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# Spotted around the web: Week of 22 July 2019

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## Research roundup

Women with traits of autism get more emotional and practical support from their adult siblings than their male counterparts do. *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*

A subset of autistic children who show aggressive behaviors have additional conditions, such as anxiety and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*

Men in general, and those who have little contact with the disabled, are the most biased against disabled people. *Journal of Social Issues*

Autistic children are more likely to bully, and be bullied by, their siblings than neurotypical children are. *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*

A neural network analysis shows that several brain areas work together to perceive emotions in others, and that this network matures around age 8. *Journal of Neuroscience*

Socially awkward and autistic people use similar strategies to compensate for their difficulties in group settings. *The Lancet Psychiatry*

Researchers found a heightened prevalence of autism in a small survey of transgender and nonbinary people. *European Psychiatry*

## Science and society

Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital is one of the first clinics to offer personal genome sequencing to predict disease risk — with a heftier price tag than commercial at-home testing kits. *Bloomberg*

As the U.S. government puts Chinese scientists under escalating scrutiny, a *Nature*

editorial reminds the research community of the value of diversity and cross-cultural collaboration. [Nature](#)

Some employers are adopting ‘mental wellness’ strategies so that their employees feel comfortable taking medical leave for mental health problems. [Kaiser Health News](#)

The forced-swim test, an established measure of depression in mouse models, is under scrutiny. [Nature](#)

Neurologist Huda Zoghbi has received the 2019 Victor A. McKusick Award from the American Society of Human Genetics. [American Society of Human Genetics](#)

A nonverbal autistic man has earned the designation of Eagle Scout using PowerPoint and multiple-choice tests in lieu of spoken presentations to earn some of his merit badges. [CNN](#)

When it comes to vaccine safety, ‘social trust’ can influence beliefs as much as logic and reason. [NPR](#)

The state of Connecticut lowered the age at which children with autism become eligible for transition services from 16 to 14 to better prepare students for life after high school. [Autism Speaks](#)

The 2019 Ohio State Fair will include a ‘sensory-friendly morning’ that banishes loud music and flashing lights and offers access to a quiet room. [Mental Floss](#)

## Autism and the arts

Autistic artist Brittney Coutts is scheduled to present a solo exhibition of her paintings in Claremont, Australia, next month. [Wanneroo Times](#)

Singer and pianist Kodi Lee, who is autistic and blind — and who wowed the TV show “America’s Got Talent” — is attending a specialized music program at Michigan State University. [WILX](#)

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