

## **Debriefing**

Thank you for your participation. The study in which you have served as a participant is concerned with how the effects of induced affect (mood) will influence a person's recollection of neutrally valenced words. We had hypothesized that the use of positive and negative mood induction, as well as the arousal level, would influence recollection.

As a participant, you watched a YouTube video adjacent to your birth month, by either selecting Condition 1, Condition 2, Condition 3, or Condition 4. Each condition directed participants to a different video. The videos varied from Positive Affect, Low Arousal; Positive Affect, High Arousal; Negative Affect, Low Arousal; and Negative Affect, High Arousal. Each video included the same list of words but was immediately followed by a video influencing one of the four affects just listed.

There was significant potential benefits to students, faculty, the University, and the scientific community associated with participating in this study. Research participants have gain a firsthand understanding of what the scientific process involving human research is like. Participation also enabled the researchers to contribute to scientific understanding of human behavior, which can bring prestige to the researchers, the University, and increase the value of degrees issued from Eastern Oregon University. For completing all parts of this study, Eastern Oregon University students were offered extra credit points toward their psychology class while other participants did not receive compensation.

If you have any questions about this research, or if you would like a copy of the results, please contact Dominic Tzimisces at [dtzimisces@eou.edu](mailto:dtzimisces@eou.edu) or Michaela Montalvo at [maupinm@eou.edu](mailto:maupinm@eou.edu).