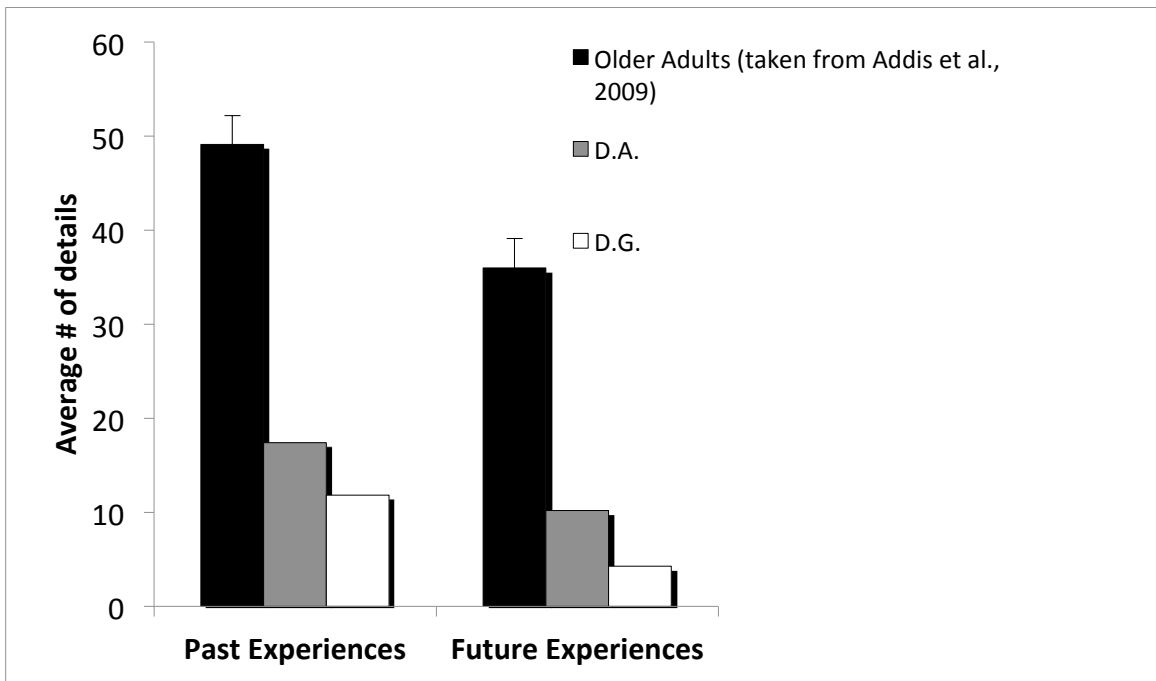


Supplemental Material

Supplementary Figure 1. Average number of internal and external details that D.A., D.G., and older controls gave for recollected past and imagined future experiences. Data for the older controls [$N = 16$, age = 78.75 (5.17)] are taken from Addis et al. (2009). Error bars represent the standard error of the mean.

Supplementary Figure 2. Excerpts from imagined future experiences by D.A., D.G., and H.C.



Excerpt from an imagined future experience by D.A.

[cue word: stain]

We do have to with our anniversary coming up, we might have a party at a restaurant but we will probably be bringing in family and friends in here and there's... we've replaced the carpet in the family room twice, and that's usually from coffee, tea, or some kind of soft drink spills, so it's kind of expected that that will possibly happen again.

Researcher: Is there anything you can tell me about that future event?

Um, if we don't go out for dinner we might have a BBQ if the weather permits so we'd be able to have a dinner at the table and then relax around the family room with tea and coffee, maybe a party, and probably have a cake at that time. Course, that's one thing about coffee and tea is that when they spill depending on what the colour of the carpet is and unfortunately we've got what kind of furniture you have if it's leather you don't worry about it too much but when you have the fabric furniture, it's whoops! Especially if it's almost white. I think that probably covers everything

Excerpt from an imagined future experience by D.G.

[cue event: daughter's graduation]

Obviously it'd be very good. It'd be very exciting and we, we'd be very, very proud, obviously. I'm sure that if I would be the proudest dad around. I don't know what else to say about it. Obviously, hopefully it happens.

Excerpt from an imagined future experience by H.C. (Kwan et al., 2010)

[cue word: coffee]

Ok I'm working in a coffee shop just down the street from my house and it's busy because, you know, it's early in the morning. And I'm just giving someone their coffee and that's about it.