Intuitive Psychology and Physics Among Children with Autism and Typically Developing Children

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Three tasks were completed to compare subjects with autism to controls, on preferences for intuitive psychology or physics. The control subjects were age matched to the subjects with autism, and additional control subjects were typically developing groups of preschoolers, 7 and 10 year olds. The results demonstrated that the children with autism preferred to use physical causality to reason about new events, and demonstrated a superior ability to reason about physical events than all other control groups.