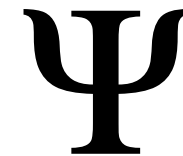


Research Participation Log 2017/2018



Level 4 Research
Methods (ECPS4001)

Study One

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?

The ethical guidelines were followed as the confirmation email after I signed up as a participant explained that the study was confidential and I would only be known as my participant number. This email also included a brief description of the studies intention which explained that the study was going to use instruments to measure levels of happiness and anxiety and not to sign up if I felt these subjects would be sensitive for myself. After the study I was provided with a debrief sheet explaining the aims of the study and the conditions that I was unaware of during the study and my right to withdraw. Also there was contact information for the researcher if I has any questions.

Note: References

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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 given a debrief form at the end of the study and told if I had any questions to contact the researcher. I did not do this because I felt the brief description was worded as an explanation and put simply but I didn't get it so I didn't want to approach the researcher. I felt the aim didn't give a purpose for trying to find a link between these variables or understanding through previous literature.

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 would only improve this study by going into more detail explaining its relevance and the purpose behind why differences between genders mattered.

Name (PRINT): Stacey Loftus

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Date:

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

The main aim of the study was to explore whether various colours can elicit certain emotions or affect them based on previous research which found significance in this area of research. (Hemphill, 2010). Firstly I was asked to fill out two questionnaires that measured my levels of happiness and anxiety, then I was asked to arrange a number of shapes into their categories and also by their size. Secondly I had to complete a jigsaw puzzle which was used as a distractor task, then finally fill out the two questionnaires again. At the time I did was not aware of the purpose of the two tasks I completed. I did notice that when filling out the questionnaires for the second time I did fill them out slightly differently to the first time.

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

I was positively affected by the when I read through the debrief form and realised that the colour of the first task had influenced my levels of happiness and anxiety.

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

I had a good understanding of the study and did not feel the need to contact the researcher to ask any questions or withdraw.

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 only improvement I would suggest for this study is that the task of sorting the shapes into their categories and by size. There were too many pieces and there was not enough room on the table in the booth to sort them out. The experimenter could have accounted for this variable easily by testing the task beforehand. This could have impacted my mood at the moment and swayed my results. I thought in my head it was an easy task that I could have completed to the best of my ability without this factor.

Name (PRINT): Stacey Loftus

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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?)

The study's main aim was to explore whether there is a link between competitiveness, personality and gender on future career planning. I was asked to fill out three questionnaires which were for personality using a shortened version of the big five inventory (Rammstedt & John, 2007). Competitiveness questionnaire using the competitive questionnaire (Griffin– Pierson, 1990) and the future career inventory (Rottinghaus et al, 2005).

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

I felt this study was very quick and relatively easy but I can't say that I had a clear understanding of the purpose of the study or my part in it. I cannot say I had any issues with the study but I felt like if I was to ask the researcher a question, where would I start almost. I although I was not affected by the research I felt like a lot was left a bit unexplained.

Study Three Study Code: SWAN_Credit_JD

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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 guideline were followed?

The guide lines were followed for this study as I was given a brief and detailed description of what would take place in the study and the debrief explained the instruments used to collect the data. Tough only after the study was completed I was made aware that gender was a factor in the study.

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Study Two Study Code: SWAN_Credit_KAC

Study Code: SWAN_Credit_KAC

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 studies participation confirmation email indicated that my personal information would be protected and I would only be known as my participant code and the details provided would not be traced back to me. I was provided with a detailed description of what the research would be gathering throughout the study and indicated that the researcher would answer any questions I had prior to the study.

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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 fully debriefed after the interview and felt completely reassured that my information would remain confidential . I was comfortable to allow my information be used in the findings.

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)

I found no need for improvements on this study.

Name (PRINT): Stacey Loftus

Sign: _____

Date:

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 was set up as an one to one semi structured interview and the main aim was to explore undergraduates experiences living in a one parent family dynamic. I had a good understanding of the requirements for my participation. I was asked a series of questions which I was told would be recorded for the purpose of later analysis.

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

I found the study pleasant. Although the researcher was asking me questions I was allowed to express myself openly with no guidance . There was no pressure to answer any question and it was up to myself how much detail I went into. I found no issues with this study.