Debriefing

The purpose of this study was actually to study the effect on perceived attractiveness and trustworthiness of *believing* that the content is fake (AI-generated or real). Our hypothesis is that believing that something is AI-generated would lead to lower attraction and trustworthiness ratings. As we are primarily interested in your *beliefs* about reality, **all images were in fact taken from an existing database of real paintings** used in psychology research to study aesthetic judgments. We apologize for the necessary deception used in the instructions (as there were no AI-generated images!), 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 D.Makowski@sussex.ac.uk. and/or R.Baykova@sussex.ac.uk and/or D.evans@sussex.ac.uk.

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