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Plain Language Statement

PROJECT TITLE: Identifying causes of events

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Introduction

You are invited to participate in a study of how human makes 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 cell. Detailed instructions will be provided once the task begins.

What are the risks?

Risks are minimal.

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 would my confidentiality be protected?

As an Amazon Worker, we do not have access to identifying personal details. You will be optionally asked to contribute some demographic details but these are optional. Our sample size will be large, making it even more difficult to identify any one person.

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 or Email: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/journal.or

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.

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