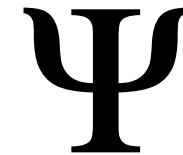


Research Participation Log 2018/2019



Level 5 Research
Design and Analysis
(M5X00913)

Study One

Study Code: SWAN_CREDIT_AHC2

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 guidelines were followed?

The portal before signing up to the study warned participants to not attend the study if they suffered with aggressive behaviour. The researcher was professional and acted accordingly with BPS ethics, and assed consent with a use of a consent form and answered any questions before beginning the study.

During the experiment when aggression levels rose, the researcher incorporated a mediation task to alleviate or reverse aggressive behaviour after the study had ended.

At the end of the study, the researcher verbally debriefed at the end of the experiment and answered any questions I may have had. I was also provided with a debrief sheet for further information. The researcher made it clear when I was able to withdraw my data and points of contact if I had any further questions.

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

Verbal debrief was given at the end of the study and was provided with a debrief form. I was encouraged to ask any questions and was told about being in a separate group not identified in the study description after the study took place, therefore I was told clearly and cleared any deception the researcher created.

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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)

The aim of the study felt apparent from the beginning of the study which could have created demand characteristics and extraneous variables for me and other participants. Improvements could include a second task of all of the video suspects to create more of a distraction than listing countries and capitals.

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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?)

After filling out the consent form, electrodes were placed onto my left hand to measure my galvanic sweat response, (GSR), to measure my aggressive response during completion of a 10-15-minute game of Call of Duty.

After the game had finished, I was required to take part in a 5-minute meditation task in the experimental room to decrease my aggressive behaviour response and bring me back to a neutral state.

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

The study was conducted very professionally, and the researcher was happy to answer any minor questions before the study had begun. The researcher remained quiet and allowed me to complete the study in peace without distractions. However, during the experimental phase of the study, the electrodes on my hand were becoming dislodged and falling off during the study due to holding the controller and the sweat elicited. This happened 2-3 times before tape was used to keep the electrodes in place.

My only issue with this study was that the electrodes should have been fixated using tape before the study commenced as the results obtained may have been impacted.

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

I was verbally debriefed when the study concluded, and I was asked if I had additionally any other questions before the study ended. I was also told when my right to withdraw data would last and handed a debrief form. After answering my questions, the study had concluded.

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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)

The use of blood in Call of duty is limited and can be switched off. An improvement of the study could have included a control group of no-blood and high graphic content to include a diversity of aggressive behaviours (Barlett, Harris & Bruey, 2008).

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I was told to watch a robbery take place on video. After the video, I was asked to complete a list of countries and naming their respective capital cities for five minutes to distract me from the video. After this, I was presented with two sets of faces in a line-up and asked to identify who I thought was the suspect.

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

I found the experiment interesting and was highly motivated to engage in the study. However, issues of the study was the robbery felt very unnatural and not an accurate representation of a actual bank robbery. Furthermore, the study felt easy to identify its true aims which presented extraneous variables as I gave deliberately more attention to the suspect while watching the video, which influenced a correct response.

Study Three Study Code: SWAN_CREDIT_KH

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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 guidelines were followed?

Participants were warned before signing up to the study to not sign up if they felt comfortable watching a robbery or identifying a suspect.

Researcher was professional and formal, and gave clear instructions before and during the study. I was provided with a consent and debrief form before and after the study.

At the end of the study, I was given time to ask any questions and was verbally told when I could withdraw my data before the end of the study.

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Study Two Study Code: SWAN_CREDIT_LM

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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 guidelines were followed?

Researcher was professional and gave clear instructions on how to complete the study. Consent and debrief forms are provided before and after the study's completion and was given the opportunity to discuss any questions and told when I was able to withdraw my data. (BPS, 2008).

Participants were also warned to not sign up to the study if participants were colour-blind or unable to complete anagrams.

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

Researcher verbally thanked the participant for completing the study and handed a debrief sheet. I was verbally told when I could withdraw my data and asked if I wanted to ask any questions before I was allowed to leave.

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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)

Reduction of the objects for the first task would allow for more consistent results as I was losing concentration before the end of the computer task.

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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?)

After the consent form was completed, participant was required to complete a computer task involving viewing and remembering objects on screen. After this task, an anagram task was completed before being again presented with the objects in the first task, with other objects included. The task required the participant to remember which object was used in the first task.

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

Researcher was professional and acted accordingly to BPS Ethics. The task of remembering the objects took an extended period of time and I felt myself becoming distracted or paying less attention towards the end of the task. This can be combatted by reducing the number of objects presented.

Additionally, the anagrams presented were very challenging. It is unknown if they were intentionally difficult to promote greater distraction or just unnecessarily difficult.

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