repairing stress in the system, "pumping" stresses out of the system.

Increased Brain Integration for Success

through the Transcendental Meditation Technique



TM and

Programs

Increased Brain Integration

- **Top Managers**
- **World Class Athletes**
- Professional **Musicians**
- Successful Police
- Creativity

The TM and TM-Sidhi programs increase brain integration, which is the hallmark of creativity and success in many professions.

References. International Journal of Psychophysiology. 71(2), 170-176 (2009) Management, Spirituality & Religion 214, 230-244 (2014) Creativity Research Journal 26 (2), 239-243 (2014)

Increased Brain Integration in College Students: A Randomized Controlled Trial of the Transcendental Meditation technique 2.8 **Brain Integration Scale** 2.1 •p =.005* Control 1.4 TΜ 0.7

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Pretest

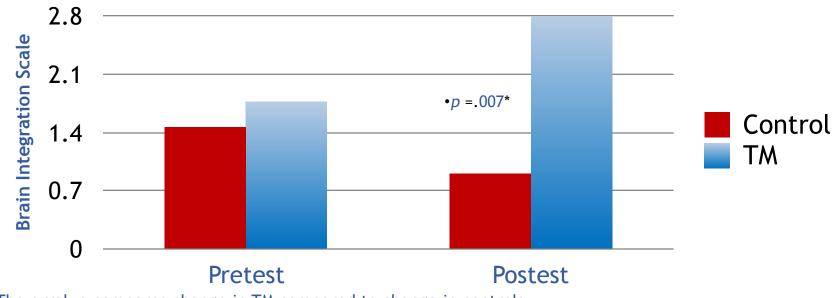
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A 10-week randomized controlled trial of 38 college students found that those in the TM group increased on the Brain Integration Scale by 59%. Controls who waited until after the experiment to learn TM decreased by 38%, probably because posttest was during the highly stressful exam week.

Postest

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Decreased Sleepiness in College Students: A Randomized Controlled Trial of the *Transcendental Meditation* technique

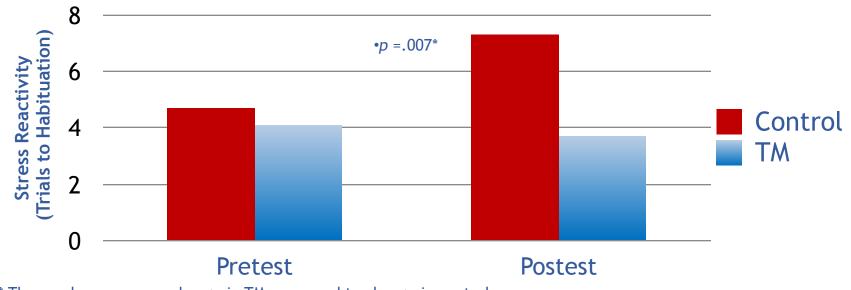


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Reduced Stress Reactivity in College Students: A Randomized Controlled Trial of the *Transcendental Meditation* technique

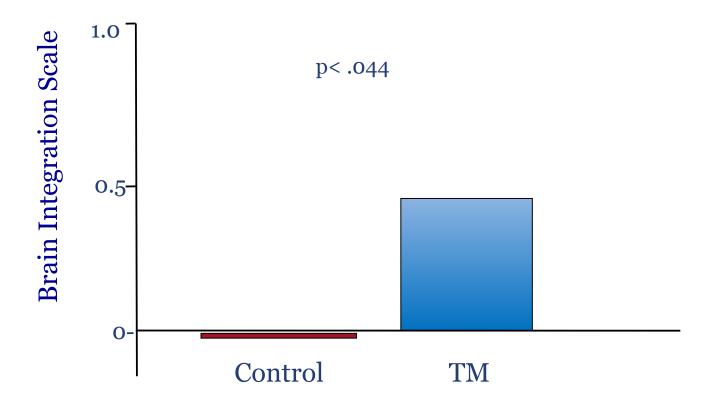


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The same 10-week randomized controlled trial of college students that found TM increases brain integration also found that it reduces stress reactivity. The TM group decreased by 21% compared to an increase of 55% by controls, a 76% difference.

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Development of Cosmic Consciousness through the *Transcendental Meditation* Technique

	Transcendental Consciousness	Cosmic Consciousness
Subjective	Transcending time, space, and body sense	Inner self-awareness coexisting with waking, sleeping, and dreaming, greater emotional stability, 24-hour bliss, more effective activity
Objective	Slowing of the breath, heightened ¤1 (8–10 Hz) frontal EEG coherence	Coexistence of all EEG coherence (inner awareness) with delta EEG of deep sleep

Reference: Travis, F. "Transcendental Experiences During Meditation Practice." Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences 1307, no. *Advances in Meditation Research: Neuroscience and Clinical Applications* (2014): 1-8.

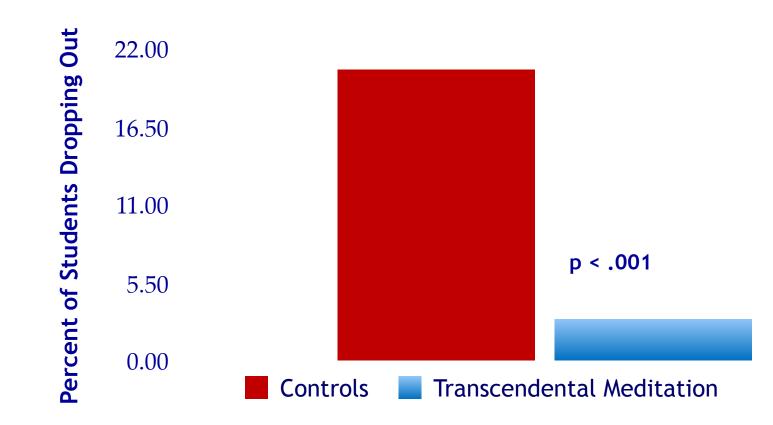
Improved Academic Performance



Reference. Nidich S, Mjasiri S, Nidich R, Rainforth M, Grant J, Valosek L, Chang W, Zigler RL. Academic achievement and Transcendental Meditation: a study with at-risk urban middle school students. *Education*, 131(3): 556-564 (2011).

Decreased High School Drop Out Rate

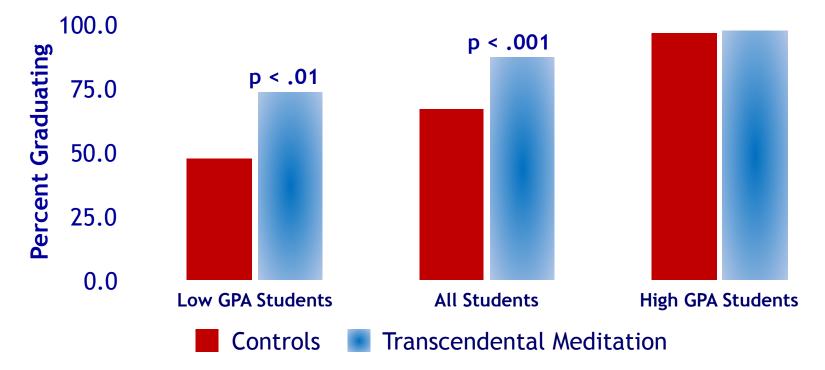
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TM practice decreased high school dropout rate by 86%, from 20.5% in nonmeditators to only 2.9% in meditators.

Reference. Colbert, R. D., and S. Nidich. "Effect of the Transcendental Meditation Program on Graduation, College Acceptance and Dropout Rates for Students Attending an Urban Public High School." *Education* 133, no. 4 (2013): 495-501.

Increased Percentage Graduating through the *Transcendental Meditation* Technique

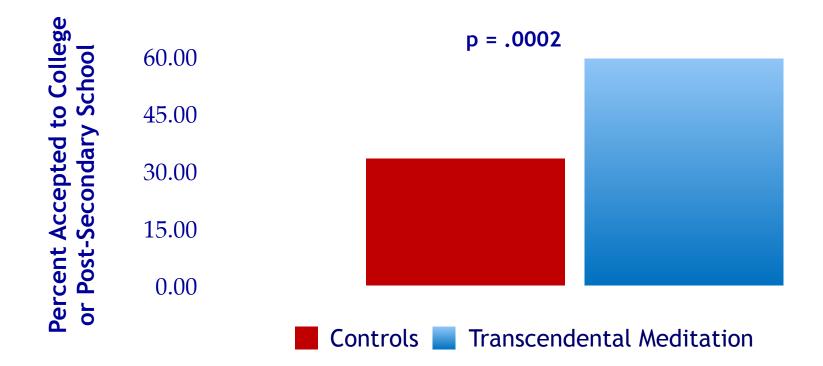


Practice of the TM technique increased the percentage of high school students graduating, especially those with low grade point averages.

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Increased Acceptance to College and Post-Secondary School

through the Transcendental Meditation Technique



The percent of students practicing the TM technique accepted to college or post-secondary school was 59.3% compared to only 33.3% for non-meditator controls.

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Story #2: TM Increases Brain Integration -> Improved Academic Outcomes

Conclusion #2. The brain integration associated with Cosmic Consciousness has been identified, and it has been shown to be the style of brain integration that is the hallmark of the most successful people in different fields. Randomized controlled studies demonstrate that TM increases the brain integration of enlightenment, which has enormous practical benefits.

Story #3: TM Is the Most Effective Stress Reduction Technique —> Stress Reduction in Many Different Populations

New Basic Research

• Reduced major stress-hormone cortisol during waking, indicative of reduced stress.

New Applications

- Increased social-emotional competencies in sixth-grade students.
- Decreased anxiety and increased resilience in ninth-grade students.
- Increased resilience with more regular TM practice in ninth graders.
- High level of satisfaction with TM in ninth-grade students.
- Reduced teacher burnout.

Story #3: TM Is the Most Effective Stress Reduction Technique -> Stress Reduction in Many Different Populations

- Decreased perceived stress and improved emotional intelligence in school administrators and staff.
- Increased self-actualization in school administrators and staff.
- Decreased mood disturbances in family caregivers.
- Decreased burnout, secondary trauma, and increased resilience in nurses.
- Reduced physician burnout.
- Decreased perceived stress and increased self-efficacy in women in Uganda.
- Increased physical and mental health in women in Uganda.

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- Effective treatment for alcohol use disorder.
- Decreased stress, craving for alcohol, and heavy drinking.
- Decreased stress in freshmen military cadets.
- Decreased depression in freshmen military cadets.
- Increased constructive thinking (greater resilience, behavioral and emotional coping) in freshmen military cadets.
- Increased situational awareness: Decreased hypervigilance, greater attentiveness to relevant stimuli, and decreased attentional processing of irrelevant stimuli.

Story #3: TM Is the Most Effective Stress Reduction Technique -> Stress Reduction in Many Different Populations

- Decreased PTSD symptoms and depression in veterans published in major medical journal, The Lancet Psychiatry.
- More clinically meaningful reductions in PTSD symptoms and depression in veterans published in major medical journal, The Lancet Psychiatry.
- More rapid reduction in PTSD symptoms in veterans through TM than Prolonged Exposure Therapy of Health Education.
- More rapid reduction in depression in veterans through TM than Prolonged Exposure Therapy or Health Education

Story #3: TM Is the Most Effective Stress Reduction Technique -> Stress Reduction in Many Different Populations

- Greater reduction in PTSD symptoms than Adopted Mantra Meditation or Patient-Centered Care.
- Decrease in PTSD symptoms in veterans to below clinical levels in one month.
- Greater and more rapid reduction in PTSD symptoms with twice-a-day TM compared to once-a-day TM.
- Clinically significant decreases in PTSD symptoms in South-African college students in 15 days and to non-symptomatic levels on 105 days.
- Clinically significant decreases in depression in South-African college students in 15 days with continued reductions in 105 days.

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- Decreased PTSD symptoms in Congolese war refugees to nonsymptomatic levels in one month.
- Clinically significant decreases in PTSD symptoms in Congolese war refugees in 10 days and to non-symptomatic levels in one month.
- Reduced use of psychotropic medication in military personnel with PTSD and anxiety disorders.
- Decreased severity of PTSD and anxiety along with decreased use of psychotropic medication in military personnel.

Recent Research (2014-2019) on the Transcendental Meditation® Technique

Story #3: TM Is the Most Effective Stress Reduction Technique —> Stress Reduction in Many Different Populations

More New Applications

- Decreased PTSD in female prison Inmates.
- Decreased Trauma symptoms in male prison inmates.
- Decreased PTSD in male prison inmates.
- Decreased stress levels after the earthquake-tsunami disaster of 2011 in Japan.

Recent Research (2014-2019) on the *Transcendental Meditation*® Technique

Story #3: TM Is the Most Effective Stress Reduction Technique —> Stress Reduction in Many Different Populations

More New Applications

- Meta-analysis: Greater anxiety reduction with TM® than mindfulness.
- Meta-analysis: Greater decrease in negative emotions through TM than mindfulness or other meditations.
- Meta-Analysis: Greater decrease in trait anxiety through TM than mindfulness or other meditations.
- Meta-Analysis: Greater decrease in neuroticism through TM than mindfulness or other meditations.

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Story #3: TM Is the Most Effective Stress Reduction Technique —> Stress Reduction in Many Different Populations

More New Applications

- Meta-Analysis: Greater increase in self-realization through TM than mindfulness or other meditations.
- Meta-Analysis: Comparisons of TM, mindfulness, and other meditations on psychological variables
- Meta-Analysis: Meta-Analysis: Comparison of mindfulness, other meditations, and TM on index of six variables.

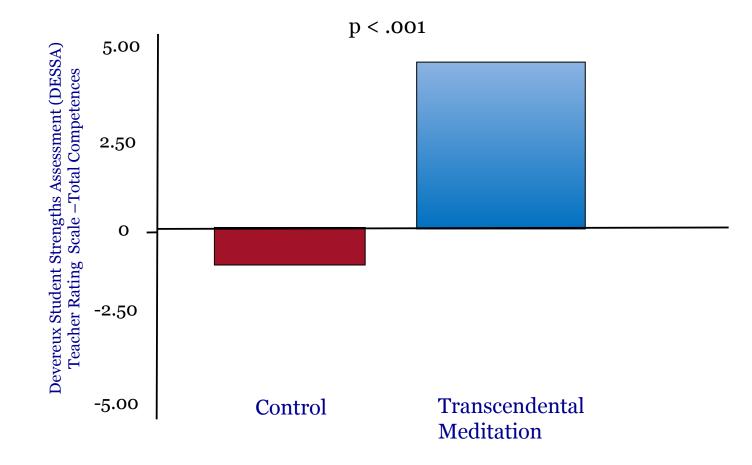
Decreased Stress: Reduced Cortisol Waking Response (CAR) through the Transcendental Meditation Technique 0.10 Cortisol (µg/dL) 0.05 p < .02 -0.01 Change in -0.07 -0.12

Controls 📃 Transcendental Meditation

A randomized controlled study of 27 college students found that four weeks of TM practice significantly reduced the level of the major stress hormone cortisol when waking up from a night's sleep compared to controls, indicating reduced stress.

Reference. Klimes-Dougan, Bonnie , Shen Chong, Li , Samikoglu, Ali , Thai, Michelle , Amatya, Palistha , Cullen, Kathryn R. , & Lim, Kelvin O. . (2019). Transcendental Meditation and Hypothalamic-Pituitary-Adrenal Axis functioning: A pilot, randomized controlled trial with young adults. *Stress: The International Journal on the Biology of Stress*. doi:doi.org/10.1080/10253890.2019.1656714

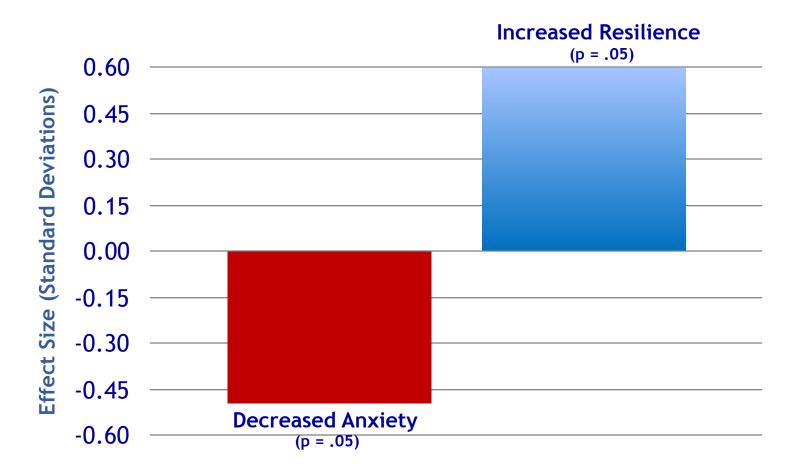
Increased Social-Emotional Competencies in Sixth-Grade Students: A Matched Controlled Study



Reference. Valosek, Laurent, Nidich, Sanford, Wendt, Staci, Grant, Jamie, & Nidich, Randi. (2019). Effect of meditation on social-emotional learning in middle school students. *Education*, 139(3), 111-119.

Decreased Anxiety and Increased Resilience in Ninth-Grade Students

through the Transcendental Meditation Technique



Reference. S. Wendt, Hipps J., Abrams A., et al. "Practicing Transcendental Meditation in high schools: Relationship to well-being and academic achievement among students." *Contemporary School Psychology* July 22 (2015).

Increased Resilience with More Regular TM Practice in Ninth Graders

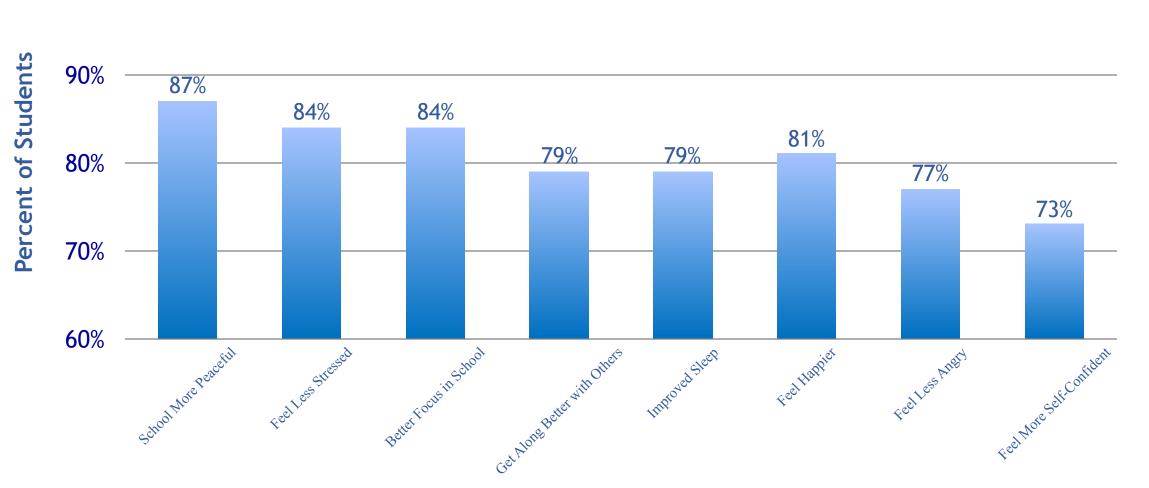
Percent Increase in Resilience

Number of TM Meditations per Week

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Resilience

High Level of Satisfaction with TM Program in Ninth-Grade Students (N = 112)

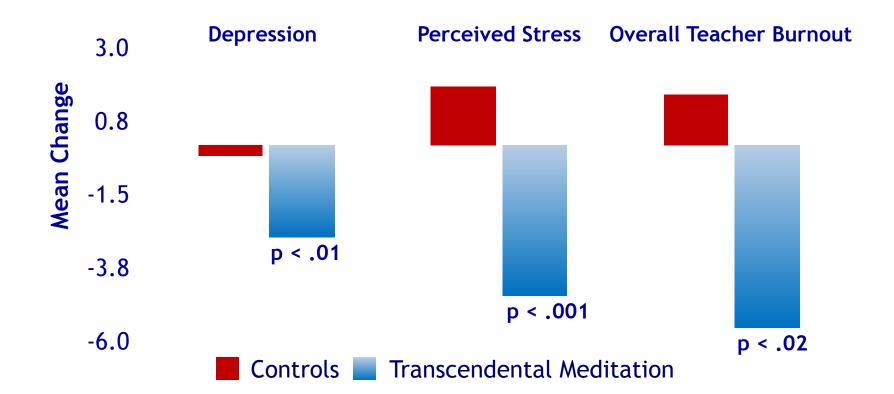


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Reduced Teacher Burnout

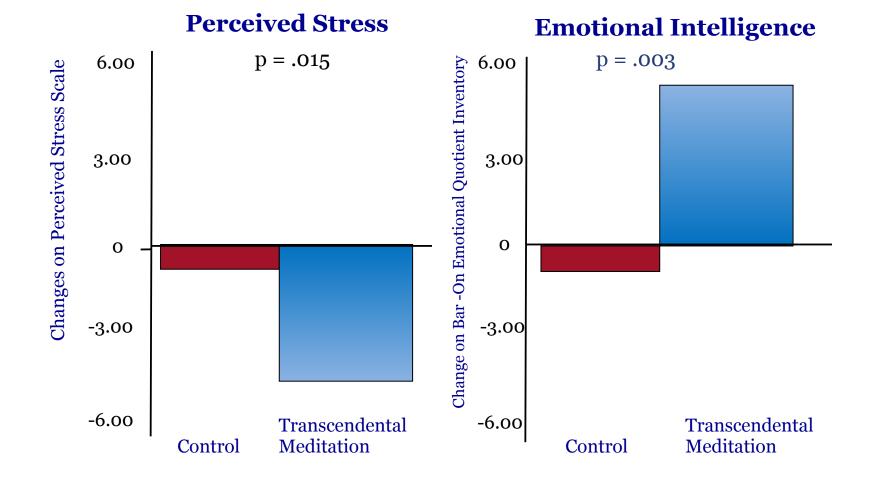
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TM decreases depression, stress, and burnout in teachers.

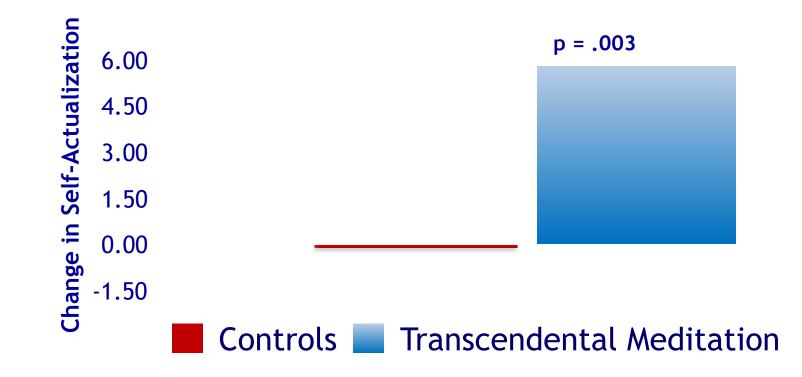
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Decreased Perceived Stress and Improved Emotional Intelligence in School Administrators and Staff: A Randomized Controlled Study



Reference: Valosek, L., Link, J., Mills, P., Konrad, A., Rainforth, M., & Nidich, S. . (2018). Effect of meditation on emotional intelligence and perceived stress in the workplace: A randomized controlled study. *The Permanente Journal* (E-pub: 10/29/2018). doi:10.7812/TPP/17-172

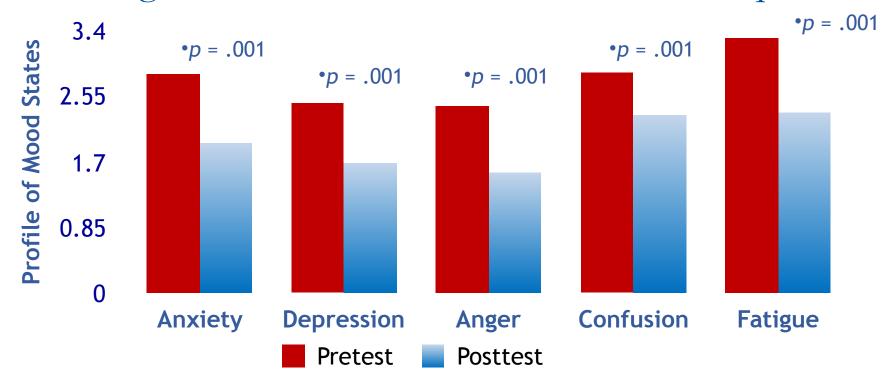
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Decreased Mood Disturbances in Family Caregivers

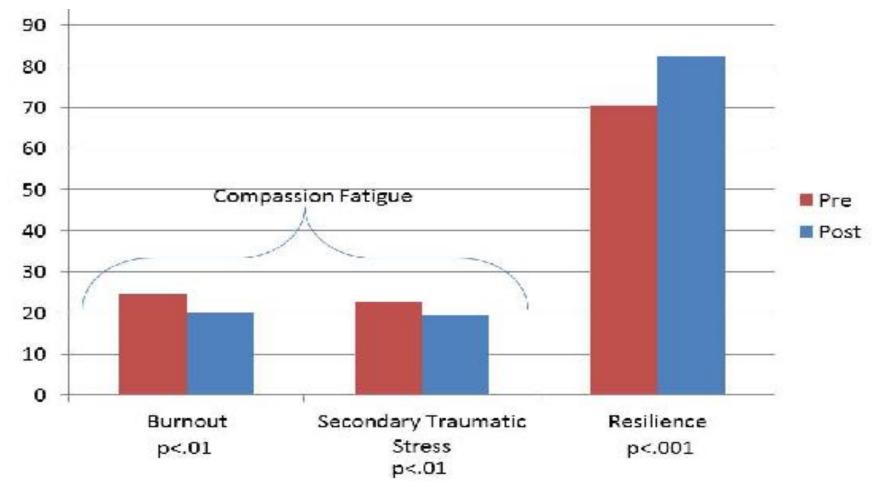
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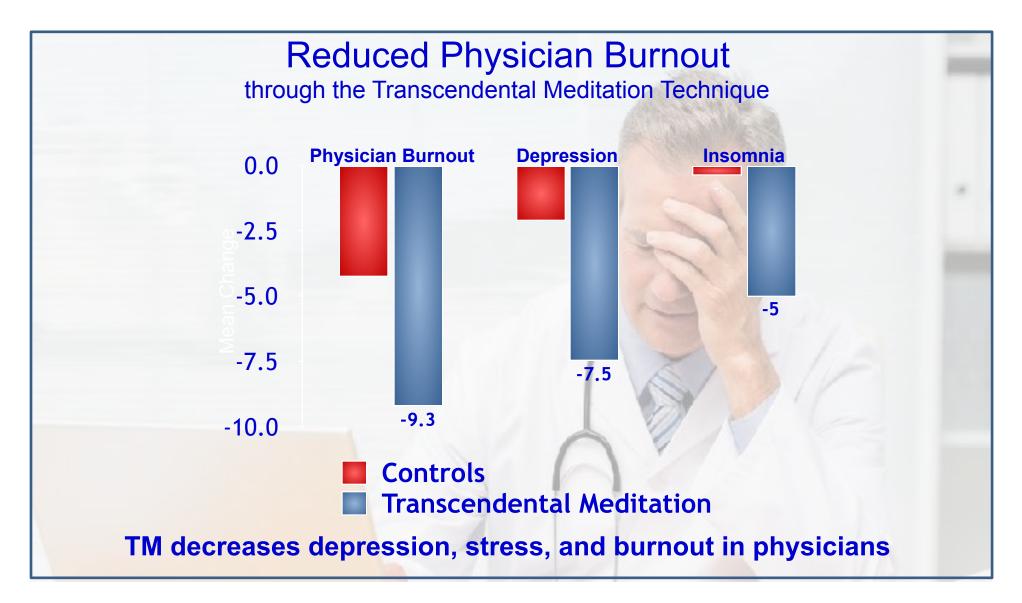
Two months of regular practice of the Transcendental Meditation technique reduced caregivers' anxiety by 31%, depression by 31%, anger by 36%, confusion by 19%, and fatigue by 29%.

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Decreased Burnout, Secondary Trauma, and Increased Resilience in Nurses

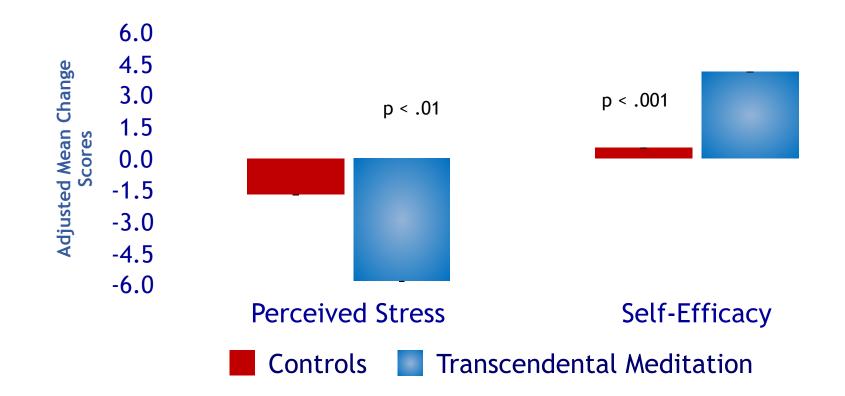


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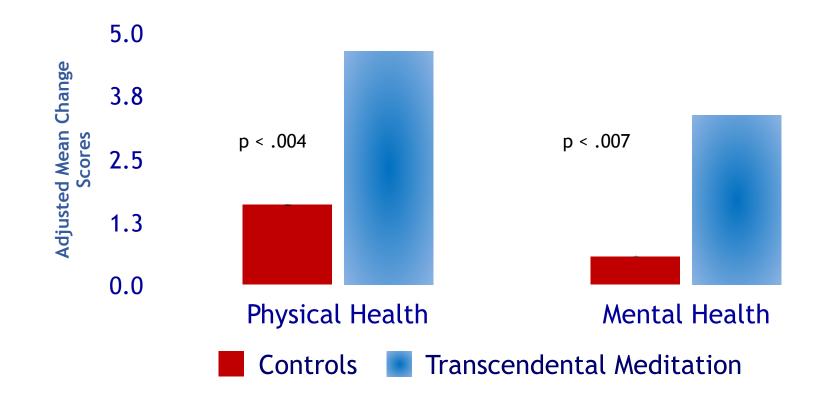
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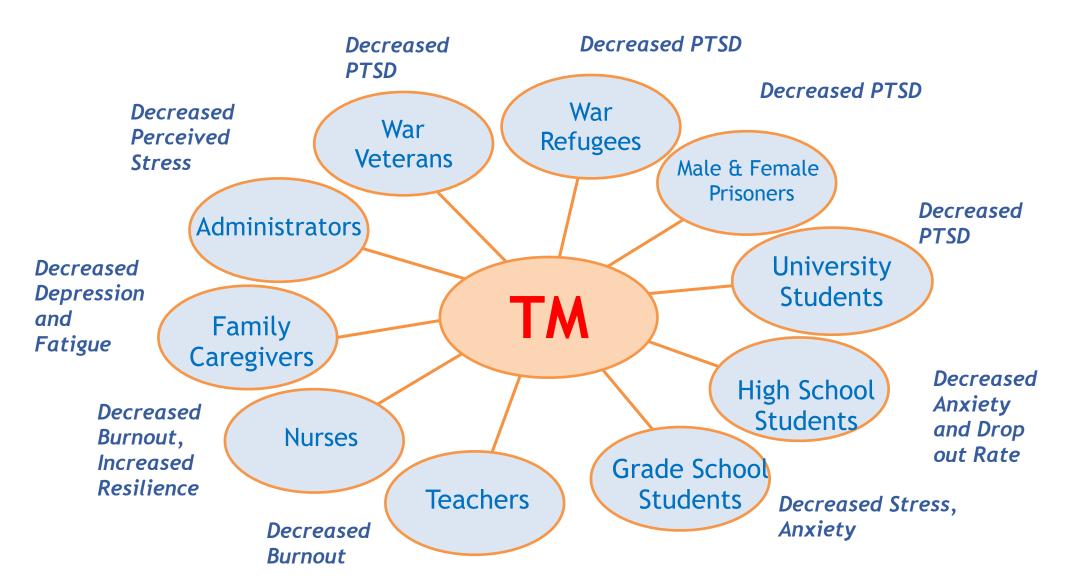
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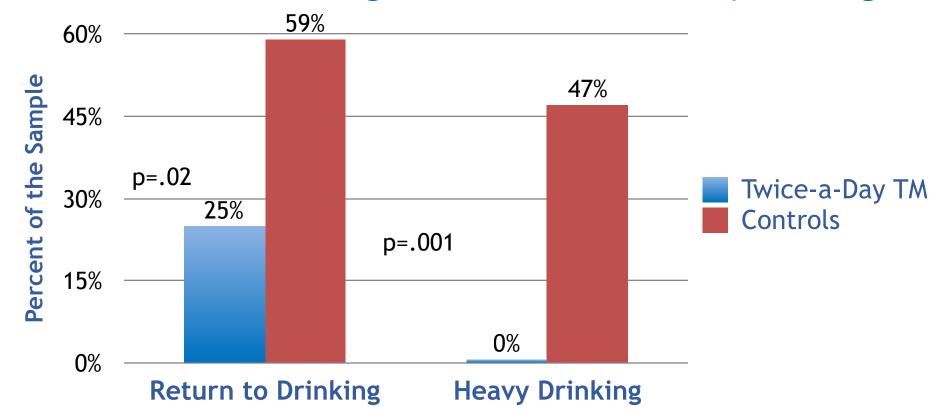
Summary: Reduced Stress for Different Populations

Research published in peer-reviewed journals finds that TM reduces stress in all populations studied.



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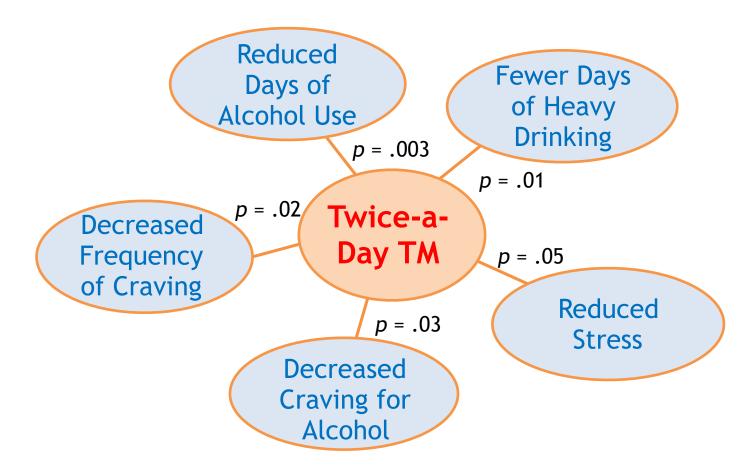
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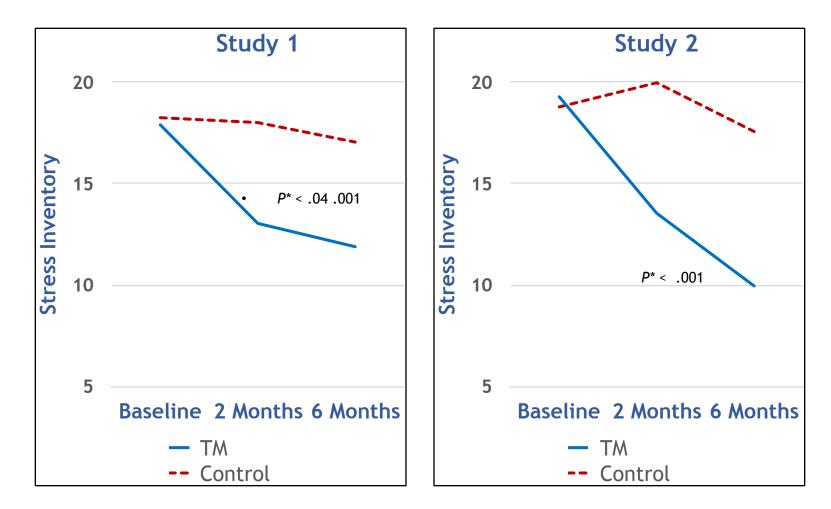
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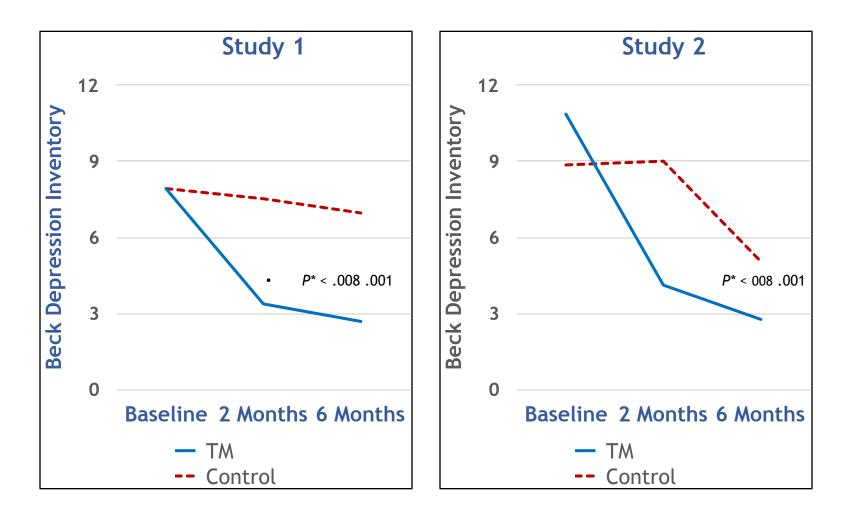
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Freshmen (Rook) Cadets at Norwich University

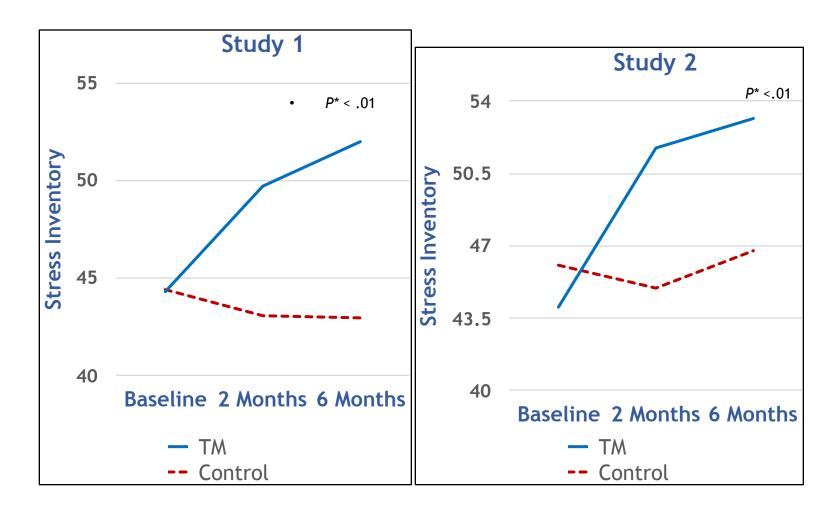
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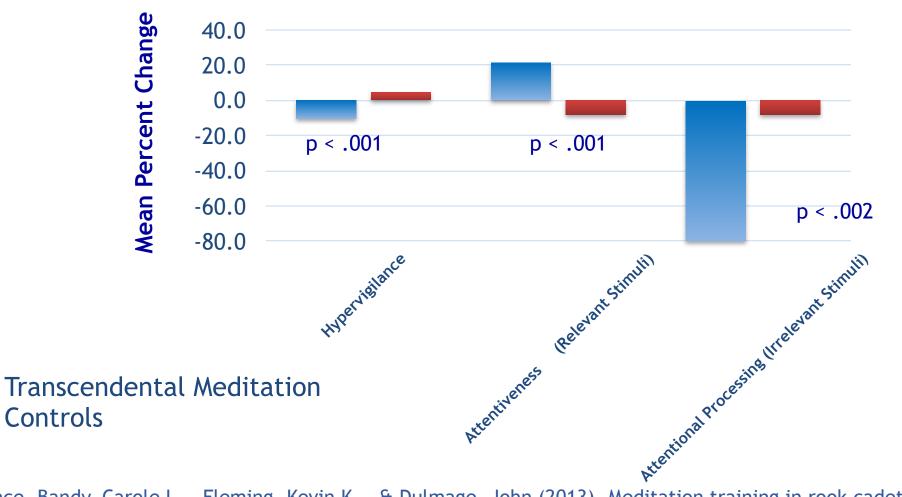
Decreased Depression in Freshmen Military Cadets



Increased Constructive Thinking (Resilience, Behavioral and Emotional Coping) in Freshmen Military Cadets



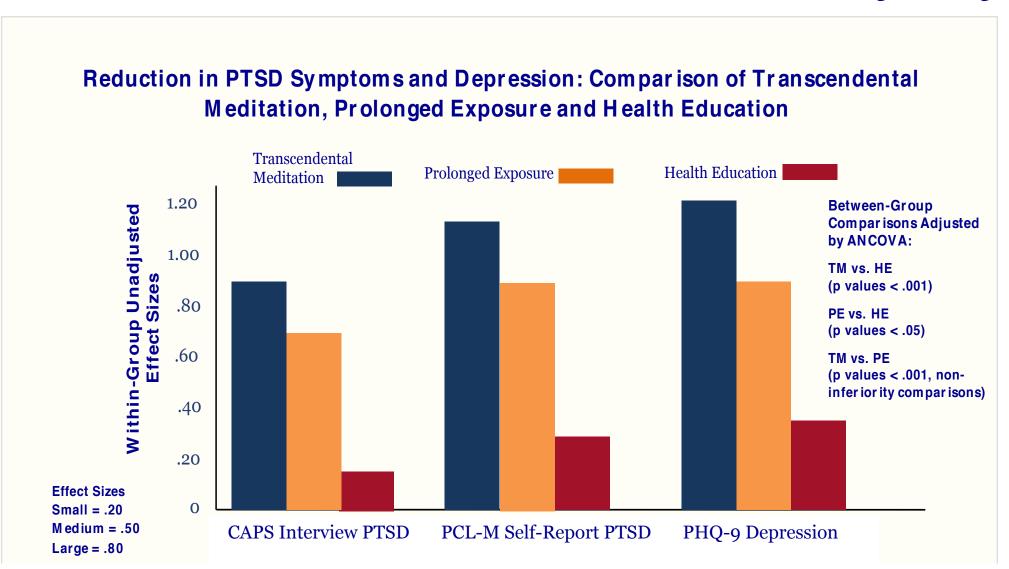
Increased Situational Awareness: Decreased Hypervigilance, Greater Attentiveness to Relevant Stimuli, and Decreased Attentional Processing of Irrelevant Stimuli



The Effects of TM on Military Cadets: Summary

- Greater Emotional Evenness (Decreased Stress, Decreased Depression, Decreased Hypervigilance)
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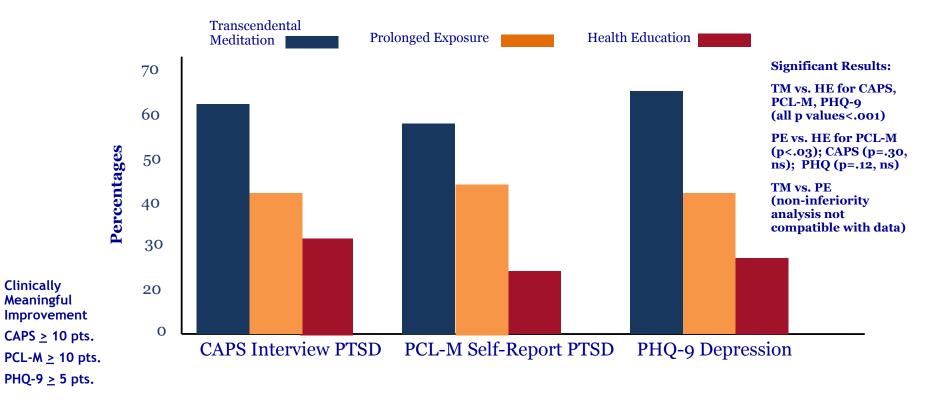
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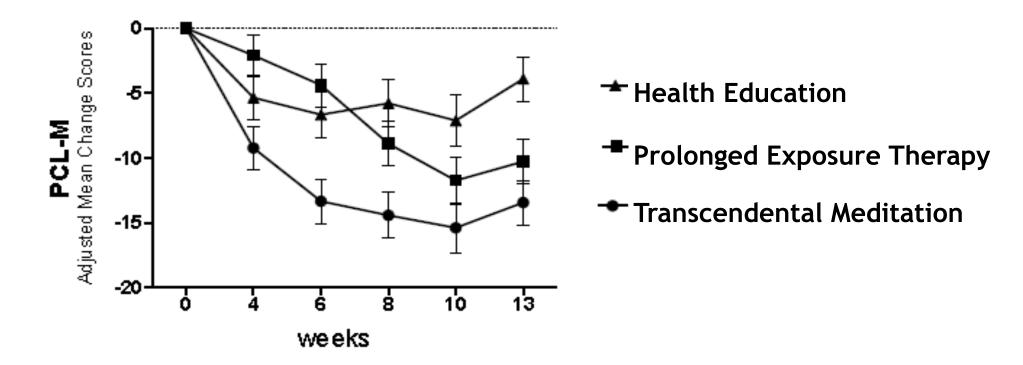
More Clinically Meaningful Improvements through TM

Percentages with Clinically Meaningful Improvement: Transcendental Meditation, Prolonged Exposure and Health Education



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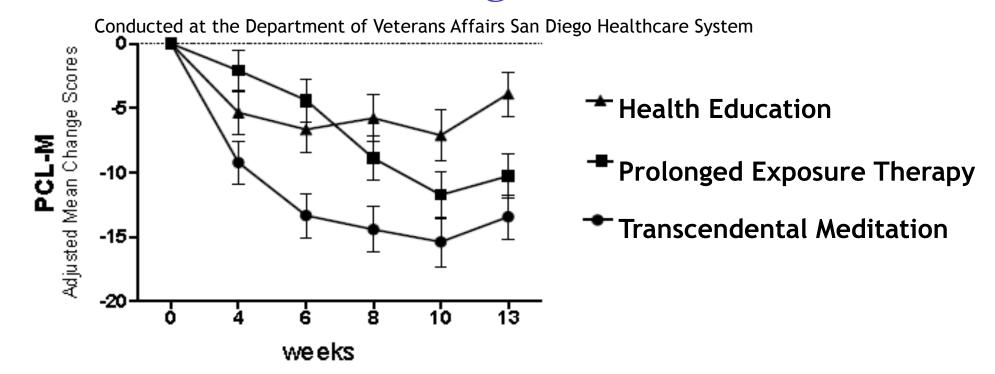
More Rapid Reduction in PTSD Symptoms in Veterans through TM



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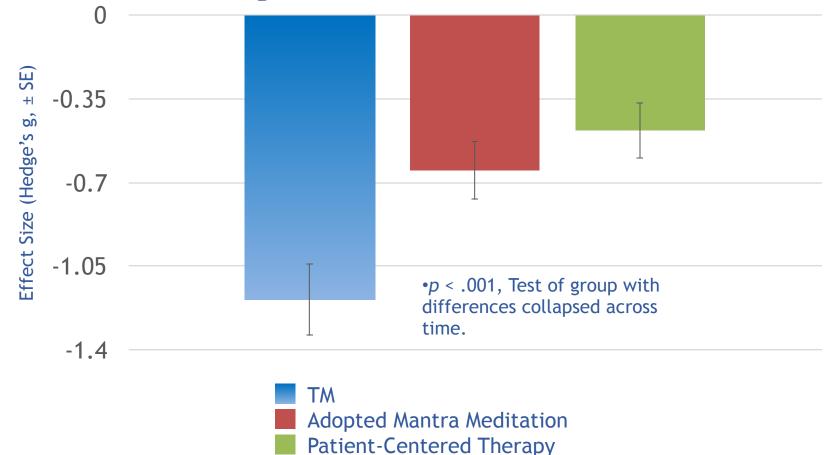
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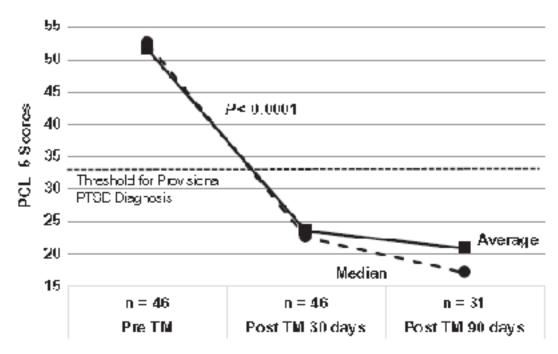


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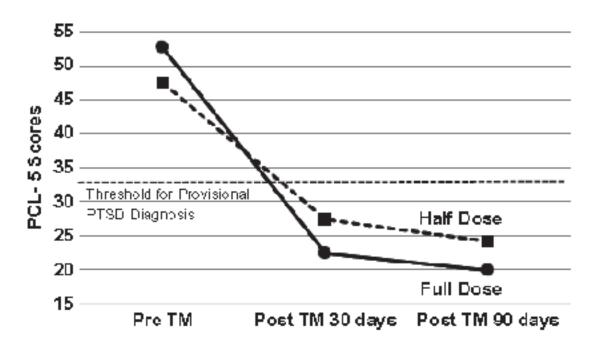
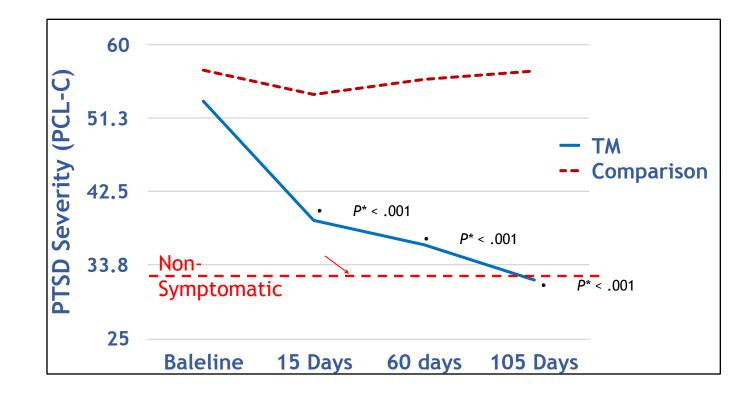


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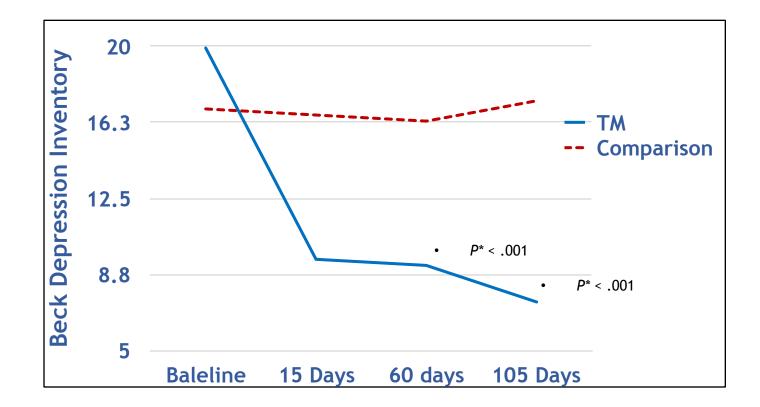
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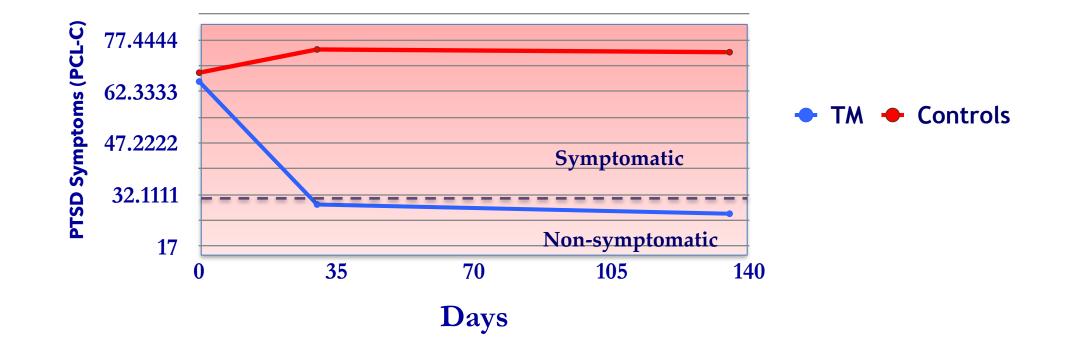
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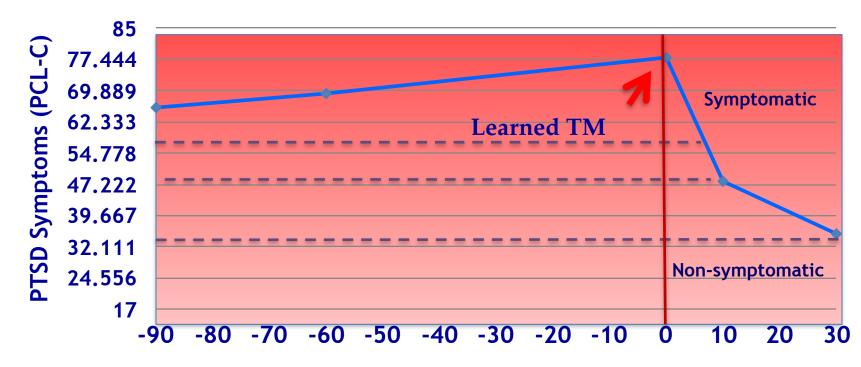
Decreased PTSD Symptoms in Congolese War Refugees through the *Transcendental Meditation* Technique



The TM technique reduced PTSD symptoms in war refugees.

Rapid Reduction in PTSD Symptoms in Congolese War Refugees

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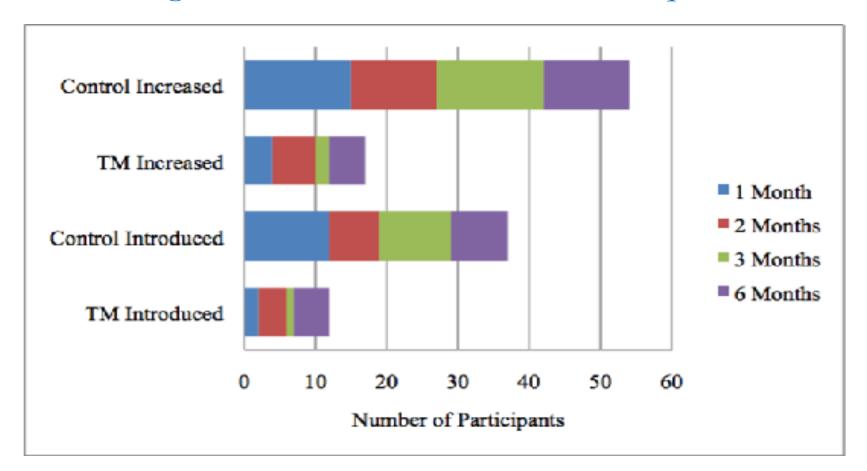


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Reduced Use of Psychotropic Medication in Military Personnel with PTSD and Anxiety Disorders

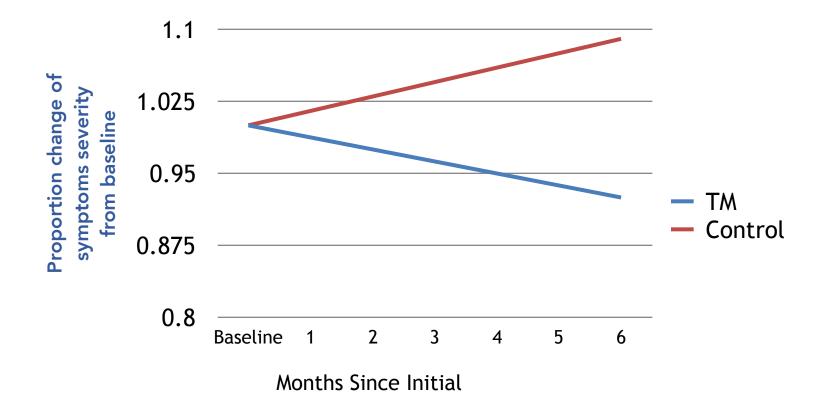
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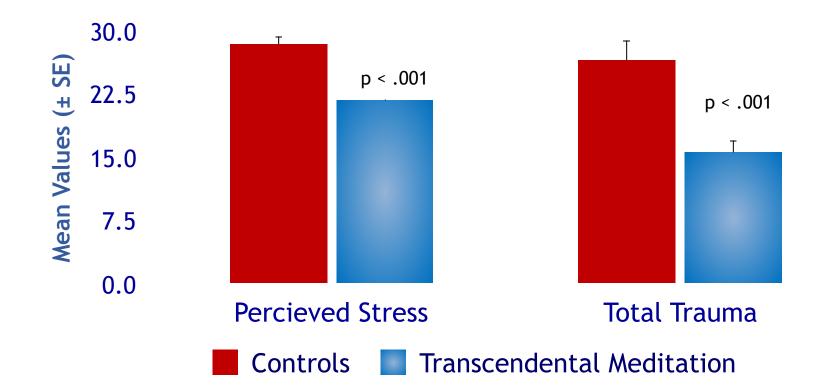
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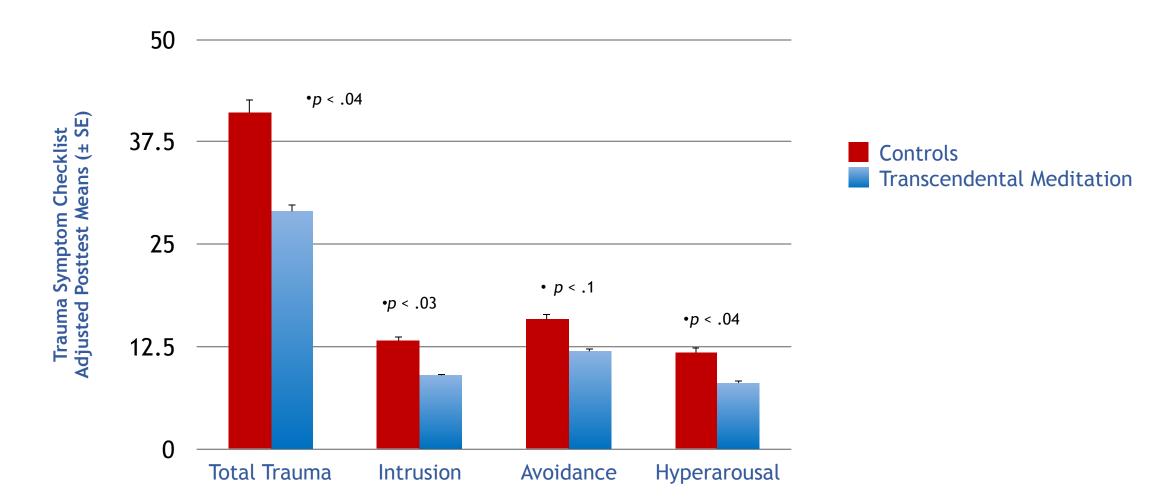
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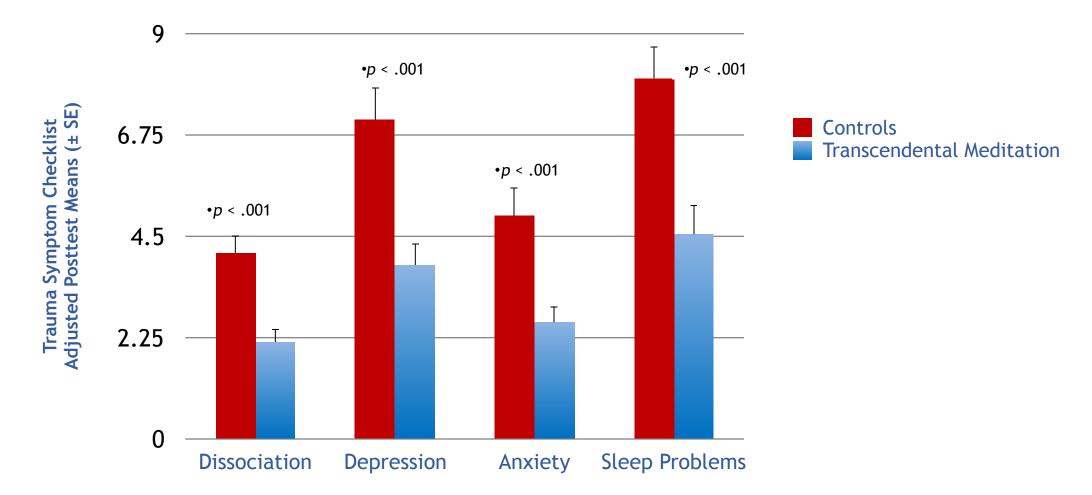
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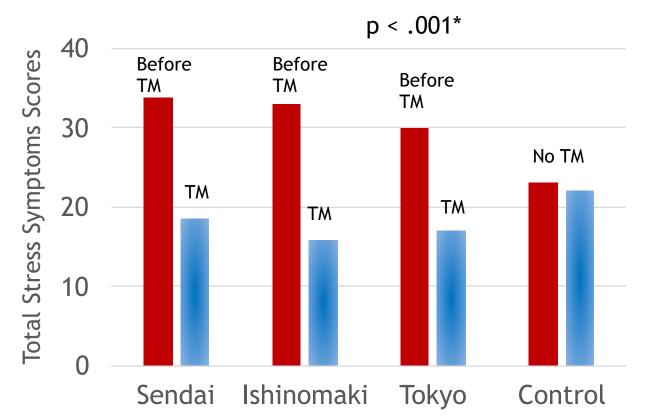
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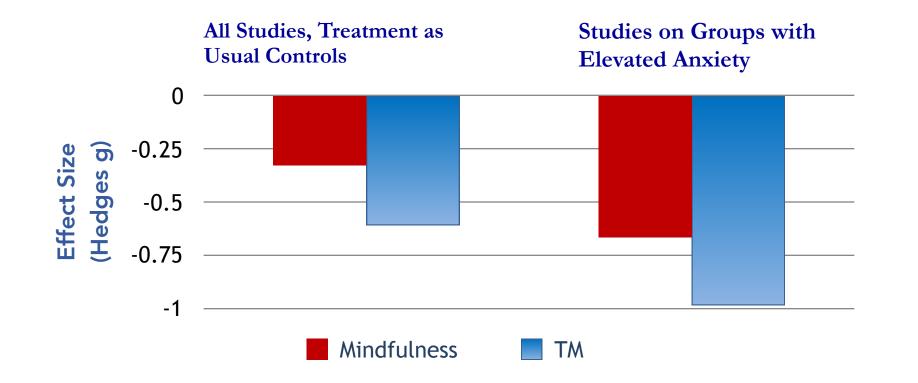
TM Decreased Stress Levels After the Earthquake–Tsunami Disaster in Japan.



The chart shows stress levels decreased from before and to after learning TM in two cities affected by the 2011 Japanese earthquake-tsunami disaster (Sendai and Ishinomaki). TM also decreased stress in people living in Tokyo, which was not affected by the earthquake-tsunami. No change in controls subjects who did not learn TM.

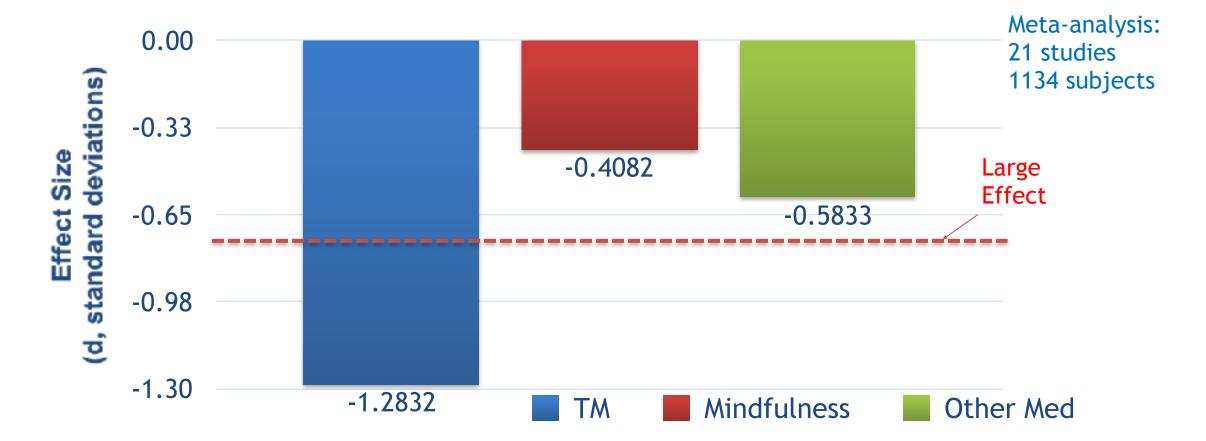
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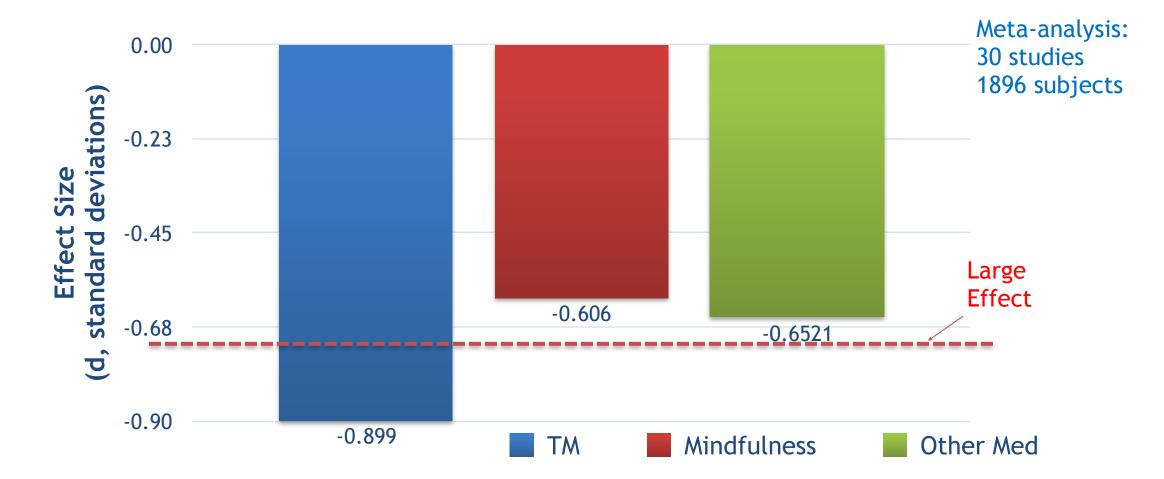


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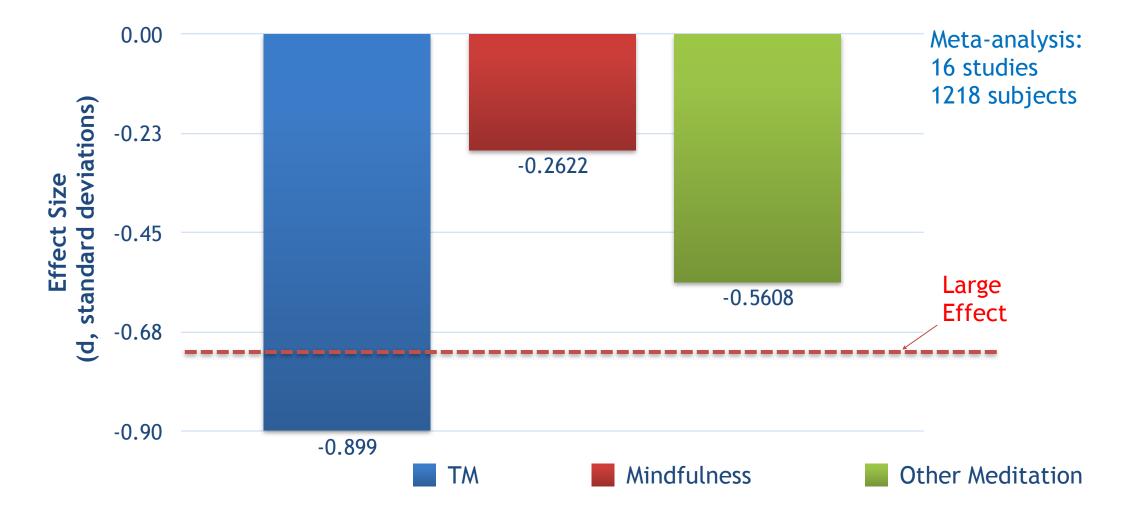
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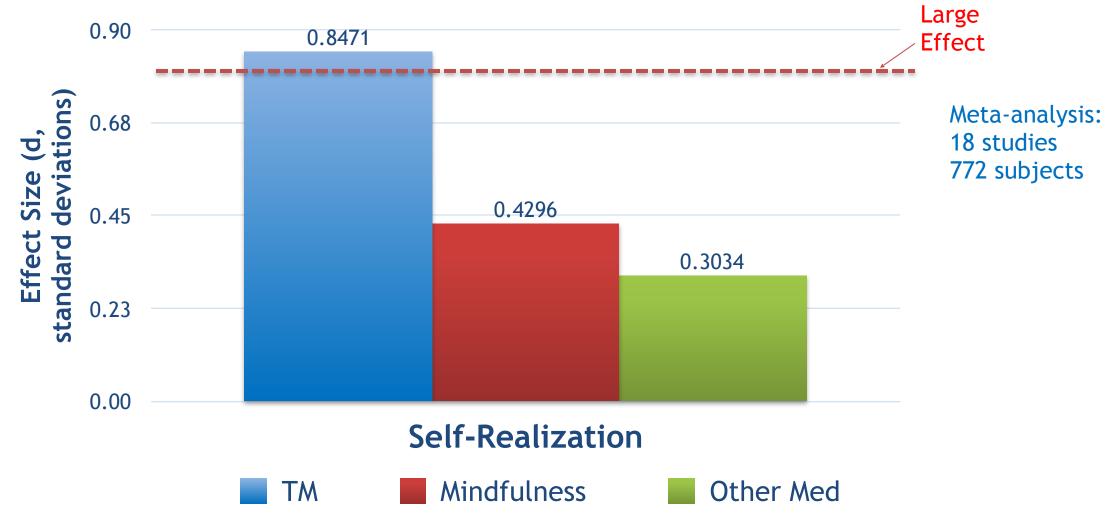
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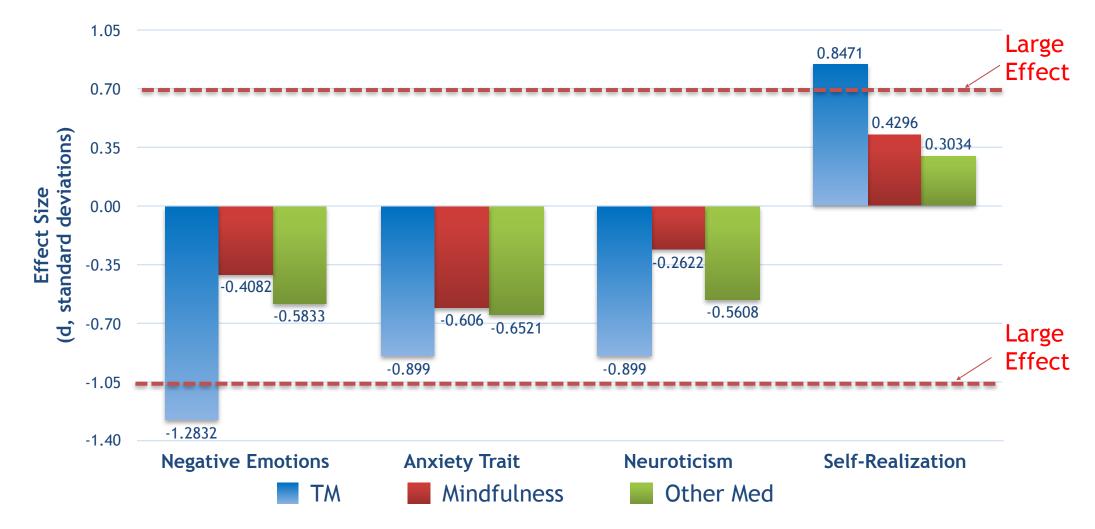
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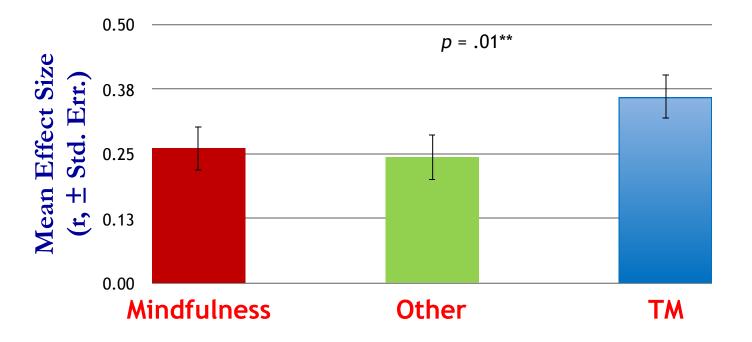
Meta-Analysis: Greater Increase in Self-Realization Through TM Than Mindfulness or Other Meditations



Meta-Analysis: Comparisons of TM, Mindfulness, and Other Meditations on Psychological Variables



Meta-Analysis: Comparison of Mindfulness, Other Meditations, and TM on Index of Six Variables (Trait Anxiety, Negative Emotions, Neuroticism, Self-Realization, Perception, Self-Concept)



** Comparison of TM with the other two types of meditation.

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Story #3: TM Is the Most Effective Stress Reduction Technique -> Universal Stress Reduction

Conclusion #3. TM has repeatedly been demonstrated by meta-analyses to be the most effective means of stress reduction. It has been shown to be highly effective in many populations for reducing PTSD, anxiety, depression, and use of psychotropic drugs and alcohol.

Story #4: Authentic Vedic Knowledge —> Improved National Consciousness

New Knowledge

• New Translation and commentary of Vedic Text "Yogic Flying According to Yoga Vasishtha", documenting the authenticity of Maharishi's programs for higher states of consciousness and the use of group Yogic Flying to create an ideal society.

Story #4: Authentic Vedic Knowledge —> Improved National Consciousness

New Applications

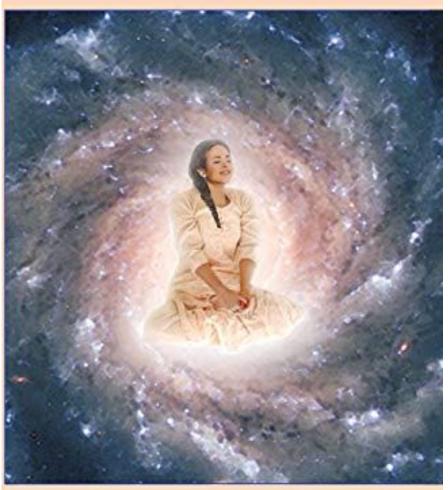
- The Invincible America Assembly of group 1,725 Yogic Flyers improved the US quality of life as indicated by:
- Decreased U.S. homicide rate;
- Decreased U.S. urban violent crime rate;
- Decreased U.S. murder rate;
- Decreased U.S. motor vehicle fatality rate;
- Decreased U.S. fatality rate due to other types of accidents;
- Decreased U.S. infant mortality rate; and
- Decreased U.S. rate of drug-related deaths.

Story #4: Authentic Maharishi Vedic Knowledge —> Improved National Consciousness

New Applications

- Increased the competitive advantage of Norway and New Zealand compared to other nations when they gained 1% of their population practicing the Transcendental Meditation technique.
- Group practice of TM and TM-Sidhi program at Maharishi Vedic University (MVU) in Cambodia reduced socio-political violence in the country.
- In a new area of research, a study found that a building built according the principles of Maharishi Vedic architecture (Vastu), increased both verbal and spatial creativity in people working in the building.

YOGIC FLYING According to Yoga Vasishtha



TRANSLATION AND COMMENTARY BY PETER F. FREUND Freund, P. Yogic Flying According to Yoga Vasishtha. Paperback Prime and Kindle Edition. www.amazon.com.

A translation of seven chapters from Yoga Vasishtha, with commentary written in light of the teaching of the Transcendental Meditation technique, TM-Sidhi program, and Yogic Flying around the world by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. Verse 49:

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आकल्पादनवच्छिन्ना चित्संवित्सर्वमस्ति हि

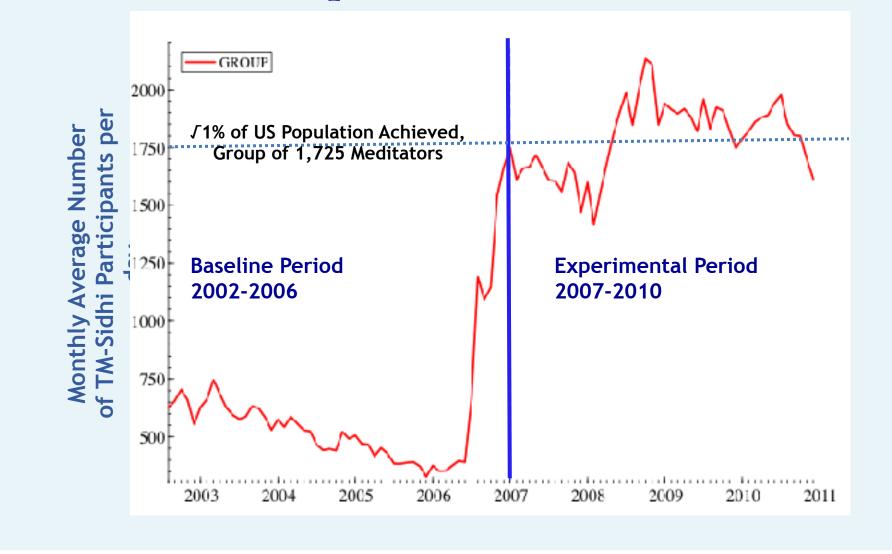
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The glorious Rām said:

Since ancient times the knowledge of all the higher states of consciousness has been there in every generation:

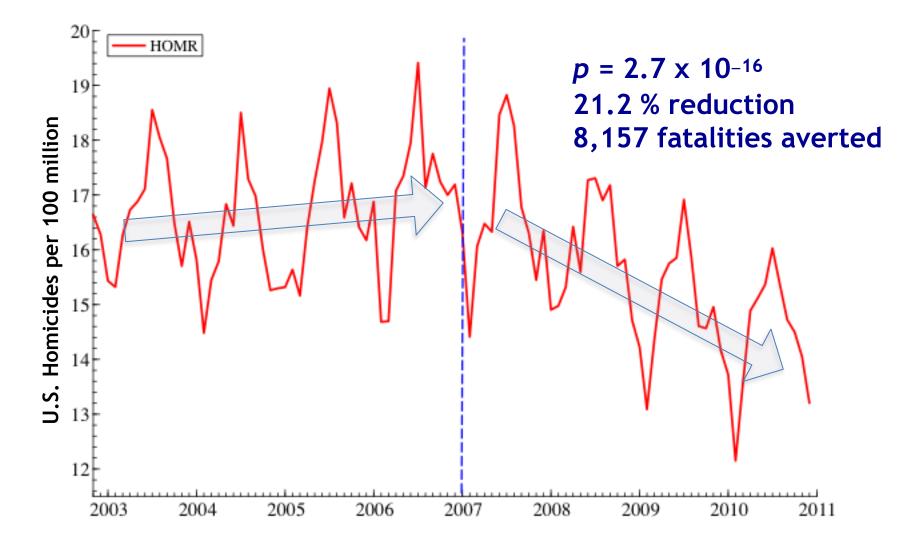
The knowledge of enlightenment in terms of the [realization of the] Constitution of the Universe in human physiology [through Yogic Flying] certainly came from that [same] eternal tradition of knowledge. With what purpose was the knowledge of Yogic Flying brought forth in the world? (Freund, P.)

Size of TM-Sidhi Group During Baseline and Experimental Period



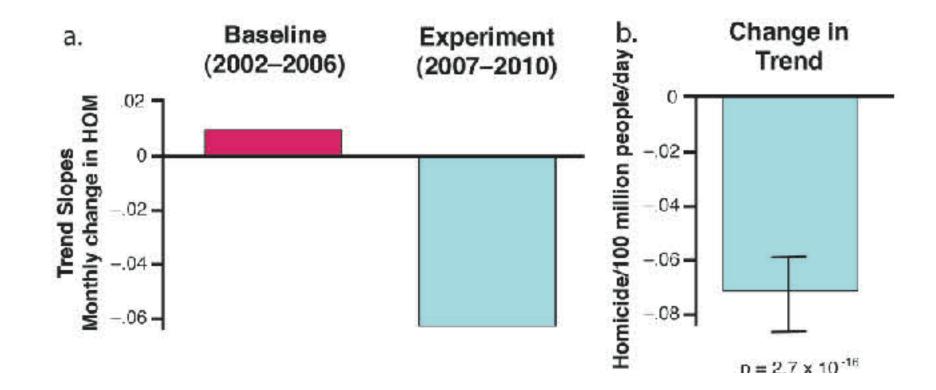
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Reduced U.S. Homicide Rate



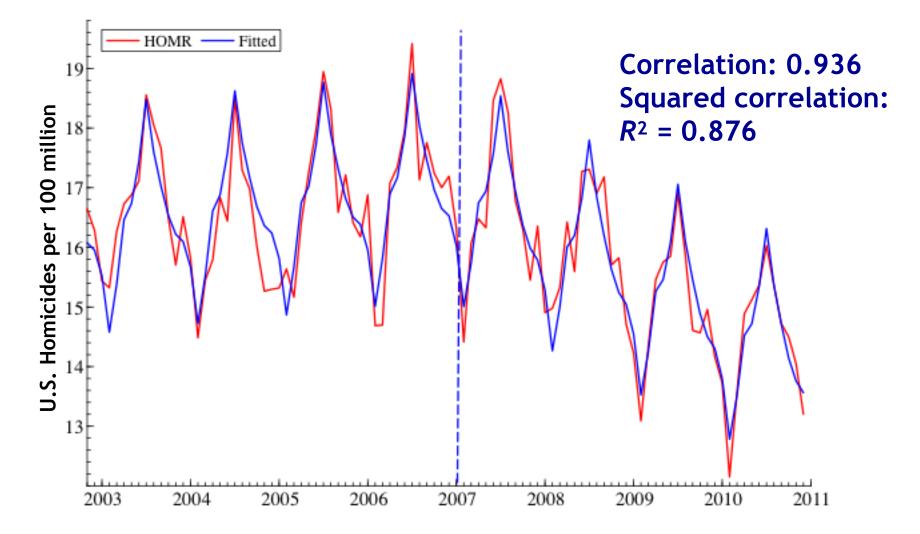
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Homicide Baseline and Experimental Period Trends



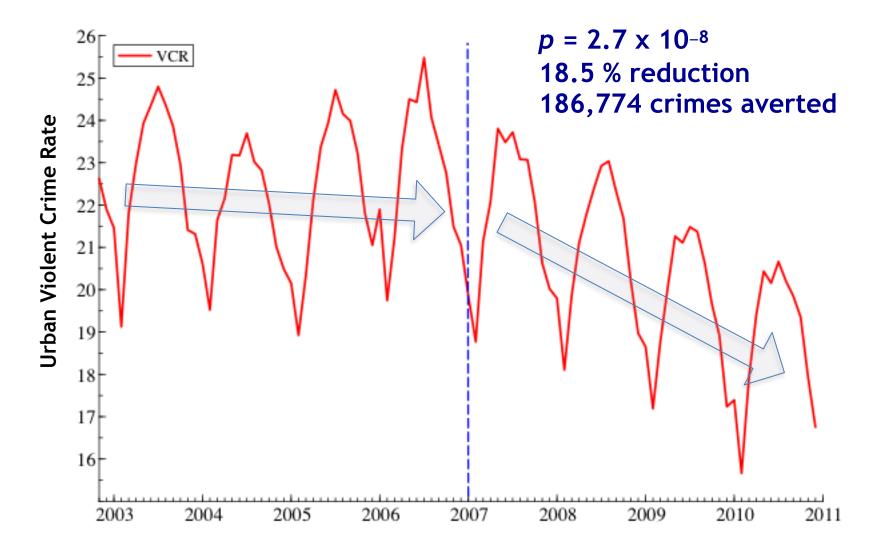
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U.S. Homicide Rate: Predictions of Statistical Model vs. Actual Data

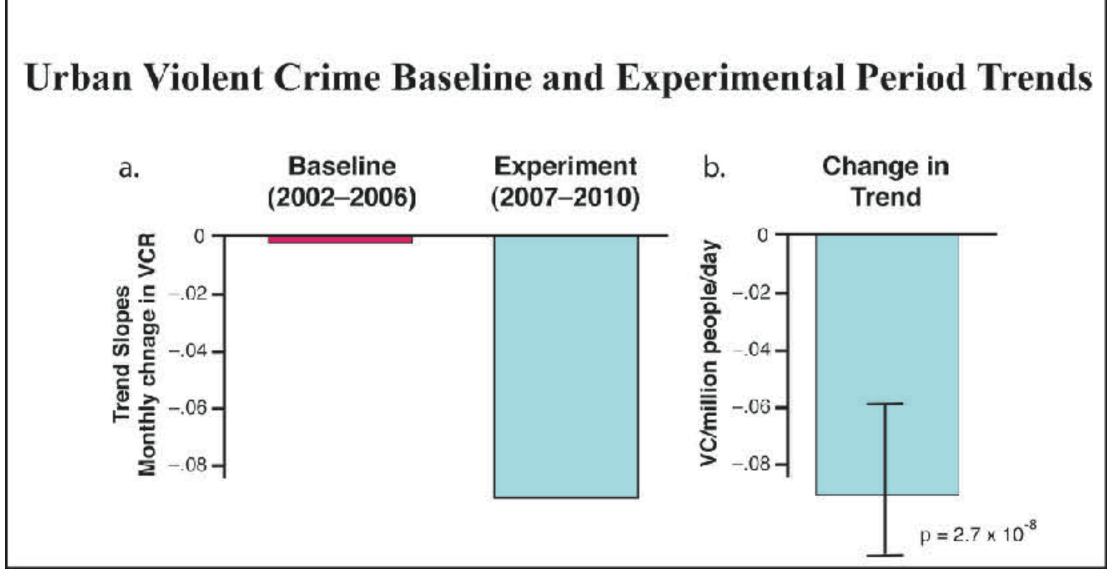


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Decreased Violent Crime Rate in 206 Urban Areas

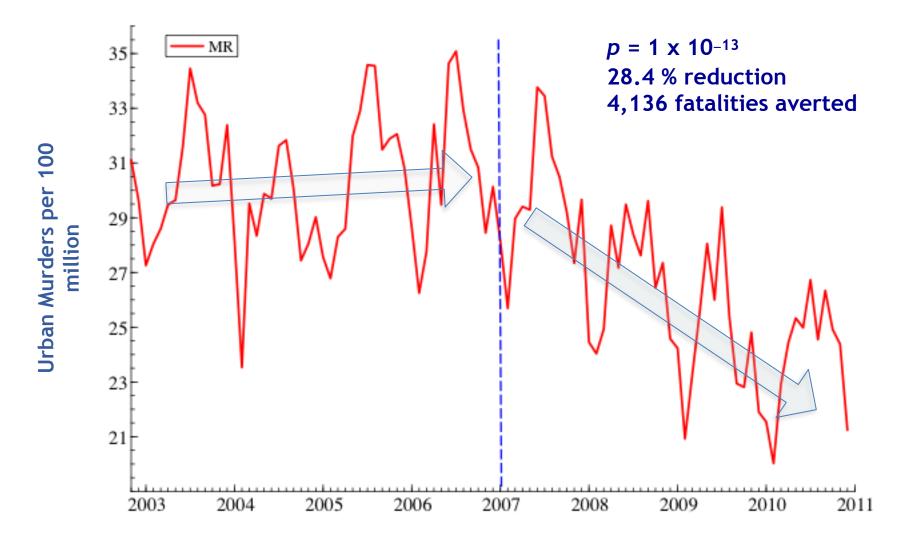


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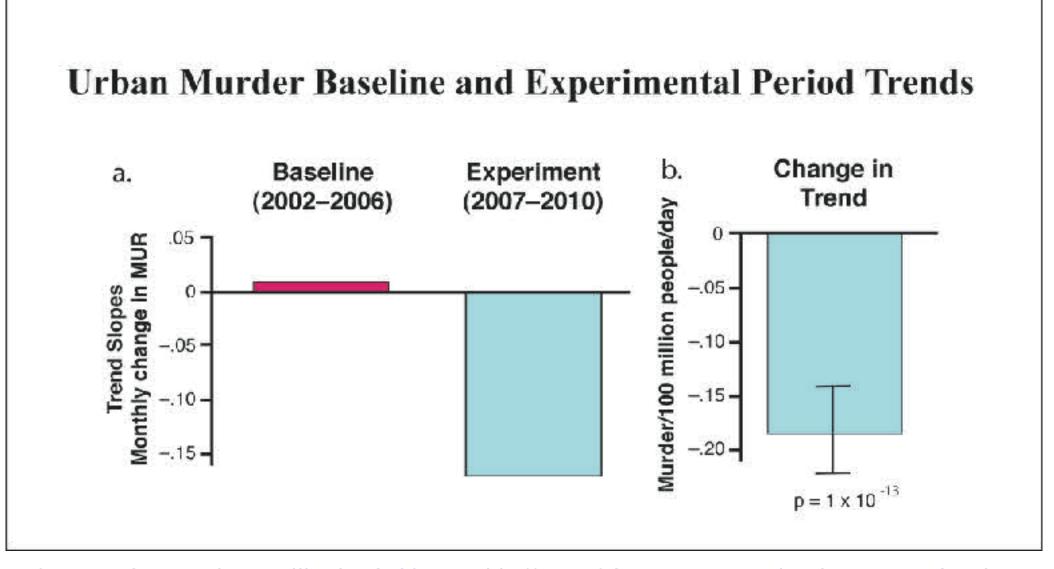


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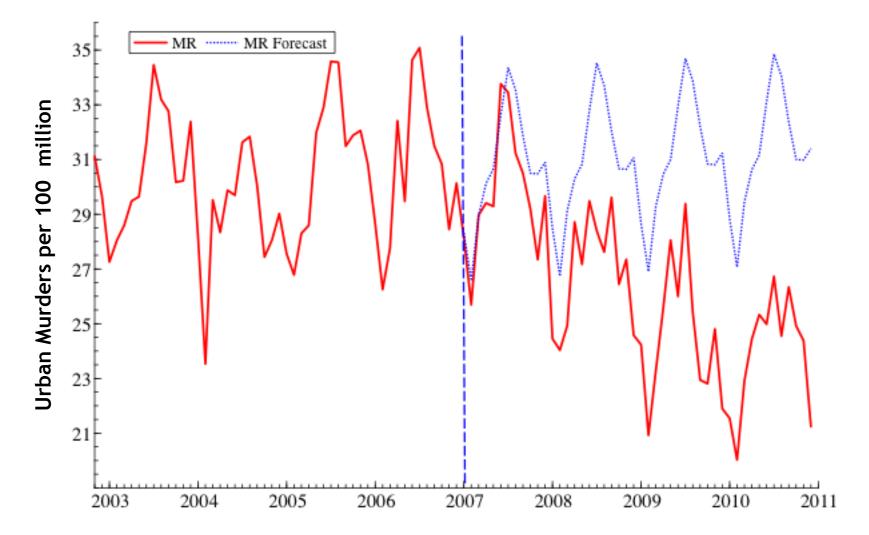


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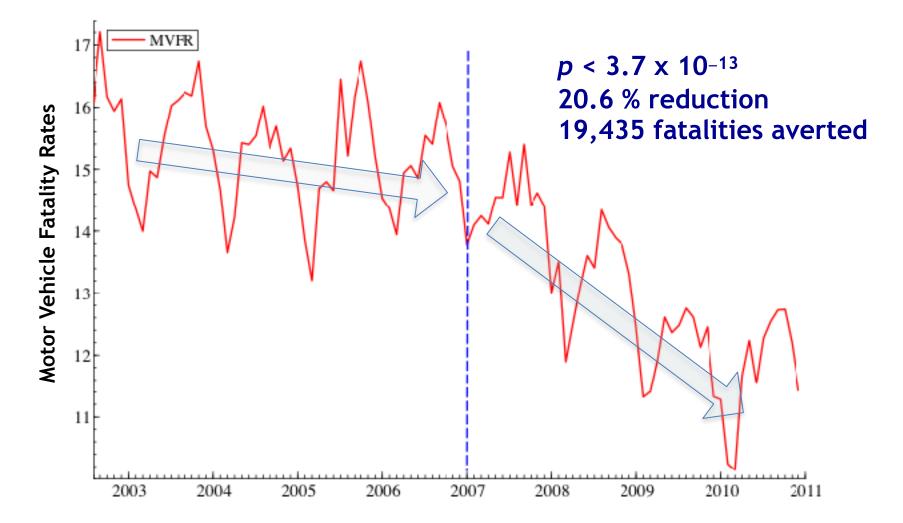
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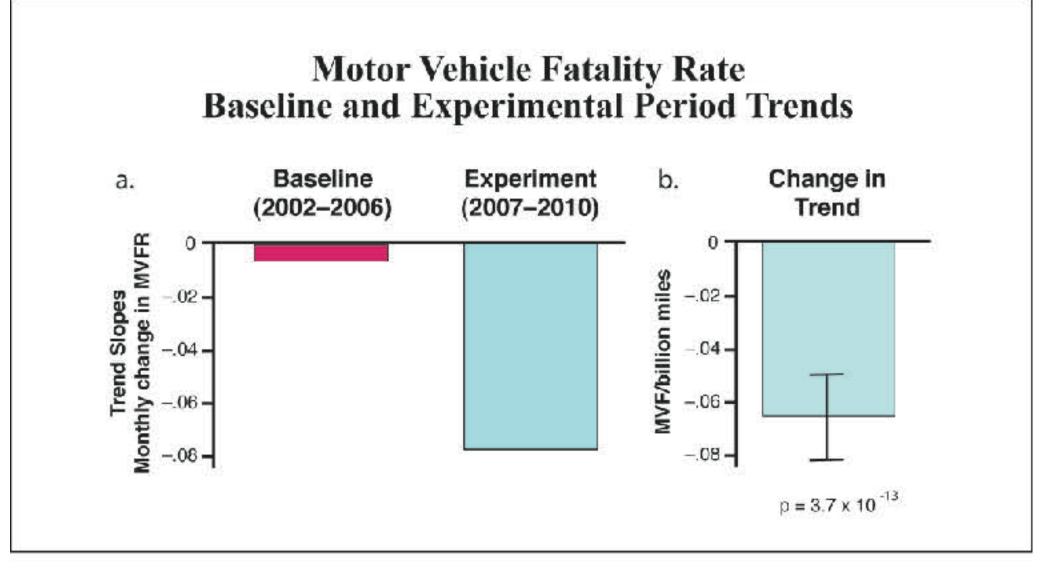
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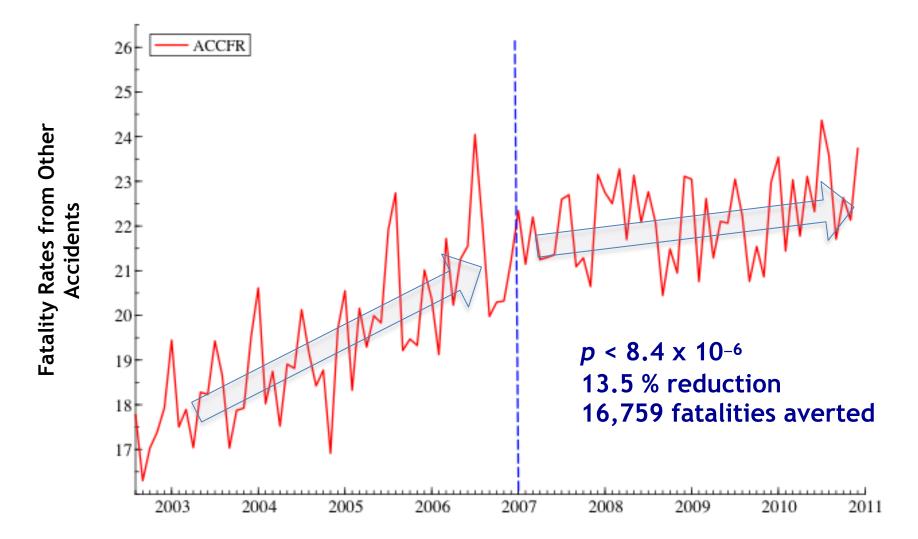
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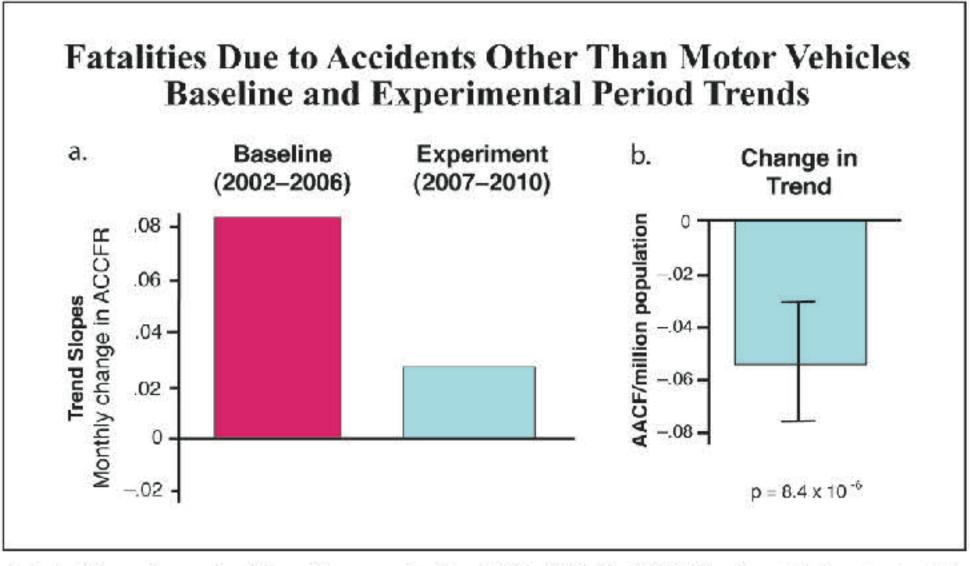




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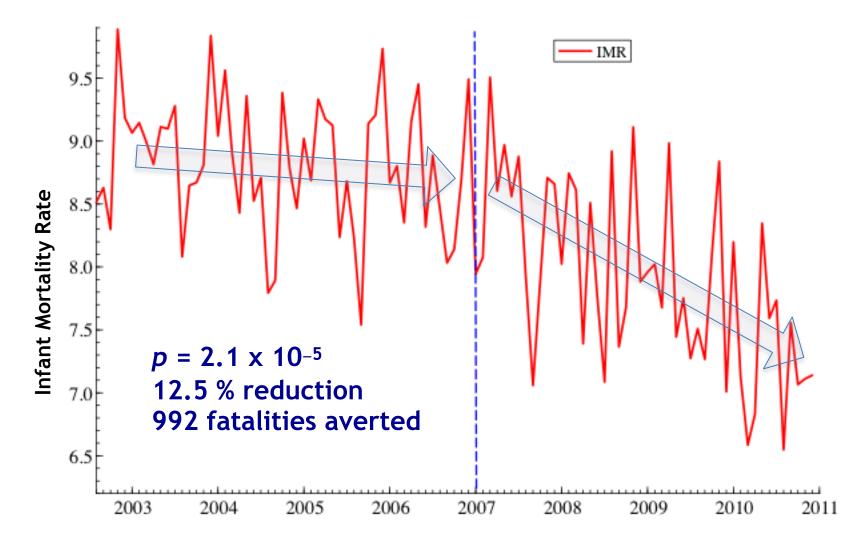
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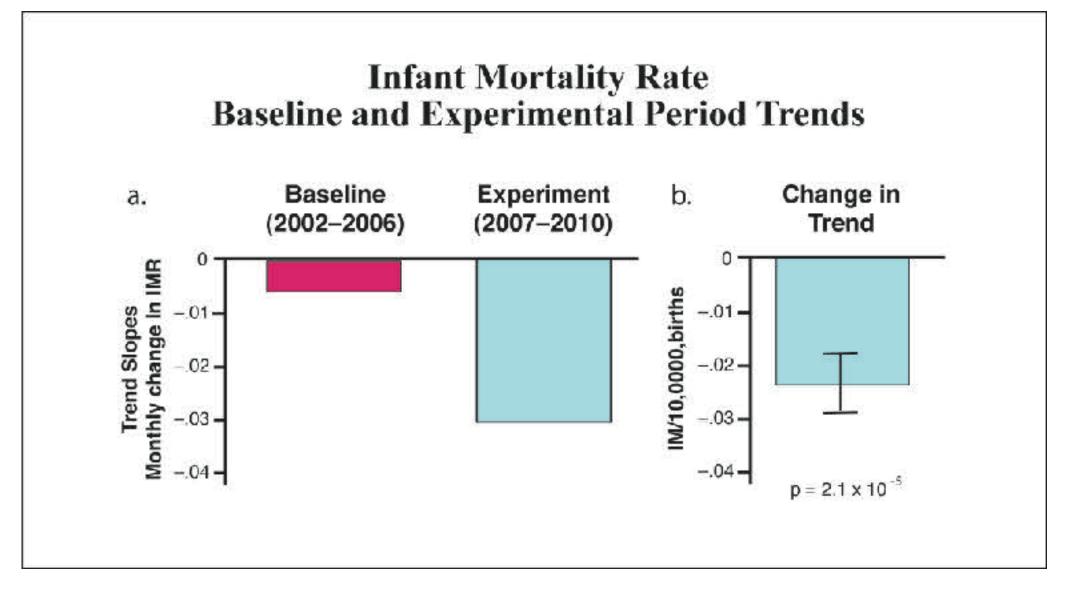


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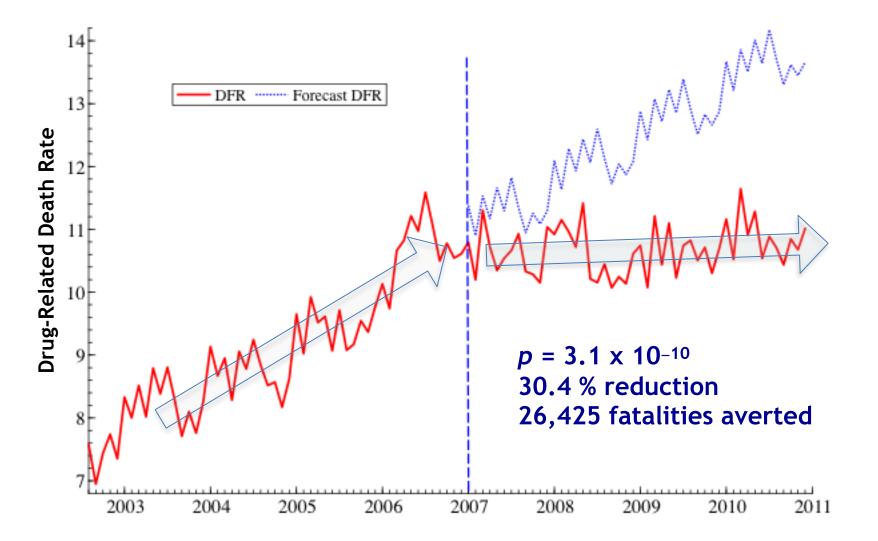


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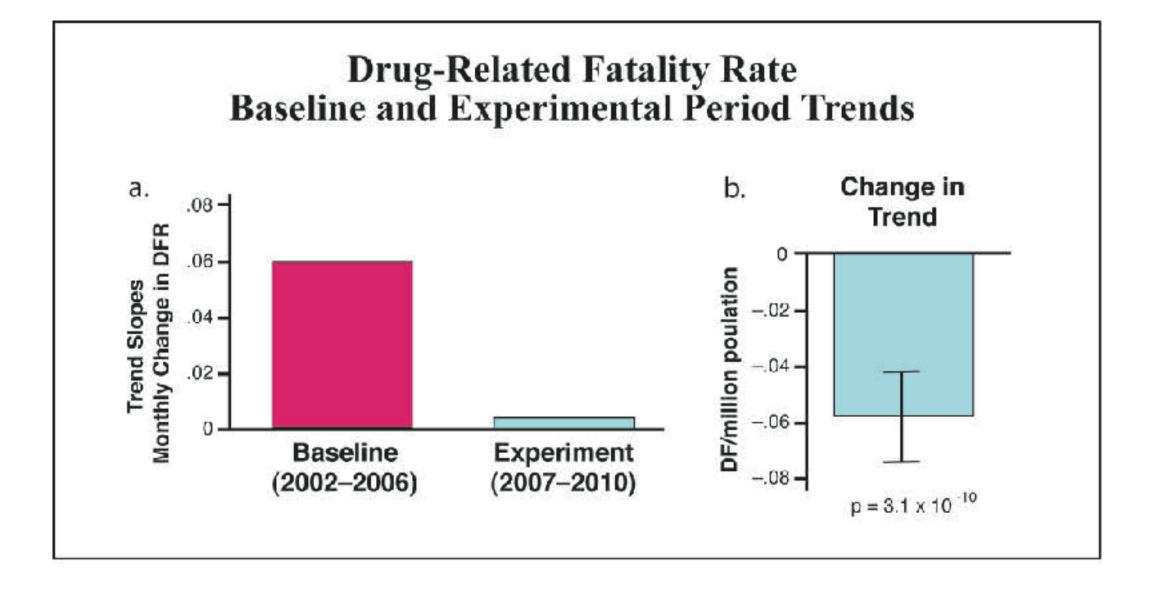


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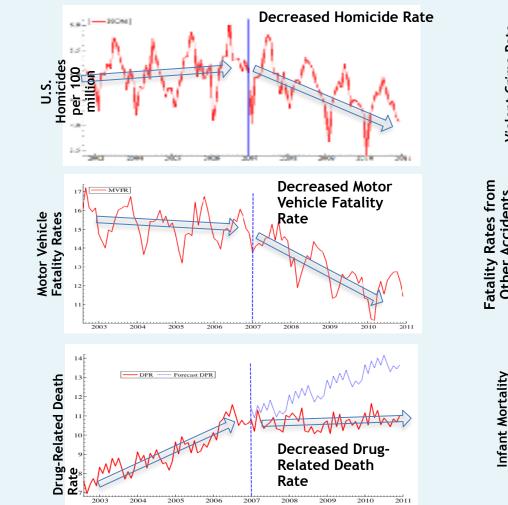


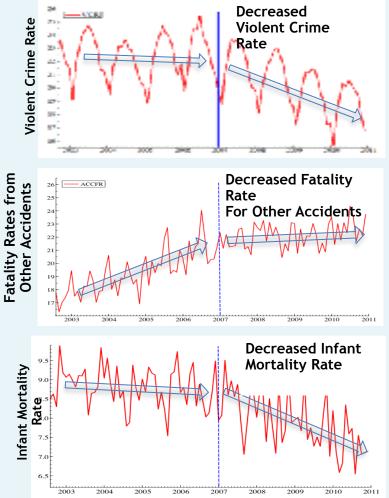
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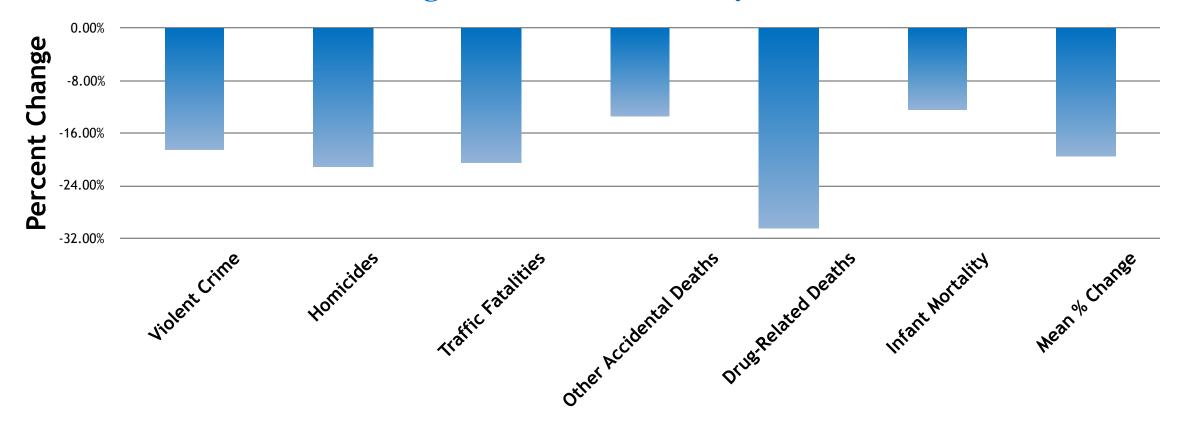
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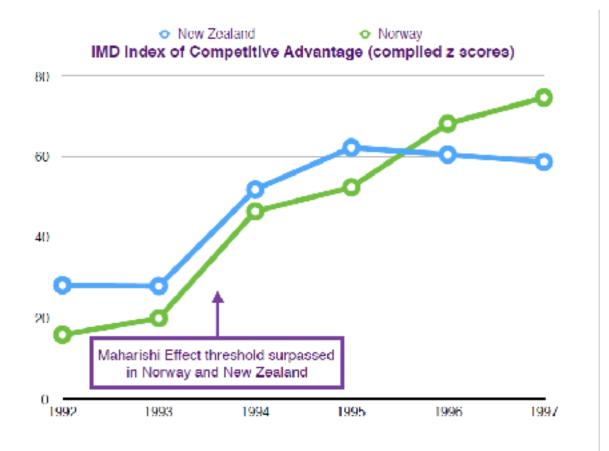
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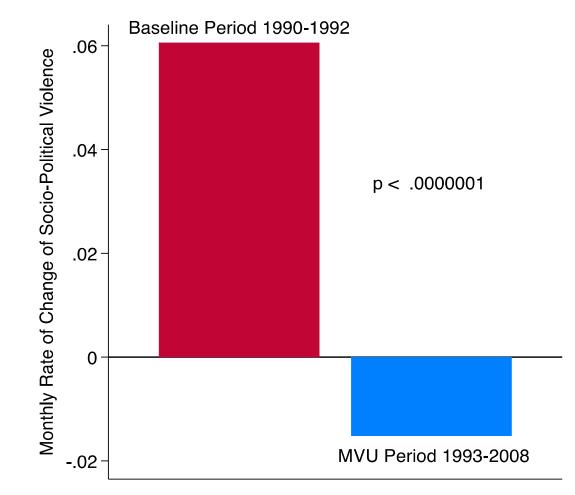
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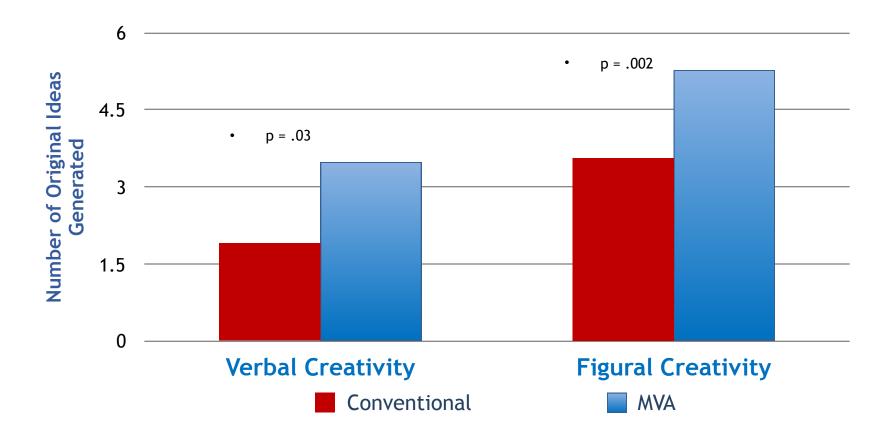
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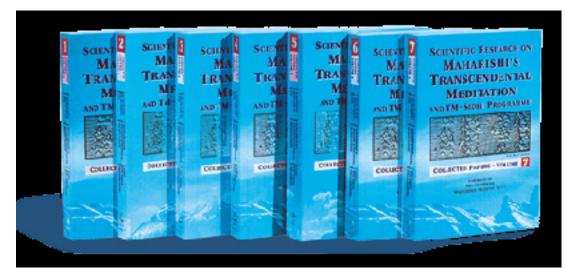
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