

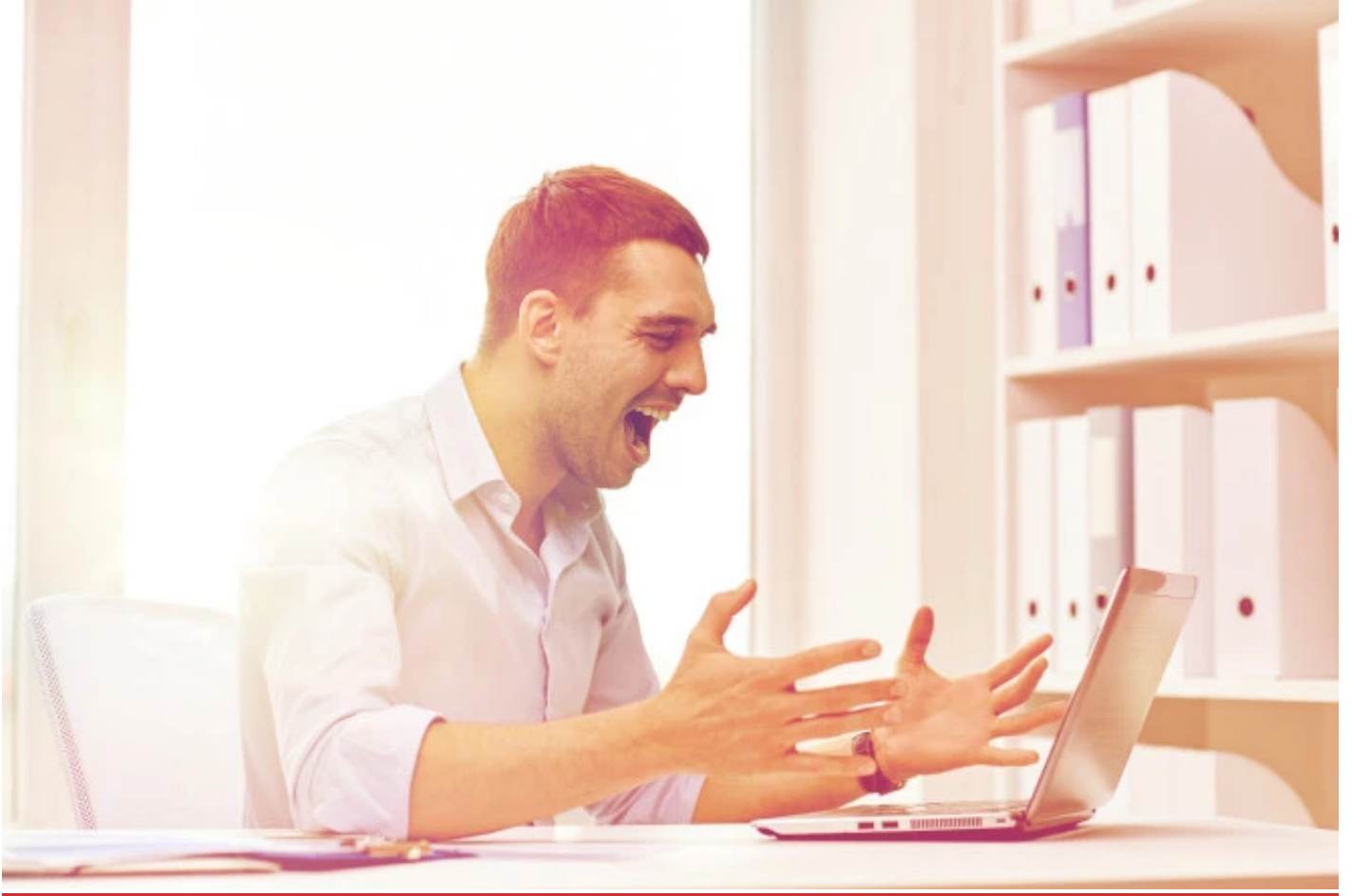


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# The upside to cursing a lot

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According to scientists, cursing may be a blessing.

A new study that was accepted for publication in the journal *Social Psychological and Personality Science* has found a correlation between swearing and straightforwardness.

“The consistent findings across the studies suggest that the positive relation between profanity and honesty is robust, and that the relationship found at the individual level indeed translates to the society level,” [the study’s authors conclude](#).

For example, during criminal interrogations, suspects who swore were more likely to be innocent than those who didn’t.

Researchers surveyed 276 participants on their swearing and honesty habits, and found that the people who were less inclined to use profanity were more dishonest than potty-mouthed subjects.

The researchers also pored over 70,000 social-media interactions and discovered that status updates containing expletives were more authentic than those without.

“Profanity and honesty were found to be significantly and positively correlated, indicating that those who used more profanity were more honest in their Facebook status updates,” the researchers said.

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