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Research Participation Log 2018/2019

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Level 5 Research Design and Analysis (M5X00913)

Study One Study Code: SWAN_credit_AHC1/ACH2

1) Was the BPS Code of Human Research Ethics followed? (E.g. was informed consent gained? Were you aware of your right to withdraw? Was confidentiality upheld?)

Yes ☐ No ☐

If not, which guidelines were not followed?

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Describe how the ethical guidelines were followed?

Due to the procedure of the study, participants were warned prior to study sign-up to not participate if they are easily susceptible to anger and/or aggression, to ensure the study does not cause result in participants being in a state of aggression/anger after leaving the study. In addition to this, consent forms were provided outlining the basic procedure, participation data was assured to be kept confidential, the right to withdraw had been informed to participants and the full purpose of the study was provided through a debrief form provided at the end of the study (British Psychological Society, 2018).

Reference List:

British Psychological Society. (2018). *Code of Ethics.* (2009, Amended 2014 and 2018). Retrieved from https:// www.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/bps-code-ethics-and-conduct

Ferguson, C.J., Rueda, S.M., Cruz, A.M., Ferguson, D.E., Fritz, S. & Smith, S.M. (2008). Violent video games and aggression: Casual relationship or byproduct of family violence and intrinsic motivation?. *Criminal Justice and Behaviour. 35* (3). p. 311-332.

Briefly describe/outline the study you participated in (What were you asked to do? Did you understand the purpose before/during the study?)
Information for the study was provided through an online sign-up website. The procedure involved two parts to the test, the first part involved answering questions related to aggressive tendencies through an online format, with the second part involving measuring skin conductance using electrodes, which were attached to a hand, this was then followed with playing Call of Duty for fifteen minutes with the device attached, with a 5 minute meditation session following after exposure to the stimuli. The purpose of the study was not clear prior to sign-up, the purpose was detailed after study completion.
Briefly describe your experience of taking part in this research study (positive aspects/issues that may have impacted your participation)
I possess a personal affinity for video games so as a result, I did not feel stressed or angered in any way whilst participating. This also allowed me to quickly grasp the controls of the video game itself, resulting in a lack of stress due to understanding how to participate. These factors had resulted in the study being personally enjoyable and non-stressful.

How were you fully debriefed after completing the study? Were you given opportunity to discuss with the researcher after completion?

After completion of the study, the researcher had provided a debrief form to inform participants of the purpose of the study. The researcher had also provided the opportunity to ask questions after study was completed, also providing contact details provided the participant has any further questions at a later point.

Are there are any areas of improvement for this research study? (think about the materials used in the study and how the researcher carried out the study)

Perhaps the study may consider other variables to measure trait aggression instead of violent video games. Studies such as Ferguson et al (2008) note that their results contradict the notion that violent video games may invoke violent acts.

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How were you fully debriefed after completing the study? Were you given opportunity to discuss with the researcher after completion?

A debrief form was provided at the end of the study, detailing the purpose of the study and providing contact details to allow for questions to be asked at a later point. The researcher had also provided the opportunity to ask questions after the completion of the study.

Are there are any areas of improvement for this research study? (think about the materials used in the study and how the researcher carried out the study)

Overall, the study was conducted in a professional manner as the researcher ensured that confidentiality for the data provided was maintained, through ensuring that the data is collected within an isolated environment to prevent data from leaking from the study and breaching confidentiality. This is also followed with stating through the debrief form that the data provided may be withdrawn immediately after study completion if desired.

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Study Two Study Code: SWAN_credit_AMD

1) Was the BPS Code of Human Research Ethics followed? (E.g. was informed consent gained? Were you aware of your right to withdraw? Was confidentiality upheld?)

Yes ☐ No ☐

If not, which guidelines were not followed?

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Describe how the ethical guidelines were followed?

The study had followed ethical procedures through ensuring participants were provided with a consent form, with the participant being informed of their right to withdraw from the study at any point. This was also followed with a debrief form in which to inform participants with the purpose of the study as well as providing a means to contact the researcher if the participant wished to ask any further questions at a later point. Potential participants who may have previous personal issues with alcohol consumption were advised to not participate. Consent forms were also provided to outline the procedure. The researcher also ensured that all data provided in the study is held confidentially under the Data Protection Act. (British Psychological Society, 2018).

Briefly describe/outline the study you participated in (What were you asked to do? Did you understand the purpose before/during the study?)

The procedure involved the completion of an implicit association test, which was then followed with several questionnaires related to prejudice and religion. The topics of questionnaires were provided prior to the study via the online sign-up, however, the purpose itself was not revealed until the debrief form was provided.

Briefly describe your experience of taking part in this research study (positive aspects/issues that may have impacted your participation)

Due to the topics of the study, it felt personally intrusive to ask questions relating to prejudice and religion because of the inherent sensitive nature of these topics, causing an uncomfortable tone for the study.

Study Three Study Code: SWAN_Credit_WR2

1) Was the BPS Code of Human Research Ethics followed? (E.g. was informed consent gained? Were you aware of your right to withdraw? Was confidentiality upheld?)

Yes ☐ No ☐

If not, which guidelines were not followed?

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Describe how the ethical guidelines were followed?

Considering the sensitive topic, this being religious and prejudicial views of students, as participants may be anxious to share information relating to personal beliefs of religion or prejudice. Because of this, in addition to ensuring that the data provided is remains confidential, various questions in the questionnaires must ensure they do not lead the participant is any way and must ensure they worded in a neutral way, the study was also carried out in a isolated study booth. Standard procedure had also been provided with a consent and debrief form provided to participants, detailing that data will be held confidential and providing the opportunity for participants to withdraw their data, if they wish do so, in which case they must do so immediately after study completion (British Psychological Society, 2018).

Briefly describe/outline the study you participated in (What were you asked to do? Did you understand the purpose before/during the study?)

The study requires participants to answer various questions related to their attitudes towards binge-drinking. The purpose of the study was not provided prior to participation, this was provided in the form of a debrief form after study completion.

Briefly describe your experience of taking part in this research study (positive aspects/issues that may have impacted your participation)

I was not personally affected by the study itself as I had no personal ties to its themes. The topic of the study was interesting however due to its analysis of student binge-drinking attitudes .

How were you fully debriefed after completing the study? Were you given opportunity to discuss with the researcher after completion?

Opportunities to ask questions related to the study were provided after study completion, with contact details provided on the debrief form provided the participant wished to ask any further questions at a later point. The researcher informed participants of the purpose of the study after study completion, with further details relating to the studies objectives provided on the debrief form, along with the researcher's contact details.

Are there are any areas of improvement for this research study? (think about the materials used in the study and how the researcher carried out the study)

There may be issues in its selection of participants, as attitudes towards binge-drinking and the intention of binge-drinking does not significantly apply to myself as I do not drink alcohol. Because of this, my data would not be entirely useful as I do drink alcohol at all, much less binge-drink. Perhaps narrowing participant selection to those with experience in alcohol consumption would provide more accurate data for intention to binge-drinking, attitudes towards it and someone's perceived control over binge-drinking. Alternatively, a control group of participants who do not drink alcohol could be used in contrast to non-alcoholic drinkers to measure the differentiation of attitudes.

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