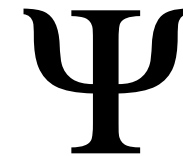




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# Research Participation Log 2018/2019



Level 5 Research  
Design and Analysis  
(M5X00913)

**Study One**

Study Code: AHC1 and 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?

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Describe how the ethical guidelines were followed?

All ethical guidelines were followed in accordance with the BPS Code of Human Research Ethics and the BPS Code of Ethics and Conduct ((The British Psychological Society, 2018).

This study displayed a disclaimer before signing up to the study on EMS, due to the nature of this study : Aggression.

I was then presented with an informative consent on screen for the questionnaire stage and again in person on arrival for the second part of the study, explaining what to expect and that I had a right to withdraw at any point without reason.

Furthermore, on completion of the study, I was asked to watch a short meditation video to restore me back to my original state before taking part in the study.

Following this, I was given an informative debrief form explain what each step of the study was looking at and what the overall study was looking at. I was also verbally debriefed.

The researcher was professional at all times.

Note:

The British Psychological Society (2018). Code of Ethics and Conduct. [online] Leicester: The British Psychological Society. Available at: [https://www.bps.org.uk/sites/bps.org.uk/files/Policy%20-%20Files/Code%20of%20Ethics%20and%20Conduct%20\(2018\).pdf](https://www.bps.org.uk/sites/bps.org.uk/files/Policy%20-%20Files/Code%20of%20Ethics%20and%20Conduct%20(2018).pdf) ( Accessed 01 March 2019).

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

The researcher verbally explained what the study was looking for, she explained that she wanted to explore the levels of stigmatisation students show towards suicidality and what areas need to be targeted using psychoeducation to reduce levels of stigma in the community and the impact that public suicide prevention campaigns have on perceptions of suicidality. After verbally explaining she handed me a debrief form, also highlighting this and pointed out that should I have any concerns to contact her. The debrief also highlighted some charity contact numbers. The researcher asked if I had any questions after completing 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)

The study itself was very well thought out and presented well. However, as I have stated previously, I think that many people would have been put off participating due to the disclaimer alone, had the study been explained in more detail here, more participants would not feel it may upset them.

Name (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 21/01/2019

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 two parts. The first part involved completing an online questionnaire via Qualtrics. The questionnaire asked questions regarding personality traits and trait aggression. Following this, I had to attend at the psych labs for part two of the study. This part of the study included a 20-minute game of Call of Duty on an Xbox, whilst being attached to a monitor.

The researcher wanted to explore whether trait measures of aggression and personality could influence changes in state aggression. This was done by measuring skin conductance level after playing a violent video game. I was aware that the study would be relating to aggression due to the disclaimer before the study and assumed during the study that the researcher was exploring aggression to violent video games, but was unaware of what was specifically being measured until debrief.

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

I found this study to be enjoyable, I had never played Call of Duty before and didn't want to stop after the 20 minutes. The researcher was very informative throughout the study and made it a pleasant experience.

The only negative I can think of is the glue from the skin conductor stuck to my hands and took a little while to completely come off.

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

On completion of the questionnaire I was shown a debrief form on screen, though all the information was not disclosed at this point, but it was stated that I could remove my data by contacting the researcher.

At the end of the second task, the researcher verbally explained that she was specifically looking into whether individuals who score highly on a measure of trait aggression and low on both personality traits, agreeableness and conscientiousness would have a scientifically higher change in their state aggression levels following engagement with a violent video game. She followed by presenting me with an informative debrief, explaining exactly what she was exploring and that I had to withdraw my data by contacting the researcher up to a week following the study. The researcher then thanked me for my time.

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)

I thought the researcher was professional at all times and the study ran smoothly through each phase.

However, I think that measuring skin conductance levels during the actual game rather than after would have seen some different results, and so, I think maybe there should have been two groups (one measure during/one measured after), to allow for comparison.

Name (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 05/12/2018

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 an attitude to suicide questionnaire, asking questions such as; people who commit suicide are weak, people who are thinking of suicide are struggling etc.

Following this a short advertisement for suicide prevention was shown. Once this had finished the researcher asked for me to complete the same questionnaire again.

The aim of the study was to explore the effects of suicide prevention campaigns on students' perceptions of suicidality.

The researcher explained this in detail prior to consenting due to the sensitive nature of the study.

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

After reading the disclaimer I initially thought that this study would be upsetting, however, I feel the researcher did a very good job in limiting any upset and keeping the study very simple, without taking away from the research area. Although the study was not as upsetting as I thought it may be, I could see how some people would be worried about participating from reading the disclaimer.

I think the researcher highlighted the issue well and chose a very good clip to show.

### Study Three      Study Code: JM

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?

All ethical guidelines were followed in accordance with the BPS Code of Human Research Ethics and the BPS Code of Ethics and Conduct (The British Psychological Society, 2018).

The researcher displayed a disclaimer prior to sign up due to the nature of the study (effects of suicide).

The researcher presented a verbal explanation regarding the nature of the study before starting and again this was explained the consent form. The right to withdraw at any point without reason was stated.

Researcher was professional and informative at all times. And took the time to explain everything in detail.

Note:

The British Psychological Society (2018). Code of Ethics and Conduct. [online] Leicester: The British Psychological Society. Available at: [https://www.bps.org.uk/sites/bps.org.uk/files/Policy%20-%20Files/Code%20of%20Ethics%20and%20Conduct%20\(2018\).pdf](https://www.bps.org.uk/sites/bps.org.uk/files/Policy%20-%20Files/Code%20of%20Ethics%20and%20Conduct%20(2018).pdf) (Accessed 01 March 2019).



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

On completion of the study, the researcher gave me a debrief sheet and left. I was not verbally debriefed, however, the debrief sheet was very detailed. It explained what was exactly being explored and included some current theory, which I found helpful.

Furthermore, It stated that this study was not necessarily about racism, judgement or prejudice and instead about attribution and helping behaviour towards in-group and out-group members.

In accordance with the BPS recommendations for ethics, it was also stated on the sheet that my data would remain confidential.

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)

As the scenario's were presented one after another it became obvious what was being measured, this made it easier to answer in a Social Desirability Bias manner (Grimm, 2010).

I would suggest changing the scenarios for each victim or having participants complete the scenario's at different time periods.

Additionally, I would suggest the researcher take more time with the participants to allow opportunity for any questions.

Name (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 15/12/2018

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

I was presented with half of a hypothetical scenario, including a man with a knife following a black woman out of a shop. I was then asked to rate the level of danger to the victim. Following this, I was presented with the second half of the scenario. After reading the full scenario I had to state on the sheet at what point I would have intervened.

I was again presented with the same scenario but instead involving a white woman. The same questions were asked.

The purpose of this study was to explore whether individuals of the same in-group (race) as the victim would state that they'd intervene sooner than to a victim in an out-group (different race). A measure of if the same scenarios are perceived differently on attribution to the victim.

I was aware before the study that it would include reading about a hypothetical violent incident, but no other details were disclosed in the consent. I became aware of what the purpose was during the study after reading the scenario's.

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

I found the study to be quite interesting and enjoyed reading the scenarios. However, I got the impression that the researcher did not want to engage in conversation or allow for questions as she moved through each stage very quickly and left the room as soon as she could. Other than that, I found it quite interesting that once I had realised what the study was potentially looking at, I was thinking about my own responses more as to not be seen as prejudiced.