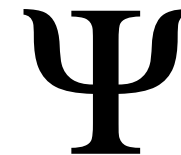


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How were you fully debriefed after completing the study? Were you provided with details of the researcher (e.g. email address) and given the opportunity to discuss with them after completion?

An electronic debrief form was provided following the completion of the questionnaires.

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

An online questionnaire can only offer so much, and I feel like this provided the necessary materials and information. So I wouldn't change anything

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Study One

Study Code: SWAN_credit_ER

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?

Describe how the ethical guideline were followed?

The researcher provided me with a consent form at the start of the study, which detailed what I would be doing throughout. I was told the data would be kept confidential, but if I did want to withdraw I could at any point. When the study had concluded I was asked if I had any questions and handed a debrief form. I was reminded it still wasn't too late to withdraw my data.

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

This study consisted of various short questionnaires based on attitudes towards authorised immigrants. I was made aware that this topic may be upsetting for some so if I wasn't sure I wanted to take part I didn't have to.

Briefly describe your experience of taking part in an online research study and how this experience differed from a lab based study (positive aspects/issues that may have impacted your participation)

Although completing the study online was far more convenient and just as easy to follow, I personally prefer a lab-based setting. It could be a truer result to some as one may be more likely to answer more honestly. However, lab studies are more effective in terms of reinforcing the right to withdraw and with participants asking questions.

Online Study Study Code: SWAN_credit_TB1_online

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?

Describe how the ethical guideline were followed?

This study was online, but I still completed a consent form which was just as informative and the debrief form was shown electronically too. As it was online, the right to withdraw wasn't as evident as normally the researcher encourages that this is fine to do.

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

This study aimed to explore whether technology has an effect on happiness. Moreover, to see if conditions like the way technology is used, is linked to this effect. For the study, I was required to complete four questionnaires in relation to these areas. It was very easy to complete and from the off-set It was clear what I had to do.

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

My experience in taking part in this study was positive. Considering this was my first time taking part in university research, I was happy with how easy the process was. The researcher made sure I felt comfortable with asking for help.

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

Following the completion of the study, I was asked if I had any questions or concerns. The debrief form told me fully what the purpose of the study was and stated I could contact the researcher via email after leaving the study.

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

This study was very well carried out and as it was a fairly short study with just four questionnaires to complete, there wasn't anything I would personally say needed improvement.

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

After the study was completed, I was asked if I had any questions regarding what I had to do and handed a debrief form.

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

To improve this study, I wouldn't have provided as many shapes for the sorting task. On a smaller scale, I feel more reliable results would be obtained as the stress of completing it wouldn't take away from the aim of the study which was looking at the colour effect.

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

This study involved the completion of two questionnaires first, followed by a shape sorting task, a Jigsaw and then the same two questionnaires again. This study was slightly more difficult than the previous as there was more pressure involved in completing the tasks in between the questionnaires. The aim of this study was briefly discussed in the consent form but fully disclosed in the debrief form

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

Although this was slightly more difficult as it involved more pressure completing tasks, the researcher was very attentive and made sure I knew not to stress about not completing the jigsaw etc. The explanation in the debrief form was clear and made me feel better about the data I'd produced.

Study Two

Study Code: SWAN_credit_CNH

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?

Describe how the ethical guideline were followed?

Ethical guidelines were well followed here. I was given a consent form to read and complete, which clearly explained I wasn't under any obligation to take part and that I could withdraw. The researcher had debrief forms ready for when I had finished too. This informed me that the data would be anonymised, which falls in line with the data protection act (1998).