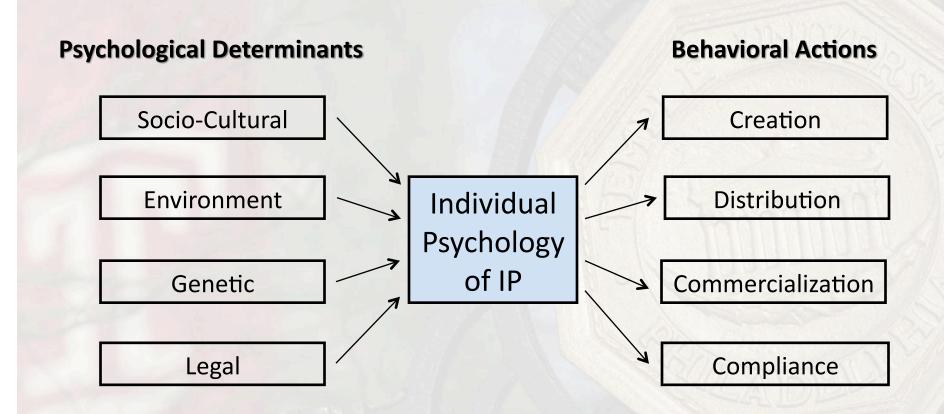
The Public Psychology of Intellectual Property

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Incentive Model of IP Behavior





Research Questions

- 1. How do popular conceptions of IP rights accord with actual law?
- 2. How do popular conceptions of IP rights vary across types of creative achievement?
- 3. What is the popular understanding of the basis for IP rights?



Percent Awarding IP Rights

	Copyright Condition	Patent Condition
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Study 2: Creativity Threshold		
Study 3: Independent Creator		
Study 4: Joint Creator		



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Infringement	(law: IP rights)	(law: IP rights)
Study 2:	75	60
Creativity Threshold	(law: IP rights)	(law: no IP rights)
Study 3:	60	55
Independent Creator	(law: IP rights)	(law: no IP rights)
Study 4:	39	44
Joint Creator	(law: no IP rights)	(law: IP rights)



IP Perception versus IP Law

	Copyright Condition %	Patent Condition %
Study 1: Infringement	_	≈
Study 2: Creativity Threshold	≈	+
Study 3: Independent Creator	_	+
Study 4: Joint Creator	+	_

- ≈ Participant responses were similar to actual IP law.
- > Participant preferred stronger IP rights than actual law.
- < Participant preferred weaker IP rights than actual law.



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Statistics present the percentage of respondents granting IP rights in each scenario.



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^{*} Difference in copyright and patent response mean is significant at the .05 level.

Basis for IP Rights

Study	Basis for IP Rights	Patent Condition	Copyright Condition
Study 1: Infringement	Entitled	67	68
	Incentive	22	12
	Expressive	11	20
Study 2: Creativity Threshold	Entitled	47	57
	Incentive	40	22
	Expressive	13	21
Study 3: Independent Creator	Entitled	63	57
	Incentive	25	18
	Expressive	12	26
Study 4: Joint Creator	Entitled	62	58
	Incentive	25	25
	Expressive	13	17



Predictors of IP Strength

	β coefficient
Gender ^a	017
Race ^b	.025
Age	.100**
Political Identity ^c	.034
Income	071*
Education	.065*
IP Experience	059*

^{*} Result is significant at the .05 level. ** Result is significant at the .01 level.

^c 7-point scale: 1 = extremely liberal; 7 = extremely conservative.



^a 0 = female; 1 = male. ^b 0 = Caucasian; 1 = non-Caucasian.