

## **Project: Identifying causes of events**

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### **Introduction**

You are invited to participate in a study of how people make causal judgments. The goal of this project is to better understand how people determine the cause or causes of an effect.

### **What will I be asked to do?**

After answering some optional demographic questions, if you decide to participate, you will be shown animated graphs which will represent activation spreading over networks of detectors. You will have to identify which detector or detectors you consider to be the main cause of the activation of the final detector. Detailed instructions will be provided once the task begins.

### **What are the risks?**

There are risks involved with this project are minimal; the largest risk is a mild degree of boredom.

### **What are the benefits?**

This experiment will characterize some of the factors that influence how people identify the causes of an effect. You will be paid for your contribution at a rate of \$10/hr.

### **How will my confidentiality be protected?**

As an Amazon Worker, we do not have access to identifying personal details. Before the task you will be asked to contribute some demographic details but responding to this question is optional. Our sample size will be large, making it even more difficult to identify any one person. The data from this project will be stored at the University of Melbourne and may be made available in de-identified form for the scientific community. It is expected that the results of this study will be presented at conferences and published in a peer-reviewed journal.

### **What if I want to withdraw from the research?**

Participation in this research is completely voluntary. Your data will not be used in the full sample unless you complete the experiment.

### **Where can I get further information?**

This research project has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of The University of Melbourne. If you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of this research project, which you do not wish to discuss with the research team, you should contact the Manager, Human Research Ethics, Research Ethics and Integrity, University of Melbourne, VIC 3010. Tel: +61 3 8344 2073; Fax: +61 3 9347 6739; or Email: [humanethics-complaints@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:humanethics-complaints@unimelb.edu.au) All complaints will be treated confidentially. In any correspondence please provide the name of the research team or the name or ethics ID number of the research project.

### **How do I agree to participate?**

If you wish to participate please read and click 'Next' after reading the consent form on the next page.