**The 10 Most Bizarre Correlations**

**One of the first things you learn in any statistics class is that** [**correlation**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Correlation_does_not_imply_causation) **doesn’t imply causation.** Nonetheless, it’s fun to consider the causal relationships one could infer from these correlations. posted on April 11, 2013 at 9:56am EDT



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**8. Obesity caused the debt bubble.**



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**9. Facebook caused the Greek debt crisis.**



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**10. Facebook also cancelled out the cholesterol-lowering effects of Justin Bieber.**



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