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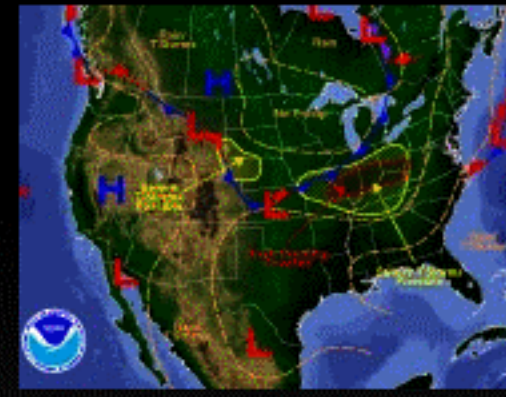
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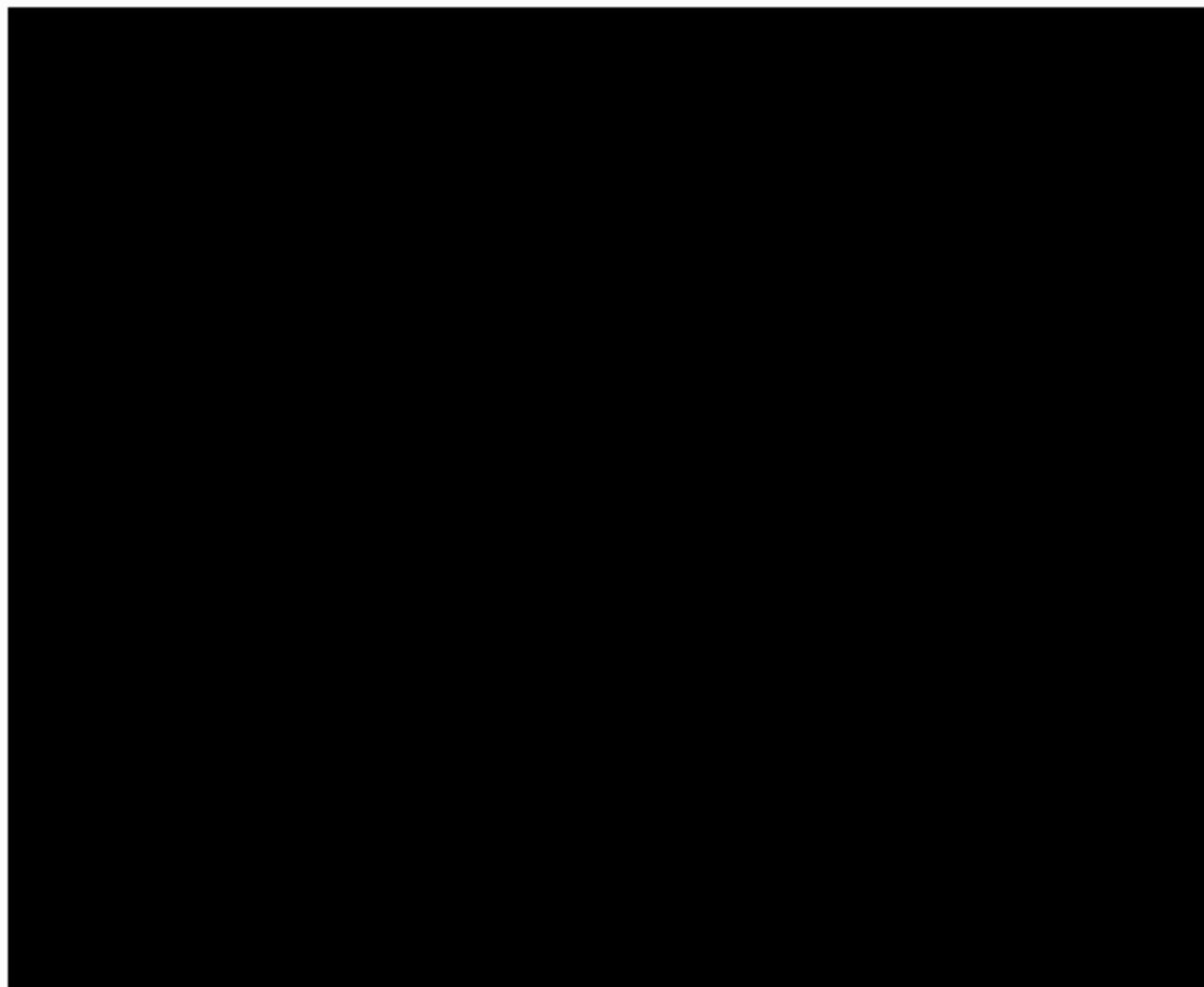
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This week we'll speak neuroscientists to [Stephen Macknik](#) and [Susana Martinez-Conde](#) see how magicians exploit our brain for their tricks. A lot of it is to do with perception and how we focus our attention.

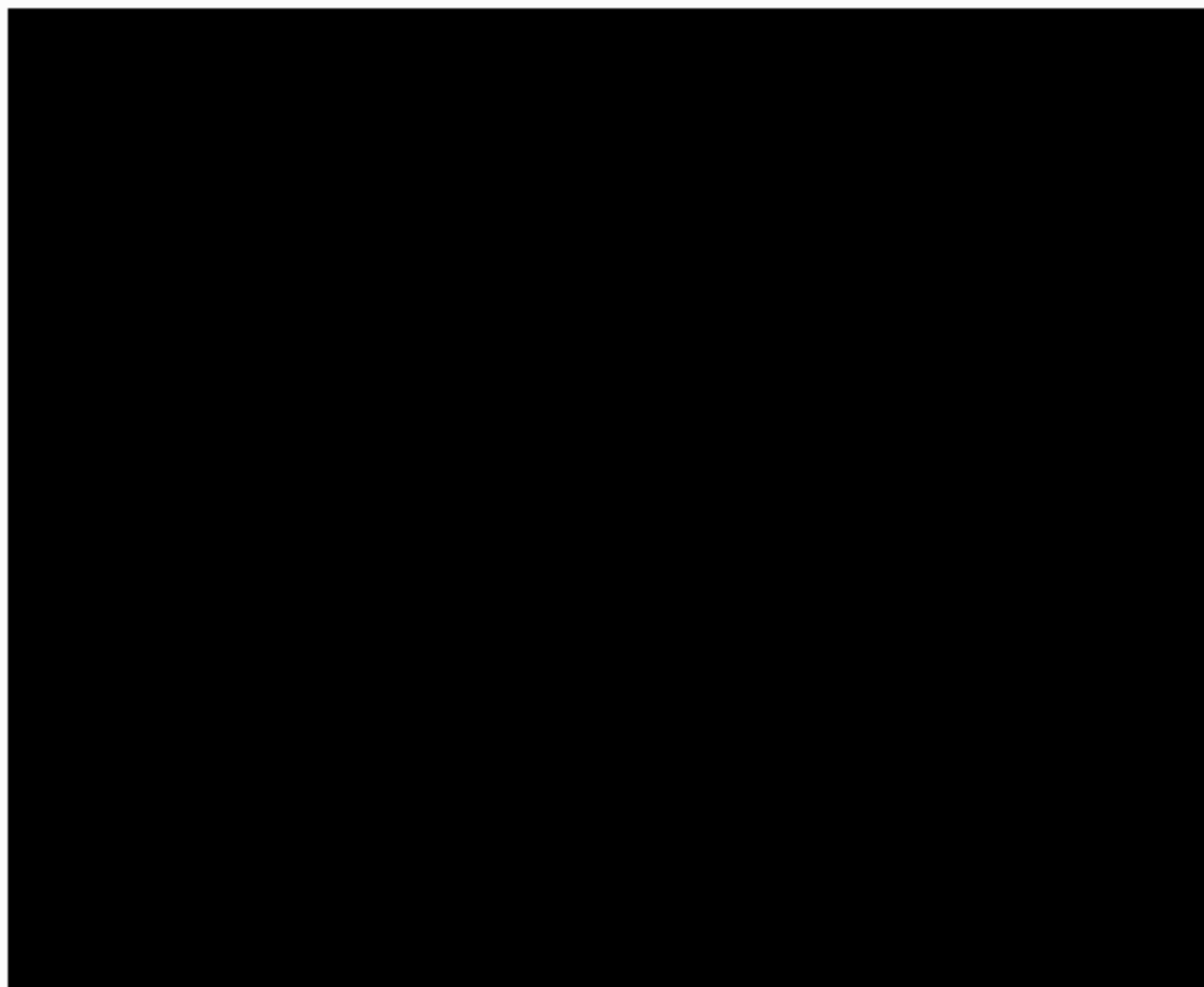
Try this test for size – count the number of times the basketball is passed by players wearing white shirts.



And this one:



What's unusual about this film?



Because of attentional focus, we sometimes don't notice even the most dramatic of changes:



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