Power & Self-Perception
How Does Power Shape the Way We See Ourselves?

My research investigates the relation between power and two components of self-perception: the independent self and the interdependent self.

4 studies show that power increases men and women's perception of independence, but that the relation between power and interdependence differ for men and women. Men perceive themselves as less interdependent when they receive power, while women perceive themselves as more interdependent when they receive power.

This research provides a better understanding of the literature on leadership style - why do male and female leaders behave differently? - and gender differences - why do men and women conform to certain sex stereotypes?