The report card is in, and the online dating industry won’t be putting this one on the fridge. A 2012 scientific report concludes that although online dating offers users some very real benefits, it falls far short of its potential.

Unheard of just 20 years ago, online dating is now a billion-dollar industry and one of the most common ways for singles to meet potential partners. Many websites claim that they can help you find your “soulmate.” But do these online dating services live up to all the hype? Not exactly, according to Psychological Science in the Public Interest.
Psychological science has come of age. But the rights of a mature discipline carry with them the responsibility to maximize confidence in our findings while simultaneously ensuring that funding sources and publication outlets support best practices. This year, APS has taken meaningful action to address these challenges, including convening discussions with funding agencies and leading scientists, proposing changes to the journal *Psychological Science* that will encourage transparency and replication, and publishing an issue of *Perspectives on Psychological Science* (November 2012) with special sections on replicability and research practices, in which distinguished scientists discuss at length the topic of replication and its importance and implications for our field. In addition, we are bringing together luminaries from a variety of subdisciplines in psychological science to take part in an extended theme program at the 25th APS Annual Convention in May 2013, “Building a Better Psychological Science,” which will continue the important conversation on replicability.

**Most Cited Articles in 2012**

- **Psychological Science**: “Fitness Effects on the Cognitive Function of Older Adults: A Meta-Analytic Study” by Stanley Colcombe and Arthur F. Kramer. (March 2003; 14, 125-130)

- **Current Directions in Psychological Science**: “Working Memory Capacity as Executive Attention” by Randall W. Engle. (February 2002; 11, 19-23)

- **Perspectives on Psychological Science**: “Rethinking Ruminations” by Susan Nolen-Hoeksema, Blair E. Wisco, and Sonja Lyubomirsky. (September 2008; 3, 400-424)
In 2012, *Perspectives on Psychological Science* was named a Rising Star journal by Thomson Reuters for its impressive growth in citations. Driving the journal’s popularity have been special sections on:

**Sizes of Our Science** (January 2012) includes discussion of the file-drawer problem as well as examinations of short reports in psychological science and the effects of journal Impact Factors.

**Eyewitness Testimony** (May 2012) features an article by Steven E. Clark on the costs and benefits of eyewitness testimony reform, along with four commentaries.

**Political Diversity in Academic Psychology** (September 2012) looks at how political ideologies are represented in the field of psychological science and especially whether (and why) conservatives are underrepresented and actively discriminated against.

**Replicability in Psychological Science and Research Practices** (November 2012) presents a range of views, analyses, and suggestions to address the complex challenges facing the field.

These special sections are bolstered by a lively mix of accessible, integrative articles that provide “one-stop shopping” to read about important issues across a wide range of psychological science’s subdisciplines.
Psychological Science in the Public Interest

PSPI continued its track record of providing comprehensive state-of-the-science reviews on a wide range of topics in 2012.

Online Dating: A Critical Analysis From the Perspective of Psychological Science (Vol. 13, No. 1)

Misinformation and Its Correction: Continued Influence and Successful Debiasing (Vol. 13, No. 3)

The Science of Training and Development in Organizations: What Matters in Practice (Vol. 13, No. 2)
This year saw the launch of APS’s ground-breaking new journal, *Clinical Psychological Science*, which both reflects and supports the modern era of clinical science in psychology. Under the leadership of Alan E. Kazdin, Yale University, and a distinguished team of associate editors — Tyrone D. Cannon, Yale University; Emily A. Holmes, MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit, University of Cambridge, UK; Jill M. Hooley, Harvard University; and Kenneth J. Sher, University of Missouri — the journal began taking submissions in April and published its first articles online in September for the inaugural January 2013 issue. In October, the journal reached 100 submissions.

Eric Eich began his term as editor of *Psychological Science* on January 1, 2012, enabling Editor Robert V. Kail to take a well-earned break after 5 years of soaring submissions. The changing of the guard went smoothly, and the first papers accepted by Eich and his new editorial team were published this past fall.

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