

Debriefing

The purpose of this study was actually to study the effect on attraction and trustworthiness of *believing* that the content is AI-generated. Indeed, we want to test the hypothesis that believing that facial images are fake would lead to lower attraction and trustworthiness levels. As we are primarily interested in your *beliefs* about reality, all images were in fact taken from an existing database of real faces used in psychology research to study emotions. We apologize for the necessary deception used in the instructions, and we hope that you understand its role in ensuring the validity of our experiment.

Thank you again! Your participation in this study will be kept completely confidential. If you have any questions or concerns about the project, please contact A.Neves@sussex.ac.uk or D.Makowski@sussex.ac.uk.

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