

Choosing a topic

In the real world, choosing your topic and method inevitably involves tradeoffs

Interesting vs. provable (see next slide)

Policy relevant vs. “of interest to the discipline”

Your next job

Skills and comparative advantage

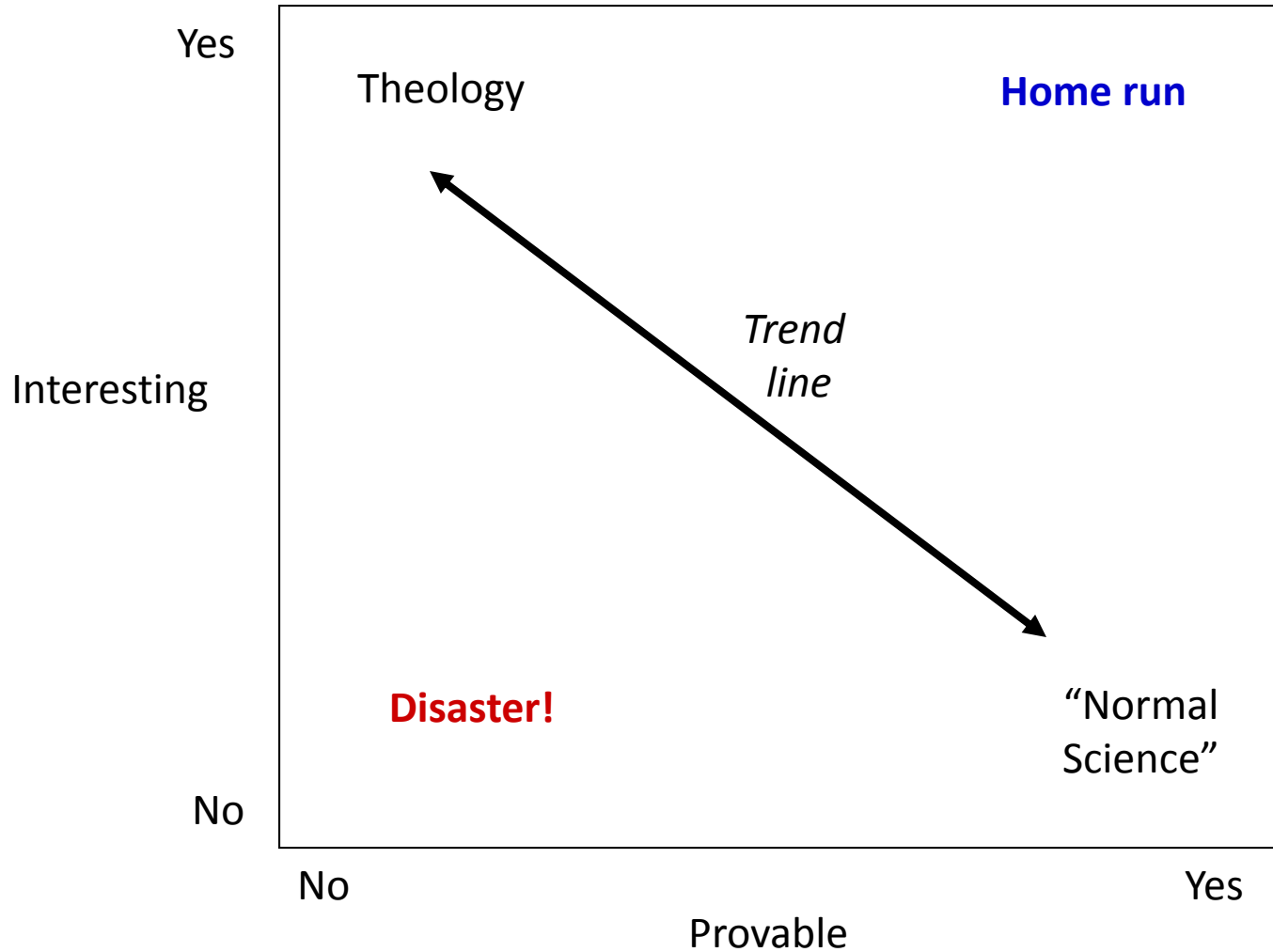
Tastes and interests (S.J. Gould) →

The “so what”

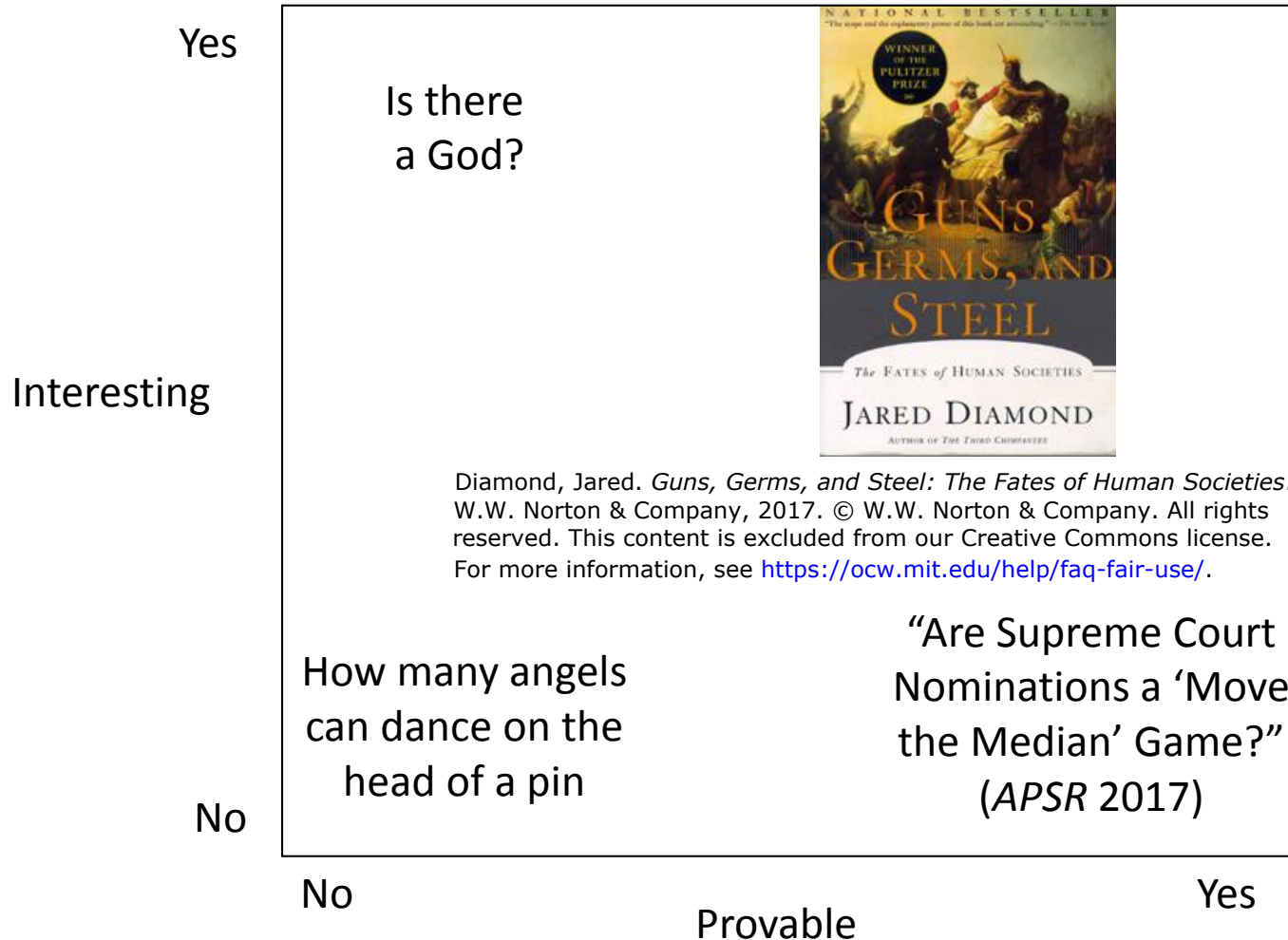


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