Tax compliance in the wild: Nudging the payment of vehicle taxes in Brazil, lessons and surprises

São Paulo State Tax Agency



Six rounds of field experiments in 2021 (e-mail and text messages)

Appeals

- **Traditional**
- Implementation intentions
- Empathy
- Key behaviors
- Identity
- Reciprocity
- Deliberated choice
- Urgency
- Simplified
- Bureaucratic

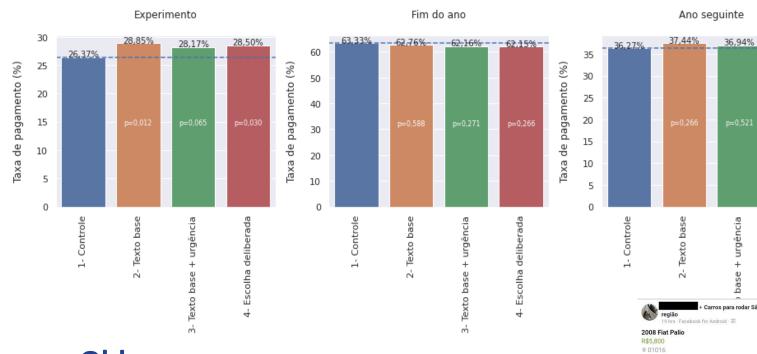
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guarta-feira, 8 de junho

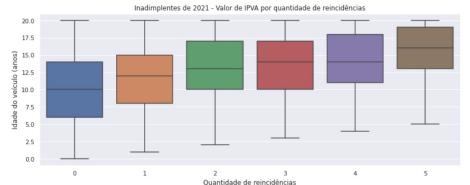
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Este e um lembrete sobre o vencimento proximo da parcela do IPVA com desconto de 5%. Acesse o portal da Secretaria da Fazenda de SP.

We were happy after 1 week, but...



Older cars owe more



"Only for driving" cars





Conclusion: "We are whispering to a refractory audience in a very noisy world".

Next steps: gather more data and perform a qualitative study (e.g., netnography) to understand the phenomenon of "only for driving" cars and its true extent

Thank you!

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