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Level 4: Two participation logs are needed: approx. 250 words for each.

Research Participation Log	
Study title/subject: CARM_credit_KE Attitudes towards Autistic Spectrum Disorder. Length of study: 15 minutes	
Was Informed consent gained?	Yes, I was informed about the purpose of the study and what I needed to do was explained clearly.
Where ethical guidelines/issues outlined to you (right to withdraw, confidentiality etc.). If so, which guidelines were outlined?	Yes, the right to withdraw was given to me as it can be a sensitive topic for some and the fact information will be kept confidential.
What were you asked to do? (briefly outline the study)	During this study I needed to answer a demographic form, followed by a series of questions surrounding Autistic Spectrum Disorder and once that was completed I had to watch a video demonstrating a young boy in a shopping mall having a autistic episode, caused by all the noises and people around him, after watching that video I then had to complete the same questions again to see if my responses were different after seeing a real life situation.
Did you understand at the time why you were doing what was asked? If not, why not?	Yes, I was aware that I was doing it to test attitude changes after watching a video clip of a real life situation to detect any changes.

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How did you find the experience? (positive and negative)	I found it eye opening, as I don't know anyone personally who is on the Autism Spectrum, seeing it from the eyes of a young individual shows how they feel and how hard it can be when doing simple daily things.
What have you learnt from participating?	I have learnt what it's like for individuals with ASD and how tough it can be for them, it put the disorder into perspective, living it for yourself rather than through someone else.
Were there any issues that may have affected how you completed the research?	No
Were you fully debriefed (how was this done?) If you were deceived was this explained to you?	I was told about everything I had just been involved in and why it was important.
How confident/competent was the researcher/experimenter? Did they put you at ease or make the experience unpleasant for you?	The experiment was put together well, everything was explained and worded well and was not confusing.

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How could the experimenter have improved participation/the experiment?

Could provide more broad choices of what you would do if you saw that sort of situation, a lot of the choices were quite short, could provide a comment section as people may have different thoughts to those provided.

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Research Participation Log	
Study title/subject: SWAN_Credit_Yj Attitudes towards marriage Length of study: 15 minutes	
Was Informed consent gained?	Yes, I was informed about what the experiment was about and what I needed to do in order to participate.
Where ethical guidelines/issues outlined to you (right to withdraw, confidentiality etc.). If so, which guidelines were outlined?	I had the right to withdraw from the experiment if I needed or if I felt uncomfortable during the study and that my information would be kept anonymous.
What were you asked to do? (briefly outline the study)	During this study I was asked to answer a series of online questionnaires that provided basic information about myself, (age, gender, marital and relationship status). I was then taken onto the next section which was answering questions about attitudes towards marriage .
Did you understand at the time why you were doing what was asked? If not, why not?	Yes, I was explained too well, what the study was about and what I needed to complete.

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How did you find the experience? (positive and negative)	Positive, made me think about the different ways to face marriage from different perspectives.
What have you learnt from participating?	That there is a lot more to marriage than people may think and the things that two individuals may need to keep it "healthy" for example how important you think, the trust needed, sexual intimacy, financial stability, romance and so on.
Were there any issues that may have affected how you completed the research?	No.
Were you fully debriefed (how was this done?) If you were deceived was this explained to you?	Yes, I was fully debriefed at the end and was told what I had just been involved in.
How confident/competent was the researcher/experimenter? Did they put you at ease or make the experience unpleasant for you?	The questionnaire was well organised and there was no point did I feel unpleasant answering the questions provided as there were good choices to choose from.

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How could the experimenter have improved participation/the experiment?

At the beginning being asked if you want to get married can be sensitive, Could provide section about divorce? Why people may not want to get married because of the stresses surrounding divorce and complicated family situations for example.

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