Thank you for participating in this study.

The purpose of this study is to understand how research participants behave when they are aware of the researcher’s hypothesis. Awareness of the researcher’s hypothesis—often called *demand characteristics* in psychology courses—is a fundamental methodological concern in psychology. Our study was designed to better understand this fundamental methodological concern.

In one part of the study, we described a variety of hypothetical scenarios where research participants were told the researcher’s hypothesis. In the other part of the study, we had you complete an actual experiment and told you a hypothesis. For both the hypothetical and actual experiments, we then asked you (a) how motivated you were to confirm the researcher’s hypothesis, (b) how much you believe the researcher’s hypothesis, (c) whether you believe they can adjust your responses, and (d) whether you believed other participants would confirm the researcher’s hypothesis. We believe these factors will help explain when and why demand characteristics are a problem in psychology research.

If you have any questions about the study, you can contact Professor Michael Frank at mcfrank@stanford.edu. If you would like to receive a copy of the results, we can email them to you at the end of the study.

Thank you again for participating in this study!