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"Provides a unified approach to social research, integrating both agent-based models and behavioral studies. Introduces the reader to all the concepts, tools and references that are required for conducting research in behavioral computational social science"--
