

S1 Table. Data reproduced from columns 1, 2 and 4 of Klar and Ayal (Table 1)[55].

Event	Average risk	Personal risk	Ratio (others/self)
Limb amputated	16.93	11.80	1.43
Suicide	15.06	3.68	4.09
House fire	20.03	16.45	1.22
AIDS	19.60	8.92	2.20
Gum disease	44.16	41.08	1.07
Hearing loss	14.18	9.38	1.51
Death by car crash	30.37	26.07	1.16
Sued	31.12	19.95	1.56
Cancer	26.11	19.12	1.37
Alcoholism	22.99	4.57	5.03
Heart attack	29.88	16.18	1.85
Car stolen	33.45	25.86	1.29
Death before 65 years of age	33.25	28.20	1.18
Drops out of school college	29.17	15.54	1.88
Depression	22.86	14.61	1.56
Burglarized	29.80	23.78	1.25
Fired from job	46.59	36.06	1.29
Bad career choice	51.93	37.04	1.40
Broken bone	31.29	25.77	1.21
Divorce	43.24	12.76	3.39

S2 Table. Comparative responses for common negative events.

Event	Mean comparative judgment of own chances vs others' chances	Mean perceived frequency
Feel stress at some stage of your university studies	1.14***	89.72***
Gain half a stone in weight by the time you are 50	0.71***	70.94***
Attend the funeral of a loved one in the next 20 years	0.61***	67.70***
Go to have a shower only to discover that the hot water has run out	0.57***	73.35***
Have your heart broken at some stage in your life	0.31 ns.	69.26***
Have painful treatment at the dentist at some stage in your life	-0.01 ns.	53.60 ns.
Receive a speeding ticket at some stage in your life	-0.17 ns.	46.75 ns.

ns. = nonsignificant.

* $p < .05$. ** $p < .01$ *** $p < .001$.