



# Comparative Spill-Over & Degradation Effects of Nudges and Boosts

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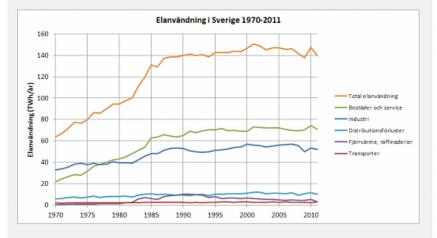
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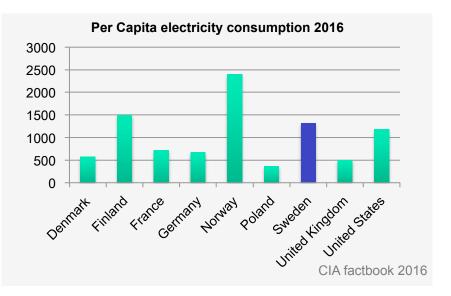


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#### Increased energy use, despite improvements in device efficiency



Elanvändning i Sverige 1970-2011. Data från Energiläget i siffror 2012, Energimyndigheten.



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People waste energy due to neglect, lack of information & mistakes



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# **Two Types of Behavioural Interventions**

How can we *effectively* help people overcoming neglect, lack of information & mistakes?

### <u>Nudges</u>

Defaults

(e.g. outlet with

fixed timer)

- Harness existing heuristic and biases
- Adjust choice architecture so that biased choices yield best results

Visually framed

signals

## <u>Boosts</u>

- Train heuristics to avoid biases
- Develop simple and trainable strategies so that people can overcome their shortcomings



Social norms



Information



Simple Rules



Supporting Infrastructure

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How effective are the intervention types in changing behavior?

- a) How quickly does the effect of an intervention degrade over time?
- b) How much does an intervention in one domain spill over into another domain?

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